

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**GRAND LODGE**  
**OF THE**  
**ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY**  
**OF**  
**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**  
**OF**  
**NEW BRUNSWICK**  
  
**2012**  
  
**SAINT JOHN, N.B.**



Peter M. Whittaker  
Grand Master  
2011-2012

### MOST WORSHIPFUL PETER MEYNELL WHITTAKER

Peter was born, on April 5, 1940 in Saint John, N.B. to Mary (Meynell) and George A. Whittaker. Educated in Saint John schools, King George Elementary and Saint John High School, graduating in 1958 from Horton Academy, in Wolfville, N. S.

First employed with the family firm, George A. Whittaker Ltd., mainly in storage, moving and freight forwarding. In the early '60's he began a sales career with National Canadian Drugs which later became Eastern Drug Services. In 1970, he joined Richardson Securities as an account executive. That company was taken over by the Royal Bank of Canada, as part of R.B.C. Dominion Securities in 1996. Peter retired at the end of 1999.

In 1966, he married Carol E. Cowan, the daughter of Rev. J. Fred Cowan and his wife Dorothy. Peter and Carol had three children, Luke, Krista and Kurt. In 1991 they were joined by 16 year old Jennifer Wright, who resided with them for six years, and is still part of their lives.

Since leaving Saint John, work requirements saw them live in Chatham, Newcastle and Fredericton. Finally, in 1972, the Whittaker's bought an old farm house in Manners Sutton, just west of Harvey Station, where they remain. They attend both Knox Presbyterian and All Saints Anglican churches.

Although Peter's time is currently devoted to Masonic matters, casual time has been enjoyed golfing, curling or relaxing with a fishing pole on his island on Oromocto Lake.

In 1971, he acted on his father's words of wisdom and joined Hiram Lodge No. 6 in Fredericton. Although he moved to the Harvey area in 1972, affiliating with Cherry Mountain Lodge No. 50, he remained active in Hiram Lodge, advancing through the chairs to become Worshipful Master in 1982. Cherry Mountain became his "home lodge", and again he progressed through the several stations, becoming Master in 1991. He again accepted the chair as Master in 2007. In 2007, Peter affiliated with Sunset Lodge No. 56 on Campobello Island, occupying the position of Director of Ceremonies. Unfortunately, Sunset surrendered their charter in 2009. Former members remain close friends and Brothers to this day.

The Grand Master is also a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a member of Maxwell Lodge of Perfection, King Solomon Chapter Rose Croix, both in the Valley of Fredericton. He is also a member of The New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory, in The Valley of Saint John.

PROCLAMATION

BY THE  
MOST WORSHIPFUL

PETER M. WHITTAKER

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

PETER M. WHITTAKER  
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-Fifth Annual Communication to be holden at the Masonic  
Temple in the City of Saint John, Friday and Saturday, May 11th  
and 12th, 2012. Grand Lodge will open on Friday, May 11th 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 8th day of  
March AL 6012 AD 2012.

By Order of Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

Randall W. Nelson

Grand Secretary

OF THE  
145<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, F. & A.M.  
Saint John, N.B. - May 11th & 12th, 2012

The one hundred and forty-fifth 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 11th and 12th of May A.D. 2012 A.L. 6012.

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

The Grand Master extended a warm and cordial welcome to all those gathered  
for the one hundred and forty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge  
of New Brunswick. In his opening remarks the Grand Master called to the  
attention of those assembled the sad news that R:W:B: Robert "Bob" Johnston,  
a past Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, had passed away the night  
previous. The Grand Master remarked that he had no doubt that the members  
of this Grand Lodge and Masons throughout the province will miss his smiling  
face. The Grand Master raised Grand Lodge for a moment silence in his  
memory followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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

It was moved by W:B: John Watson , seconded by V:W:B: Fletcher 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: Peter M. Whittaker ..... Harvey Station 50

Deputy Grand Master  
R:W:B: Steve Allen ..... Port Elgin 44

Senior Grand Warden  
R:W:B: Clyde M. Townes ..... McAdam 36

Junior Grand Warden  
R:W:B: Ed Burridge ..... Dorchester 4

## 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: Scott Bastarache #1 (Absent) ..... Saint John 22

R:W:B: Leigh Manning #2 ..... Moncton 23

R:W:B: David Hocquard #3 (Absent) ..... Bathurst 27

R:W:B: Mark Golder #4 ..... Florenceville 35

R:W:B: Robert Melanson #5 ..... St. George 12

R:W:B: Joel MacDonald #6 ..... Fredericton 6

R:W:B: Joel Blakney #7 ..... Petitcodiac 37

## 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: Norman Bubar ..... Florenceville 35

## Junior Grand Deacon

W: B: Lawson Bell ..... Hillsborough 15

## Grand Director of Ceremonies

V:W:B: George Fletcher ..... Harvey Station 50

## Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies

W: B: Ralph McKay (Absent) ..... Port Elgin 44

## Grand Standard Bearer

W: B: Allan Bishop (Absent) ..... Minto 47

## Grand Sword Bearer

W: B: Randall Burrell (Absent) ..... McAdam 36

## 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: Derek Webster ..... Saint John 22

## Grand Tyler

Bro. Norman Allen ..... Port Elgin 44

## Grand Stewards

W:B: Edward Stansfield (Absent) ..... Albion No. 1

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

W:B: Richard Golding (Absent) ..... Keith No. 23

W:B: Christopher O'Hearn (Absent) ..... Campbellton No. 32

W:B: Robert R. Taylor (Absent) ..... Alexandria No. 33

W:B: Randell Burrell (Absent) ..... Ashlar No. 36

W:B: Thomas A. Lister (Absent) ..... Cherry Mountain No. 50

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

M:W:B: James H. Pike

M:W:B: Gustaf R. Bodin

M:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock

M:W:B: Gordon R. Rattray

M:W:B: William C. Boone

M:W:B: Miles R. Graham

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:

M:W:B: John A. Peyton

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador.

M:W:B: Barry S. Imber

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

M:W:B: Larry B. Etherington,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island

R:W:B: Frank Theriault

Past Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Maine

M:W:B Gustav R. Bodin  
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut  
Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

R:W:B: S. Weston Libbey  
Past District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

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:

Noble  
Harold J. Crabbe

Chief Rabban  
A.A.O.N.M.S.

Most Excellent Companion  
Eric J. Johnson

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

Most Excellent, Past President  
Daryl Thurber

Council of the Holy Order of High  
Priesthood of New Brunswick

Right Ill. Knight Companion  
Blaine Brooks

Grand Intendant General, Maritime Div.  
Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

Rt. Eminent Knight  
Burton G. Hall

Provincial Grand Prior  
Sovereign Great Priory of New Brunswick

Rt. Illustrious Companion  
Laurie M. Bishop

Grand Principal Conductor of the Works  
Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada,  
Royal and Select Masters

Eminent Knight  
Frederick A. Healey

Past Prior, Eastern Canada Priory No. 19  
Knights of the York Cross of Honour

Brother Dale Stevens  
Supreme Ruler

New Brunswick Conclave No. 10  
Order of the Secret Monitor

Rt. Worshipful  
Chesley R. Piercey

Provincial Grand Master  
Royal Order of Scotland

Illustrious Brother  
Gordon S. Young, 33°

Deputy for New Brunswick  
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

The distinguished visitors and heads of concordant bodies having taken their seats the Grand Master raised Grand Lodge and asked the brethren to accompany him in the presentation of Grand Honors to our visitors.

Prior to calling the Grand Lodge to refreshment for the purpose of admitting the heads of affiliated bodies the Grand Master read an e-mail he had received from M:W:B: J. William (Bill) Murray, who for the first time in many years was absent from the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The text of the e-mail is as follows:

Peter: I am very sorry to miss your communication as Grand Master but knowing you and your Masonic background you will do an excellent job. I have had my good years and I have had a lifetime of memories to reflect on but it was the men who worked with me, like yourself, that made the journey a success. It is time for me to step out of the limelight and let others continue on with Grand Lodge. I will miss the job of counting ballots but I am sure my replacement will carry on OK (Ha Ha) Good luck Peter and have a productive year. My regards to all the brethren of this grand fraternity.

Fraternally yours;  
J. William Murray  
Past Grand Master 1985-1986

The following members of the affiliated bodies were conducted into the Blue Room and introduced as follows: Her Majesty, Marilyn Hutchinson, Queen, Nereides Temple, Daughters of the Nile; Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star Sister Mildred Homer and Worthy Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, W:B: Alan Gillis; Jesse Price, 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 a member of Common Council who was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Following the singing of the national anthems of the United States of America and of Canada the City of Saint John extended a warm welcome to the visitors from outside of the City and expressed best wishes for a successful communication.

Mr. Jesse Price, Master Councillor spoke on behalf of the Order of DeMolay. Marilyn Hutchinson brought greetings on behalf of the Daughters of the Nile. Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star Sister Mildred Homer and Worthy

Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, W:B: Alan Gillis spoke on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Following the remarks from the representatives of the affiliated bodies they were escorted from the Blue Room.

The Grand Master called upon each of the heads of the Concordant bodies that had been previously introduced to bring greetings from their respective bodies.

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

Grand Master	M:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker
Deputy Grand Master	R:W:B: Steven H. Allen
Senior Grand Warden	R:W:B: Edward K. BurrIDGE
Junior Grand Warden	W:B: John Watson
Grand Chaplain	V:W:B: The Rev. Dana Dean
Grand Treasurer	R:W:B: Robert A. Kierstead

Moved by R:W:B: Edward BurrIDGE, seconded by V:W:B: George Fletcher, that the nominations for the elected positions of Grand Lodge be now closed. Carried.

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  
 M:W:B: William C. Boone .....British Columbia  
 M:W:B: James H. Pike ..... Newfoundland & Labrador  
 M:W:B: Gordon R. Ratray ..... Nova Scotia

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

United States  
 M:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker ..... Vermont  
 R:W:B: James D. McKenna ..... District of Columbia  
 M:W:B: Miles Graham ..... Massachusetts  
 R:W:B: Laurie Bishop ..... Louisiana  
 M:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock ..... Kentucky  
 R:W:B: Donald Grouchy ..... Florida  
 R:W:B: Gordon S. Young ..... New Hampshire  
 R:W:B: Wayne Bannister ..... Colorado

Europe

R:W:B: David (Bud) Gillrie .....Austria  
 R:W:B: Robert Kierstead ..... Italy

New Zealand

R:W:B: Mark Golder ..... New Zealand

Following the roll call the Grand Master directed the V:W: Grand Director of Ceremonies to present R:W:B: Gordon Young to the East at which time the Grand Master presented R:W:B: Young with his patent as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Following the presentation R:W:B: Young was conducted once around the lodge to the applause of the brethren.

Moved by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop, seconded by R:W:B: Joel Blakney that Grand Lodge recess until 9:00 a.m., May 12, 2012. Carried.

Following the recess of Grand Lodge the brethren assembled in columns of two to parade to Trinity Anglican Church where the divine service was conducted by the Grand Chaplain, V:W:B: the Reverend Dana Dean.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING****OF THE****MASONIC GRAND LODGE  
CORPORATION****SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 2012  
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 8:40 a.m., May 12th, 2012, at the Masonic Temple, 92 Germain Street, Saint John, N. B.

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

The Grand Secretary moved that his report as printed in the booklet of reports be received and laid on the table pending the receipt of the audit report. Seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop. Motion carried.

W:B: Barry Ellsworth moved that the Treasurer's report as found 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: Laurie Bishop. 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 reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be lifted from the Grand Secretary's desk. Seconded by V:W:B: George Fletcher. Carried.

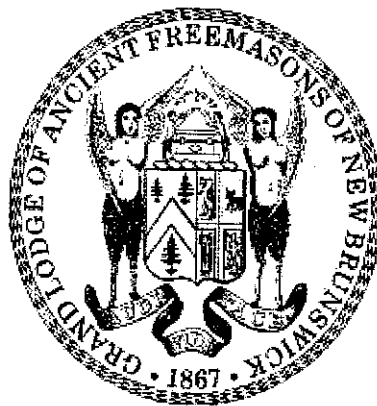
W:B: Barry Ellsworth presented the annual Grand Lodge budget for the year 2011 and moved the adoption of the budget, seconded by R:W:B: Clyde Townes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporation the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Randall W. Nelson  
Grand Secretary

THE MASONIC  
GRAND LODGE  
CORPORATION  
OF  
NEW BRUNSWICK

Financial Reports



2011

AUDITOR'S 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 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, 2011.

Respectively submitted,

  
R:W:B: Richard M. Whitcomb, Chairman

  
R:W:B: Chesley R. Piercey

  
Bro. Gordon A. Thorne



MASONIC GRAND LODGE  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011

ASSETS  
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA CURRENT A/C  
CASH HELD AT INVESTMENT COMPANIES  
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE  
INVENTORY

OTHER  
DUE FROM MASONIC TEMPLE LTD. (Note 2)  
DUE FROM MONCTON MASONIC TEMPLE (Note 3)  
LOANS TO LODGES  
INVESTMENTS ROYAL BANK (NOTE 1)

CAPITAL ASSETS  
EQUIPMENT

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
DUE TO BENEVOLENT FUND

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, 2011

1. INVESTMENTS

		COST 2011	MARKET VALUE 2011
		\$	\$
AGF Trust Company	37500		
HSBC Bank of Canada	37,500		
Bank of Montreal	500		
Capital Power Corp	675		
Crescent Point energy Corp	350		
Power Financial	550		
Royal Bank	250		
New York Comm. Bancorp	400		
Rogers communications	250		
BMO covered call banks	3550		
Bell Aliant	2200		
Fortis Inc.	300		
Emera Inc	500		

2. Due From Masonic Temple Ltd.

This promissory note receivable has an interest rate of 6 ½% with payments being received semi-annually beginning July 1, 2010.

3. Due From Moncton Masonic Temple Ltd.

This demand loan receivable has an interest rate of 6% with payments being received semi-annually beginning January 1, 2010.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE  
STATEMENT OF INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	2010
REVENUE		
DUES		8
FEES		3
INVESTMENT INCOME		6
SALES		1
MISCELLANEOUS		1
GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION		0
TOTAL REVENUE		9
EXPENSE		
COST OF GOODS SOLD		7
INTEREST & BANK CHARGES		0
CONFERENCES		0
DEMOLAY		0
AWARDS		0
EDUCATION		8
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS		9
GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION		0
GRAND SECRETARY EXPENSE		0
GRAND TREASURER EXPENSE		0
ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY		0
INSURANCE		0
LIBRARY		0
LIGHTS & HEAT		0
MEDALLION PINS		0
MISCELLANEOUS		0
MOSTLY MASONRY		0
MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION		0
DUES & FEES		0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		0
OFFICE SUPPLIES		0
POSTAGE		0
PRINTING		0
PROFESSIONAL FES		0
PUBLIC RELATIONS		0
RENT		0
SALARIES		0
TELEPHONE		0
TRAVEL		0
REGALIA		0
(LOSS) ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS		0
TOTAL EXPENSES		0
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, 2011

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
R.B.C. BANK		
CASH HELD AT INVESTMENT COMPANIES		
DUE FROM GENERAL FUND		
OTHER		
INVESTMENTS (NOTE 1)		
DUE FROM ZION LODGE		
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, 2010

REVENUE	
INVESTMENT INCOME	
BEQUEST INCOME - NOTE 2	
EXPENSES	
INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES	
BENEVOLENT GIFT	
BURSARIES	
(GAIN) LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	
TOTAL EXPENSE	
INCOME BEFORE NET UNREALIZED LOSS	
NET UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	

R. A. KIERSTEAD, GRAND TREASURER

ALBERT G. HOAR MEMORIAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011

ASSETS	2011	2010
Wood Gundy Cash		
Wood Gundy Investments – At Market Value		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Opening Equity		
Current Earnings (Loss)		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		

INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

INVESTMENT INCOME	
EXPENSES	
BURSARIES PAID	
LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	
<b>LOSS BEFORE NET UNREALIZED LOSS</b>	
<b>NET UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS</b>	
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	

INVESTMENTS – DECEMBER 31, 2010

	COST	MARKET VALUE
WHITEROCK REAL ESTATE		
HARBOUR GROWTH & INCOME		
IA CLARINGTON		
ALTAMIRA HIGH INTEREST		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		

R. A. KIERSTEAD, GRAND TREASURER

GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011

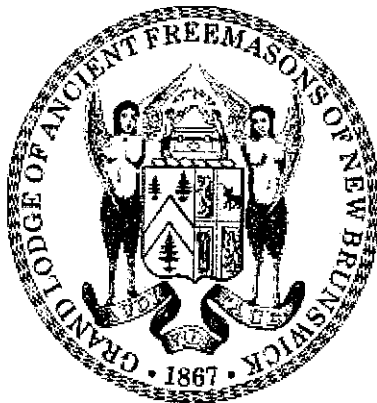
1. INVESTMENTS

	Cost 2011	Market Value 2011
AGF Trust Company	37500	
HSBC Bank of Canada	37500	
Bank of Montreal	150	
BMO Covered Call Canada	2225	
Bell Alliant	1100	
Canadian Oil Sands	350	
Capital Power Corp.	400	
Crescent Point Energy Corp.	250	
Power Financial	325	
Royal Bank	150	
Bank of Nova Scotia	250	
Canbanc Income Fund	1500	
New York Community Bancorp	300	

2 Bequest Income

This bequest was received from the estate of Eleanor Vincent through Restigouche Lodge of Dalhousie.

# THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY



2011

## Report of the Grand Secretary For the Year 2011

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

### Grand Secretary's Statement 2011

#### Received and Deposited:

Dues [REDACTED] 0

Fees [REDACTED]

Sales [REDACTED]

Grand Lodge communication [REDACTED]

Total [REDACTED]

#### Recapitulation of Membership

New 87 Demits 79

Affiliations 33 Suspensions 97

Re-instated 13 Deaths 103

Withdrawals 10

Total 133 289

Gain/Loss -156

## SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS FROM PRIVATE LODGES

For the Year Ending December 31, 2011

No.	Lodge	Jan 1/11	New	Afil	Re Std	Demit	Withd	Susp	Deaths	Dec 31/11	Diff
1	Albion	49	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	49	0
2	St. John's	88	5	3	2	4	0	8	6	80	-8
3	Hibernia	82	5	1	1	4	0	14	2	69	-13
4	Sussex	45	0	0	0	2	1	2	4	36	-9
5	St. Mark's	58	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	56	-2
6	Hiram	152	8	1	0	2	3	0	2	154	2
7	Sussex	99	0	2	1	2	0	1	3	96	-3
8	Carleton Union	192	1	1	0	4	0	3	6	181	-11
11	Woodstock	117	5	0	0	2	1	6	2	111	-6
12	St. George	130	2	1	0	3	0	2	3	125	-5
13	Corinthian	112	4	0	1	2	0	2	5	108	-4
15	Howard	75	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	73	-2
16	St. Andrew	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	-2
17	Northumberland	113	2	0	1	2	1	2	7	104	-9
18	Miramichi	53	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	52	-1
20	Harmony	74	0	2	0	7	0	7	1	61	-13
21	Zion	89	4	0	0	4	0	3	5	81	-8
22	New Brunswick	149	4	3	0	4	0	0	3	149	0
23	Keith	153	4	2	0	4	0	3	8	144	-9
24	Zetland	44	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	37	-7
26	Victoria	64	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	61	-3
27	Lodge St. John	119	5	0	1	3	0	6	6	110	-9
30	St. Martin's	49	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	47	-2
31	Benjamin	72	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	67	-5
32	Campbellton	108	0	3	0	1	0	2	4	104	-4
33	Alexandria	163	4	2	1	3	0	9	4	154	-9
35	Carleton	66	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	64	-2
36	Ashlar	59	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	59	0
37	Steven	53	5	1	0	5	0	0	2	52	-1
38	Mananook	29	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	28	-1
39	Colebrooke	40	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	37	-3
42	Sunbury	42	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	38	-4
44	Westmorland	63	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	63	0
47	Grand Lake	45	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	46	1
48	Tobique	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	-1
49	Acacia	133	4	5	0	1	0	2	6	133	0
50	Cherry Mtn.	89	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	88	-1
51	Landmark	90	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	86	-4
52	Coverdale	97	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	101	4
54	Granite	57	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	57	0
55	Abanaki	42	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	40	-2
56	Sunset	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals for 2010		3430	87	33	13	79	10	97	103	3274	-156

## FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES 2011

Hibernia, No. 3

Brother DELBERT TAYLOR BUCKLEY

Brother MURRAY JOHN WHITE

Sussex, No. 4

Worshipful Brother LLOYD DALE GRAY

Worshipful Brother KING HENRY O'CONNOR

Hiram, No. 6

Brother JAMES ROBERT HOWIE

Worshipful Brother ROBERT LAYTON MCCLARE

Sussex, No. 7

Right Worshipful Brother ERIC ERNEST CALDWELL

Carleton Union, No. 8

Brother ROBERT FRANK EPTON

Woodstock, No. 11

Brother EARL BLAIR AVERY

Brother ROBERT MURRAY AVERY

Brother ARTHUR HAROLD NOBLE

St. George, No. 12

Brother RONALD DAVID ALEXANDER

Howard, No. 15

Worshipful Brother DAVID TALMAGE STEEVES

Miramichi, No. 18

Brother SIMON ALEXANDER KINGSTON

Worshipful Brother JOHN HERBERT MCDONALD

Worshipful Brother CLAYTON MARK STEWART

Zion, No. 21

Worshipful Brother RONALD WILLIAM JONES

The New Brunswick, No. 22

Worshipful Brother WILLIAM CURRIE BROWN

Keith, No. 23

Brother HUBERT LEROY PURDY

Victoria, No. 26

Worshipful Brother ROBERT STANLEY OLSSON

Lodge Saint John, No. 27

Right Worshipful Brother DAVID RONALD MUNDLE

Brother HALLETT CLAYTON WINTER

Saint Martins, No. 30

Brother WILLIAM HERBERT JACKSON

Benjamin, No. 31

Brother DALE EARLE DEE

Campbellton, No. 32

Brother VALMORE LAWSON STEWART

Alexandria, No. 33

Brother RALPH MURRAY CULLIGAN

Brother JANUS ANGUS HUGHSON

Brother EDWARD HAROLD ROGERS

Brother WILLIAM SCHAFER

Worshipful Brother DOUGLAS RANDOLPH SEELY

Carleton, No. 35

Brother RAYMOND WILMOT PAGE

Brother ROBERT GAYLON SIPPPELL

Ashlar, No. 36

Brother CARL ELDRIDGE ROBERTS

Steven, No. 37

Brother RAE HUDSON MATCHETT

Mananook, No. 38

Right Worshipful Brother DAVID DANIEL DALZELL

Grand Lake, No. 47

Brother WENDALL REID MACVICAR

Tobique, No. 48

Worshipful Brother FREDERICK NORVAL GIBERSON

Acacia, No. 49

Brother JOHN ARTHUR KEIR

Landmark, No. 51

Brother WILLIAM ARTHUR MITCHELL

### 60 YEAR AWARDS

Hibernia, No. 3

Worshipful Brother CHARLES HUBERT MCFEE

Sussex, No. 7

Brother NORMAN HOLMES

Brother HARRY HUGH MATHESON

Carleton Union, No. 8

Brother DOUGLAS NORVIL ALLEN

Brother JOHN CLIFFORD GREEN

St. George, No. 12

Brother DONALD EDWIN LEONARD JUSTASON

The Corinthian, No. 13

Brother DONALD HENRY GANONG

Brother ARTHUR ELWOOD THORNE

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16

Worshipful Brother JAMES KEITH MCWILLIAM

Northumberland, No. 17

Brother CHARLES LESTER CRAMMOND

Brother BERNARD JOSEPH HUBBARD

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN WILLIAM MURRAY

Harmony, No. 20

Brother CONRAD SPICER TAYLOR

Brother DONALD NELSON THORNE

Zion, No. 21  
 Brother GERALD HARTLEY CONNELL  
 Worshipful Brother JOHN DONALD MACVEY

The New Brunswick, No. 22  
 Brother ELMER RUSSELL THOMPSON

Keith, No. 23  
 Brother GEORGE JOSEPH DAN HEARN BILLING

Lodge Saint John, No. 27  
 Worshipful Brother WENDELL ELDON SCOTT

Benjamin, No. 31  
 Worshipful Brother EUGENE CLIFFORD CAMPBELL  
 Worshipful Brother CLAUDE RONALD DEMERCHANT

Campbellton, No. 32  
 Worshipful Brother WILLIAM GEORGE POLEY  
 Brother JAMES DAVID SANSOM

Alexandria, No. 33  
 Brother JAMES IAN MACDONALD  
 Right Worshipful Brother DOUGLAS HAIG SCOTT

Carleton, No. 35  
 Brother ALDEN COLMAN LUNN

Steven, No. 37  
 Right Worshipful Brother DELBERT ARTHUR ALWARD

Acacia, No. 49  
 Brother RANDAL WILLIAM CORRAN  
 Brother NORMAN ERNEST MUNROE  
 Brother LLOYD EDWIN TRYNOR

#### 70 YEAR AWARDS

Keith, No. 23  
 Brother FLOYD RAYMOND WATT

#### MORNING SESSION – MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

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

Following the reading of the nominees for elected office R:W:B: Randy Nelson 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 W:B: William Kerwin. Motion carried.

#### GRAND CHAPLAIN'S SERMON

The Grand Master extended his appreciation to the Grand Chaplain for his sermon that had been delivered the day previous during the church parade.

Moved by the Deputy Grand Master, R:W:B: Steven Allen that the sermon of the Grand Chaplain be transcribed and placed on file in the Grand Secretary's office. Seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop. Motion carried.

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; R:W:B: Stewart L. Aronson, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Following the introduction, R:W:B: Aronson was escorted to the East, greeted by the Grand Master and accorded a seat in the East.

The Grand Master, M:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker being about to deliver the annual address of the Grand Master turned the gavel over to the Deputy Grand Master, R:W:B: Steven Allen.

## GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To: The Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick

Brethren, just to stand before you today as your Grand Master, Grand Master of one of the greatest little Masonic Jurisdictions in North America, is an honour I find difficult to express in words. You have given me the strength and support to attain this august position, and your continued devotion to the craft has made my job much easier.

As I have said, I am not the smartest kid on the block, but I am wise enough to know where the wisdom exists within our Fraternity, and I have called on that knowledge often over the past year. To think, five years ago, my goal was a simple one; to seek election as Junior Grand Warden, that I might serve one more year on the Board of General Purposes. Look where that got me!

## To Our Visitors:

I would be remiss if I did not extend a warm welcome to our visiting dignitaries from Masonic Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada. Since my election, I have had the distinct privilege of attending most of your Grand Lodge Communications. This represents an opportunity for us to return the warmth and Brotherly Love with which my lady and I were received. I hope you and your ladies will enjoy your stay with us.

## Visits:

Since that memorable day last May when Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Wayne Hitchcock and his team of Past Grand Masters installed our slate of officers, I have been in a constant state of perpetual motion. I have represented our Grand Lodge at 5 Provincial and 4 State Grand Lodge Communications, along with another retreat with the Grand Lodge of Maine on Campobello Island. After the rush of full dress gatherings, it was a pleasure to settle in to those historic cottages with our neighbours from Maine and their wives. This event has been planned by R.W.B. Frank Theriault. A real success!

As regards Official visits, I seem to have dug a hole for myself. I made 15 official visits over the past twelve months, including 7 District Meetings, ably set up by my seven District Deputy Grand Masters. We have continued the practice of asking each Lodge to present a bit of Masonic Education or, as a group, perform a meaningful skit or degree. Occasionally a district may open a "town hall meeting" and discuss a Masonic theme. I must say, the Brethren performed admirably in their presentations. In addition, I made 30 casual visits to our Lodges. Add to that, numerous fund raisers and other functions, and it has been a busy year.

We started the year off with a great occasion; the celebration of 150 years of Masonry at Zetland Lodge #24 in Shediac Cape. Your Grand Lodge Officers performed the Rededication Ceremony and all would agree, a fine job was done by all. Lobster followed!!

Another grand occasion was the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Campbellton Lodge #12, observing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Lodge Building. On Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, we held the District 3 Annual Meeting at Miramichi Lodge #18, a most notable occasion, as the meeting was held at the new lodge building at Douglastown, which Miramichi Lodge will share with Northumberland Lodge #17; first of many enjoyable nights to be enjoyed in that edifice.

Brethren, you can do the mathematics. With only 15 Official Visits in my first year in office, I will plan to make 26 Official visits this year. Certainly not insurmountable.

I want to thank all the Brethren who attended on me at Official Visits. V.W.B. George Fletcher, my Grand Director of Ceremonies was always present, and I thank W.B. Buddy Trenholm who stepped in often to fill the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies position. A special mention to our Senior Grand Deacon, W.B. Norman Bubar, who travelled to the 4 corners of the Province to attend Official Visits. This from the comparatively remote area of District 4. The elected Grand Lodge Officers were usually present, overcoming health problems, both personal and family. Thank you Brothers for your dedication.

## All Canada Conference:

Due to time restrictions for printing this report, I can only tell you that I will shortly be attending this important conference along with your Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master. This conference, I have found over the past two years, is most beneficial in searching out ways and means to improve our craft, both at Lodge level and at Grand Lodge level. This year's sessions will be as informative as the past two I have attended.

## Camp Goodtime:

This camp continues to be our best source of publicity. The public admires the work we do for the kids, and even better, it leaves that warm fuzzy feeling in our own hearts.

When it comes to fund raising for Camp Goodtime, the brothers really dig in with enthusiasm, regardless of the function. Even our smallest lodges are proud to contribute to this cause. Notable however, are the two major programs, which show how well we perform when we combine our efforts. I was pleased to take part in both of these.

The District 1 Golf Tournament, organized by the Masons of the Saint John area, and the tremendously successful Moncton Area Camp Goodtime dinner



and auction. Congratulations to those who put so much effort into these functions

At the sponsors day this year, excitement was added for the children with the arrival again of the "Widow's Sons" Motorcycle Club. [All Masons I might add] Thanks, bikers!

And of course, the men from Moncton arrived with their cuddly stuffed animals, always a highlight with the kids. Brethren, if you have not visited the Camp, make an effort to make it this founders day. It will really warm your heart.

#### Webmaster:

A special thanks to our "Webb Master", M.W.B. Bill Boone. Twice, recently, our Web Page was "hacked". Bill had us up and running in jig time. M.W.B. Boone keeps us posted and up to date on Grand Lodge functions, schedules and reports. Thanks seems to be too little for such a great service.

#### Support Staff:

The position of Grand Master would be all but impossible without the support of a great Secretary. I have had the very best with R.W.B. Randy Nelson and his assistant, Mrs. Jayne Jones, who bears a tremendous load of work. Lodge Secretaries and Masters are continually singing her praises. Thanks also to our Grand Treasurer, R.W.B. Robert Kierstead.

A special thanks to the committee in Saint John who did the planning for this Grand Lodge communication, R.W.B. Randy Nelson, R.W.B. Doug Mayes and R.W.B. Graham Fraser, with the assistance of the ever present Jayne Jones. I realize the tremendous amount of work that goes into this, and I am ever grateful. If I have omitted anyone, my apologies.

#### Board of General Purposes:

The commitment of the members of the Board of General Purposes cannot be ignored. These members attend four meetings, as well as numerous committee meetings throughout the year. Under the Chairmanship of our Deputy Grand Master, Steven Allen, your Board handled the business of Grand Lodge with amity and with few raised voices. Our main concern is the day to day business of Grand Lodge between Grand Lodge communications. I sincerely thank the brethren who have accepted their positions and have performed so loyally. The business of the Board will be seen in the Board report from R.W.B. Allen.

#### Public Relations:

Our dedicated editor of Mostly Masonry has come up with a real coup for the brethren of New Brunswick. Through the hard work of W.B. Macx MacNichol

and his committee, we had the pleasure of a "Day With Andrew Hammer" at the campus of Mount Allison University on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

As most of you know, Andrew Hammer is the author of the "slightly controversial" book "Observing The Craft". Many of our Brothers have read this book, and at the time of writing this report, are looking forward to attending the gathering.

I thank W.B. MacNichol for his continued devotion to Masonry in New Brunswick, and I would encourage the Lodges to continue sending in news for Mostly Masonry.

#### Finance:

We are now enjoying the results of the actions which became necessary to be taken by Grand Lodge on the advice of our Finance Committee. Although the increased per capita tax was painful, none the less it was necessary. No increases had been imposed for many years, and we were in the dangerous situation where we required to seek funds from our capital to survive. It gives me pleasure to say, that through the efforts of W.B. Barry Ellsworth and his committee, we are now operating within our budget. Thanks to our Finance Committee.

#### Membership:

Two committees, The Membership Committee, chaired by R.W.B. Clyde Townes and The Strategic Planning Committee under R.W.B. Ed Burridge are working toward stemming the tide and returning the Craft to a growth mode.

R.W.B. Burridge's committee has formulated a 5 Year Plan to which Masters of Lodges are responding with plans for their Lodges. Keep your shoulders to the wheel brethren and make your plan work.

R.W.B. Townes will present a new concept, a Home Lodge, set up through Grand Lodge, and giving members of a Lodge gone dark, a home until such time as they can affiliate with another Lodge. A very interesting concept.

#### New Committee:

A new committee has been struck under the chairmanship of V.W.B. Stuart MacDonald, our Grand Historian. It is the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee. This committee has been set up to plan for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Grand Lodge, and of our Country in 2017. This will be an exciting time for all Masons.

#### New Award:

I have decided to present the fraternity with an award to be presented annually to the Lodge which demonstrates the greatest support for aged and sick brothers, their wives and widows and their children or orphans. In the public's view, the way we care for our own will go a long way toward making

Masonry a desirable fraternity to associate with. I have named this award "MY BROTHER'S KEEPER".

#### Necrology:

To hear the list read by the Secretary, of our Brothers who have taken that final journey, takes on more meaning as we grow older. I recall, when I was a new Mason, most of the names were strange to me. Now, after 41 years, the names bring back many fond memories. These are men I took degrees with, assisted in the memorization of their obligations, travelled with and even did fund raisers with. These were the loyal, long standing Masons. These were truly our Brothers. Their memory we keep in our heart.

#### State of the Fraternity:

As your Grand Master, I had truly hoped that we might show an increase in our numbers. Unfortunately, we again showed a small decline. Our membership now stands at 3,274, a decrease of 156 Brothers. Yet I feel the State of the Fraternity is good. Our Lodges are raising new members, and as I have witnessed from their examinations, we are gaining some quality officer material.

Although we feel badly when we lose brothers to demits or suspensions, these men were not dedicated to our cause. We who remain must set our sights high. We are the Masons who will stem the tide, and along with the quality men we bring into our beloved Fraternity, will witness a resurgence in our ranks. As I said before Brethren, keep your shoulder to the wheel!

#### District Deputy Grand Masters

My final words are of gratitude to the District Deputy Grand Masters who have served this Grand Lodge, their Districts and your Grand Master tirelessly over the past year. You have been my "eyes and ears" in your Districts, keeping me abreast of functions and projects in your Lodges. You have made my job much easier, and I thank you. I'm sure the coming year will be as satisfying.

One of our District Deputies is completing his term at this Grand Lodge. R.W.B. Robert Melanson will step down. Brother Melanson, I thank you for your devotion to the craft, and your efforts on my behalf. We will be welcoming an old friend from my days at Sunset Lodge, W.B. Jack Flynn of Campobello Island, a member of St Marks Lodge # 5, St Andrews and Sussex Lodge #7 in St. Stephen. Jack will become the District Deputy for District #5. Welcome W.B. Flynn. I know you will do an excellent job.

To all present, I say THANK YOU for attending this 145<sup>th</sup> communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, and may we all work together for advancement of our Great Fraternity.

MWB Peter M. Whittaker

Grand Master

#### APPENDIX 1 – Visitations 2011 – 2012

May 13-14,	Grand Lodge Of New Brunswick	Saint John
May 18	Grand Lodge of N. B. Secretary's Off.	Saint John
May 20-21	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire	Manchester, N. H.
May 22-23	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island	Providence, R. I.
May 27-28	Grand Lodge of Quebec	Montreal, P. Q.
June 3-4	Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia	Truro, N. S.
June 7	Sussex Lodge #7 Long Service Awards	St. Stephen, N. B.
June 8	The Corinthian Lodge #13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Hampton, N.B.
June 9	Cherry Mountain #50 Official Visit	Harvey Station, N. B.
June 10-11	Grand Lodge Of P. E. I.	Summerside, P. E. I.
June 14-15	Grand Lodge Of Vermont	Burlington, Vermont
June 18	Board of General Purposes	Saint John, N. B.
June 27	St. Martins Lodge #30	Saint John, N. B.
July 7	Eastern Star – Grand Chapter	Fredericton, N. B.
July 9	Order Of The Secret Monitor	Hampton, N. B.
July 15	Daughters Of The Nile Welcome Queen	Saint John, N. B.
July 16	Camp Goodtime - Sponsors Day	Grand Lake, N. B.
July 17	Howard Lodge #15 Pig Roast & Auction	Hillsborough, N.B.
July 19-21	Grand Lodge Of Ontario	Toronto, Ontario
July 30	Cherry Mtn Lodge #50 – Breakfast	Harvey Station, N.
August 10	The Corinthian Lodge #13 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Hampton, N. B.
August 13	Zetland Lodge #24 - 150 Yr. Rededication	Shediac Cape, N. B.
August 26	R.W.B. Tom Winter Masonic Fun. Service	Oromocto, N.B.
Sept. 1	Hiram Lodge #6	Fredericton, N.B.
Sept. 5	Alexandria Lodge #33	Fredericton, N. B.
Sept. 6	Howard Lodge #15 - Past G/M Night	Hillsborough, N.B.
Sept. 8	Cherry Mountain Lodge #50	Harvey Station, N. B.
Sept. 9-11	Roosevelt Retreat c G/L of Maine	Campobello Isl., N.B.
Sept. 16	District #1 Golf Tournament	Hampton, N.B.
Sept. 21	Abnaki Lodge #55	Deer Island, N.B.
Sept. 22	Roast, RWB Murray Stevens [Temple]	Saint John, N.B.
Oct. 3	Campbellton Lodge #32 , 100 Yrs.	Campbellton, N.B.
Oct. 11	Steven Lodge #37	Petitcodiac, N.B.
Oct. 14-17	Grand Lodge Newfoundland & Labrador	Gander, Nfld.
Oct. 18	Landmark Lodge #51 Dist. Mtg. Official	Boiestown, N.B.
Oct. 19	W.B. Perly Clowater, Masonic Service	Boiestown, N.B.
Oct. 22	Moncton Area Camp Goodtime Dinner	Riverview, N.B.
Oct. 26	Royal Order Of Scotland	Saint John, N.B.
Nov. 1	Sussex Lodge #7 Dist. #5 Mtg. Official	St. Stephen, N.B.
Nov. 3	Hiram Lodge #6	Fredericton, N.B.
Nov. 5	Board Of General Purposes [Temple]	Saint John, N.B.
Nov. 10	Carleton Lodge #35 Dist. #4 Mtg.	Florenceville, N.B.
Nov. 15	Keith Lodge #23 Dist #2 Mtg. Official	Moncton, N.B.
Nov. 21	Miramichi Lodge #18 Dist. #3 Mtg.	Douglastown, N.B.
Dec. 1	St. Marks Lodge #5	St. Andrews, N.B.
Dec. 2	Opening of New Shrine Office	Saint John, N.B.
Dec. 3	Shrine Ceremonial	Saint John, N.B.
Dec. 8	New Brunswick Lodge #22, Table Lodge	Saint John, N.B.

Dec. 10	Cherry Mountain Lodge #50, Emerg. Mtg.	Harvey Station, N.B.
Dec. 14	The Corinthian Lodge #13, Dist #1 Mtg.	Hampton, N.B.
Dec. 15	Ashlar Lodge #36	McAdam, N.B.
Dec. 19	Harmony Lodge #20 Dist. #7 Mtg,	Salisbury, N.B.
Dec. 20	Tibbs Eve Gathering at Thandis	Saint John, N.B.
Dec. 21	Sussex Lodge #4, Official Visit	Dorchester, N.B.
Dec. 26-28	Grand Lodge Of Massachusetts	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 2, 2012	Alexandria Lodge #33 Installation	Fredericton, N.B.
Jan. 3	Sunbury Lodge #42 Installing Officer	Fredericton Junction
Jan. 11	Grand Lake Lodge #47 Installing Officer	Minto, N.B.
Jan. 15	W.B. Bob Wade, Masonic Service	Fredericton Junction
Jan. 14	St. George Lodge #12 Assisted Installation	St. George, N.B.
Jan. 17	Cherry Mtn Lodge #50 Install. Officer	Harvey Station, N.B.
Jan. 18	Albion Lodge #1, Assisted Installation	Saint John, N.B.
Jan. 21	Shrine Installation	Saint John, N.B.
Jan. 23	St. Martins Lodge #30 , Installation	Saint John, N.B.
Jan. 30	R.W.B. Andy Allen , Masonic Service PGT	Sussex, N.B.
Feb. 2	Carleton Union Lodge #8	W. Saint John, N.B.
Feb. 4	Board Of General Purposes	Saint John, N.B.
Feb. 9	Victoria Lodge #26 Official Visit	St. Stephen, N.B.
Feb. 11	Cherry Mtn Lodge #50, Sweethearts Nt.	Harvey Station, N.B.
Feb. 14	Hibernia Lodge #3	Saint John, N.B.
Feb. 15	Granite Lodge #54	Temperance Vale, N.B.
Feb. 16	Ashlar Lodge #36	MacAdam, N.B.
Feb. 18	Masonic Evening At The Temple	Saint John, N.B.
Feb. 21	Landmark Lodge #51	Boiestown, N.B.
Mar. 1	Benjamin Lodge #31 Official Visit	Perth-Andover, N.B.
Mar. 3	Board of General Purposes	Saint John, N.B.
Mar. 5	Alexandria Lodge #33	Fredericton, N.B.
Mar. 6	St. John's Lodge #2 Official Visit	Saint John, N.B.
Mar. 8	Cherry Mountain Lodge #50	Harvey Station, N.B.
Mar. 17	Cherry Mountain, 50 <sup>th</sup> Masonic Bonspiel	Harvey Station, N.B.
Mar. 20	Awards Committee Meeting	Sussex, N.B.
Mar. 24-27	Grand Lodge of Connecticut	Hartford, Ct.
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	All Canada Conference	Winnipeg, Man
Apr. 5	Carleton Union Lodge #8 Official Visit	W. Saint John, N.B.
Apr. 11	Colebrook Lodge #39 Official Visit	Grand Falls, N.B.
Apr. 12	Cherry Mountain Lodge #50,	Harvey Station, N.B.
Apr. 14	Andrew Hammer Day Reception,	Sackville, N.B.
Apr. 19	Ashlar Lodge #36,	MacAdam, N.B.
Apr. 30-May 2	Grand Lodge Of Maine,	Bangor, Maine
May 10	The New Brunswick Lodge #22,	Saint John, N.B.

Following the address of the Grand master R:W:B: Steven Allen, Deputy Grand Master called for a committee to be struck of Past Grand Masters to review the Grand Master's address and report back to this Grand Lodge, the chairman of the committee to be M:W:B: Gordon Rattray.

## 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, 2011.

Camp Goodtime was, once again, made possible with the reception of a cheque for \$38,650 during the 144th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge by

Ms. Betty Hoyt, Director of Prevention and Support, The New Brunswick Division, of the Canadian Cancer Society. Camp Goodtime is a seven-day summer camping experience operated by the Cancer Society, for children aged 7 to 16, with or having had a history of, cancer.

We are pleased to say that we are again able to support this camp in 2012, but that it will increase in cost to \$39,400, the increase due to increase in cost of staff, the minimum wage having taking another jump in 2012. The closing day for the camp, to which all Masons in New Brunswick have been invited, is Saturday, July 14, with closing 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 near Douglas Harbour.

We would be remiss if we didn't recognize the annual dinner conducted by four Lodges in the Moncton/Dorchester area, which had an attendance of some three hundred diners, and who raised \$21,000 for Camp Goodtime. To them we say congratulations on an event well organized, well run, and so successful. Masons, wives and friends had attended province wide.

We again supported the Canadian Deaf, Blind and Rubella Association in support of their children's summer camp programme.

Financial support continued into the fifth year for the Scottish Rite Foundation's Moncton Learning Centre for dyslexic children. Life membership is granted to a Master Mason belonging to a lodge in this jurisdiction who is in good standing within his Lodge, and has made at least one one-time donation to this Company of \$20 or more.

In an attempt to make access to meetings of our Board of Directors easier in the colder months, we held our first conference call meeting in the fall. Unfortunately there was some confusion concerning the pass to gain access to the meeting and we were without a quorum on that first attempt. However we had a good discussion, and were able to work on the mechanics of running such a meeting, so that in January, 2012, we held our winter meeting by conference call with great success.

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

Fraternally submitted,  
J. D. McKenna President

Moved by R:W:B: McKenna, seconded by W:B: Allen Bishop that the report of the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. Be received and printed in full in the proceedings. Carried.



L-R: Mrs Betty Hoyt, Canadian Cancer Society; M:W:B: Peter Whittaker, Grand Master; R:W:B: Richard Whitcomb, Treasurer, Masonic Charities and Housing; R:W:B: James D. McKenna, President, Masonic Charities and Housing

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;

St. Mark's Lodge No. 5  
Lodge St. Andrew No. 16  
Zion Lodge No. 21  
Steven Lodge No. 37  
Cherry Mountain Lodge No. 50

Sussex Lodge No. 7  
Miramichi Lodge No. 18  
Campbellton Lodge No. 32  
Sunbury Lodge No. 42  
Granite Lodge No. 54

District No. 1 Golf Tournament

## Notices of Motion

### Notice of Motion 1: R:W:B: Randall Nelson

The Grand Secretary submitted the following notice of motion: I will move or cause to be moved that articles 133 and 134 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be changed to read 31<sup>st</sup> December.

R:W:B: Randall Nelson  
Grand Secretary

### Notice of Motion 2: M:W:B: William C. Boone

M:W:B: William C. Boone submitted the following notice of motion: I will move or cause to be moved at the next communication of Grand Lodge in May of 2013 that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be amended as follows on the attached pages and further that the proposed amendments be dealt with by block, specifically ; Group 1: sections 69, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77 and 80. Group 2: sections 79, 176 and 178. Group 3: sections 70, 71, 78 and 81. Group 4: section 82. Group 5: Regulation 2, section 8.

And further that the renumbering of the sections so affected to take place where applicable. I move that the report be printed in full in the proceedings along with the notice of motion. Seconded by R:W:B: David Gillrie. Carried.

## Board of General Purposes Review

### Report of the Board of General Purposes Review Committee

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

On November 5, 2011, under New Business, Item 8 -: Board Policies and Motions, M:W:B: Boone moved a small committee be formed to review the Board of General Purposes structure and operations and report back at the February 2012 meeting. It was seconded by V:W:B: S. MacDonald. Motion carried. Grand Master Whittaker appointed M:W:B: Boone to chair this committee with the power to add other members.

Your committee looked at all references to the Board of General Purposes contained in the Constitution, extracted them into a single document and proceeded to examine each one carefully. It is evident that over time amendments have been introduced to the Constitution which not only had an impact on other sections (which were not adjusted accordingly) but in at least one case had a significant change of wording from the original proposal. In addition, the committee reviewed the Constitutions of several Canadian Grand

Lodges and drew from them what we considered acceptable practice incorporating them into this recommended revision.

The following recommended revisions are laid out with the existing section quoted, followed by the "new" section, and last, the rationale behind the proposed change.

A preliminary report was given to the Board on Feb 4, 2012 and the subject matter referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for comments, particularly on Section 66 - Benevolent Fund - which closing phrase is at odds with the directions given in the Memorial Service booklet. It was recommended that this section be brought into harmony with the Memorial Service instructions and will be debated separately from this review.

When the Committee undertook this task, it began by determining the objective(s):

- a. Clearly define its role and mandate
- b. Clearly define lines of authority
- c. Reduce size of Board
- d. Establish staggering terms of serving on the Board

It has been obvious for some time that the efficiency of the Board as it now stands is not functioning at its peak because of size, blurring lines of authority and redundancy. We are attempting to correct this as much as possible.

To this end, I will move, or cause to be moved, at the next communication of Grand Lodge in May 2012, that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be amended as follows on the attached pages: and further that the proposed amendments be dealt with by block; Group 1-Sections 69, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80; Group 2-sections 79, 176, 178; Group 3-Sections 70, 71, 78, 81; Group 4-Section 82; Group 55Regulation 11 Section 8; and further, that re-numbering of the sections so affected take place where applicable. During the course of our review, it was learned that the members of the Board of General Purposes are also Directors of the Masonic Grand Lodge Corporation (Inc. 1914) whose structure is similar to the Board of General Purposes-Board of Directors and Executive Committee consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Wardens, Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the time being.

The Corporation is primarily concerned with property and financial matters, while the Board of General Purposes deals with Masonic subjects. It is up to the Grand Master whether the Corporation review falls within the mandate of this committee or another one. At a minimum, the By-laws of the Corporation need to be updated.

M:W: Wayne Hitchcock, PGM

RW: Ed Burridge, JGW

R:W: Bud Gillrie, PDDGM

R:W: John Jeffries, PDDGM

V:W: Stuart MacDonald, GH

M:W: William Boone, PGM - Chairman

#### Old

69. Role of Board of General Purposes - The Board of General Purposes shall act for and on behalf of Grand Lodge when that body is not in session, but all decisions and actions taken will be subject to ratification by Grand Lodge.

#### New Composite of Sections 69, 70 and 71

69. Title, Mandate and Role of Board - The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Board of General Purposes, herein designated as the Board, shall be a general committee to which may be submitted any matter referred by Grand Lodge to a committee, except in cases where a special committee is appointed. The Board is to assist the Grand Master in reference to the good government of the Craft and may establish policy for its own conduct, make recommendations to Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, on the advisability of edicts, the application of Masonic law, custom or practice and serves to coordinate, promote, continue and perform such duties as may be authorized by the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, but all decisions and actions are subject to ratification by Grand Lodge.

Rationale:-The role, mandate and authority are combined into one section. It further clarifies the relationship between Grand Master and Board. As it now exists, it is impossible to determine whether the Grand Master reports to the Board or vice versa. In addition, the Grand Master is the Chief Executive Officer, with inherited powers and prerogatives not accorded the board, and as such acts for, and on behalf of, Grand Lodge between sessions subject to its will and pleasure.

It also provides for the Board to establish policy for itself but not lodges, which comes under the authority of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge; and removes its role from the judicial process that is better handled by a process established for that specific purpose. The Board does not have, for example, the authority to issue an edict but does have the right to advise the Grand Master as to when one may be necessary and/ or content. Although the Grand Master may consider such recommendations, he is not bound by them. See old Sections 69 and 71. Any motions passed by the Board, and in practice by lodges, prior to the adoption of these amendments shall continue in force until rescinded or amended.

#### Old

70. Mandate of Board of General Purposes - The Board shall be a general committee, to which shall be submitted all matters referred by Grand Lodge to a committee, except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the Grand Master in reference to the good government of the craft. It may appoint subcommittees for foreign correspondence, or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to the Board.

#### New

70. Delete- see section 69

Old

71. Authority of Board of General Purposes - The board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the Grand Master and an appeal to the Grand Lodge. Should an appeal be made, notice must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary, within one month after the decision of the Board. The Board cannot expel a member or erase a Lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to the Grand Lodge.

New

71. Delete - See Section 69

Old

72. Composition of Board of General Purposes - The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters entitled to seats in Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master (who shall be ex-officio president), the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and not less than ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge by the Grand Master.

New

72. Composition of Board -The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters that have served at least one year as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, who shall serve three consecutive two-year terms following their term as Grand Master after which they become honorary members with a voice but have no vote, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Masters, and not more than ten (10) appointed members by the Grand Master, ensuring equitable district representation, and who shall serve not more than 4 consecutive terms, and in addition the Chairman of the finance and Jurisprudence committees whose terms shall be at the pleasure of the Grand Master. It shall meet at least twice a year in regular session, or as often as required by the Grand Master. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Immediate Past Grand Master and Chair of Finance Committee will form the Executive Committee and meet at least four times a year, or as often as required by the Grand Master.

Rationale:- At 40+ members, the Board is too large and unwieldy for efficiency. It does not require this many people to properly serve a jurisdiction of around 3000 members. Reducing the size to a manageable number while still retaining the key officers and positions will result in a more productive body.

The senior officers are elected by Grand Lodge to rule and govern the craft and are directly responsible to the brethren for effective and efficient administration. If they do not measure up, they can and probably will be

replaced. The appointed members serve at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master and are not directly governed by Grand Lodge. Therefore, the day to day administration should fall under the administration of the elected officials. The Executive committee meets more often than the Board as a whole to carry out the administration in a timely matter. The Board as a whole deals with matters of a more lasting nature such as amendments to the Constitution, setting policy, drafting recommendations and so forth, which are less dependent on a specific time frame. Should the need arise in either case the Grand Master can call a meeting of either body.

While the composition hasn't changed much, the size has been reduced from over forty to about 30 to make it more efficient. By creating the executive committee from within this group, it places responsibility where it belongs: on the elected officers of Grand Lodge and ultimately in the hands of the members who elect them. The structure and composition is also more along the lines of a corporation.

Although the chairmen of the various standing committees are not guaranteed a seat on the Board) the finance and Jurisprudence committee chairs are included because of the nature of their portfolio. With one Past Master from each District appointed along with the District Deputy Grand Master, representation is assured from across the jurisdiction without excessive number.

Old

73. Board of General Purposes Officers -The Board shall elect one of its members to be vice-president.

Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the Board, the members shall elect a chairman pro tempore. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member. The District Deputy Grand Masters during their term of office shall be members of the Board of General Purposes.

New

73. Board of General Purposes Officers -: The Grand Master shall be the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee. The vice-chair shall be the Deputy Grand Master. Should the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master be absent from any meeting of the Board, or Executive Committee, the Board, or Executive committee shall elect a chairman pro tempore. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member.

Rationale:. The Grand Master as CEO is the logical person to fill the role as chairman of the Board. It also reduces the politics from the position. In many past situations, the DGM who is chairman by virtue of the Constitution, has aspirations to run for Grand Master when the time comes. Thus he is hesitant to wield the gavel with authority lest he offend a potential supporter. Consequently, meetings tend to be less efficient. As the Deputy Grand Master is empowered to act in the absence of the Grand Master, he is the logical choice to fill the role as vice chairman.

Old

74. Quorum of Board of General Purposes - Five members of the Board present at any duly called meeting shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

New

74. Quorum of Board - Five members of the Board, including the presiding officer, present at any duly called meeting of the Board; or three (3) members at any duly called meeting of the Executive Committee shall make a quorum for the transaction of business.

Rationale:- Reflects the Executive Committee

Old

75. Vacancies on Board of General Purposes - Should any vacancy occur among the appointed members of the Board, by death or otherwise, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy, and the Grand Secretary shall inform the Board at its next meeting of the brother so appointed.

New

75. Vacancies on Board -Should any vacancy occur among the members of the Board, by death or otherwise, the Grand Master may immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy. In the event the vacancy is that of an elected officer, the appointment shall be on an interim basis until the next elections of Grand Lodge are held.

Rationale:-It should be obvious to all but the less astute that there is a new face on the Board replacing the one who created the vacancy without the need for the Grand Secretary to say so. Where the appointment fills that of an elected officer, it is only valid until the next election when a new member is elected and takes his rightful place on the board; whereas, if the vacancy is that of any other member appointed on an annual basis, and it occurs early in the term, the appointment will stand for the remainder of that one-year term. By substituting the word "may" for "shall", it gives the Grand Master some leeway should the vacancy occur close to Grand Lodge or the end of the term where it may not be necessary to fill the vacancy immediately.

Old

76. Withdrawal from Board of General Purposes - In case of any charge affecting a member of the Board or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Board considers its decision.

New

76. Withdrawal from Board - In case of any Masonic charge affecting a member of the Board, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw from the Board whilst the matter is being resolved.

Rationale:-It may be the Board may offer recommendations to assist the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in the process of resolving the issue which would put the member in a conflict of interest.

Old

77. Duties of Secretary of Board of General Purposes - The Grand Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Board and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

New

77. Duties of Secretary of Board - The Grand Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Board and Executive Committee and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions. The Grand Secretary shall send a copy of the proposed agenda and minutes of last meeting to all members of the Board, by email where applicable, at least fourteen days prior to the next meeting.

Rationale:-It has been a common practice in the past where members take no notice of what was discussed previously, or have done any research on the issue coming before the meeting. Consequently, reaction is one of emotion rather than informed debate. Circulating the minutes and agenda 2 weeks in advance provides ample time to become informed on the issue. While it is not imperative that the Secretary of the Board be the Grand Secretary, he is the most logical person to fill that role. If he chooses to have an assistant help him keep track of the proceedings, so be it. He still bears responsibility for the accuracy and distribution.

Old

78. Supervision by Board of General Purposes - The Board may summon any Lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge or the certificate of the brother. If such Lodge or brother do not comply, or give sufficient reason for non-compliance, peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy the Lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

New

78. Delete

Rationale-This properly falls under the authority of the Grand Master. See section 23

Old

79. Credentials Committee - The Board shall, previous to the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, appoint at least three Masters or Past Masters of Lodges as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against admission of any but those who are qualified; have their proper clothing and jewels; have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all respects entitled to admission. They shall have control of and distribute to each qualified brother a ballot paper for the election of Grand Officers.

New

79. Credentials Committee - The Grand Master shall, previous to the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, appoint at least three Masters or Past

Masters of Lodges as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against admission of any but those who are qualified; have their proper clothing and jewels; have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all respects entitled to admission. They shall have control of and distribute to each qualified brother a ballot paper for the election of Grand Officers.

Rationale:-The preparation for Grand Lodge rightly falls under the administrative responsibility of the Grand Master. Inclusion of this section within the Board sections makes little sense but is more properly attuned to the area of the Constitution dealing with Grand Lodge issues i.e. 56. (Move to Constitution following section 56)

#### Old

80. Access to Grand Lodge documents - The Board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine accounts against the Grand Lodge, and, if found correct, may order their payment

#### New

80. Access to Grand Lodge documents - The Board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the Grand Lodge.

Rationale:-In order to carry out its function efficiently, the Board needs access to necessary documents. The examination of accounts and ordering payments falls within the mandate of the finance audit committees.

#### Old

81. Recommendations of Board of General Purposes - The Board may recommend to the Grand Lodge for its adoption whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary to the welfare and good government of the craft.

#### New

81. Delete - see composite section 69

Rationale:-Part of the role and mandate of the Board and is redundant to repeat it here.

#### Old

82. Power to Enact Regulations - For the better government of the craft and to facilitate the carrying on of the business and affairs of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall have the power to make and adopt new Regulations from time to time, provided always, however, that no such Regulation or any part thereof shall continue to have any force or effect unless ratified and confirmed subsequently at the immediately ensuing communication of Grand Lodge by majority vote.

#### New

82. Power to Enact Regulations - For the better government of the craft and to facilitate the carrying on of the business and affairs of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall have the power to make and adopt new

Regulations from time to time, provided always, however, that no such Regulation or any part thereof shall continue to have any force or effect unless ratified and confirmed subsequently at the immediately ensuing communication of Grand Lodge by majority vote.

Rationale:-Unchanged

#### Old

176. Offence by Lodge - A Lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or the Board of General Purposes, be subject to admonition or suspension.

New Move to part 5 of Constitution

176. Offence by Lodge - A Lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, be subject to admonition or suspension.

Rationale:-This removes the Board from the judicial system and bring this section in line with the revamped Trial process.

#### Old

178. Complaint by member - All complaints of members or difference between them, that cannot be arranged privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall refer them to the Board of General Purposes,---or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the Grand Lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith-as a majority shall determine.

New -Move to part 5 of Constitution

178. Complaint by member - All complaints of members or difference between them, that cannot be arranged privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall refer them to a Committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the Grand Master, who shall have full power to deal therewith as the evidence shall determine.

Rational:-The committee to whom the Grand Master refers the issue may well be further identified or determined by the revamped Trial Process, but in any event removes the Board from the Trial process.

#### Old

Part I-Grand Lodge Proceedings (Regulation 11 Section 8) - No motion shall be entertained by Grand Lodge for expenditures in excess of \$5,000.00 that have not been recommended or approved by the Board of General Purposes unless it is submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Constitutions.



New

Part 1-Grand Lodge Proceedings (Regulation 11 Section 8) - No motion shall be entertained by Grand Lodge for expenditures in excess of \$5,000.00 that have not been recommended or approved by the Board unless it is submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary 60 days prior to the communication of Grand Lodge at which it is to be heard. It shall state in full the exact proposal and the Grand Secretary shall immediately forward said proposal to every lodge for introduction at its next regular meeting.

Rationale:-When this section was passed at Grand Lodge in 1989, it formed a sub-section of Section 42 (para 7(e) and referred to the terms and conditions contained therein. During the exercise of renumbering and sorting the Constitution in 2010, it was moved to the regulations without any reference section as to what the "terms and conditions" referred to. At the same time, Sec 42 (now section 182) was amended requiring any notice of motion amending the Constitution be made at one Grand Lodge session and voted upon at the next one, removing the "60-day" notice which were part of

the terms and condition, replacing it with one year notice; nor did it then, or now, contain any reference to financial matters. Section 182 is intended to deal with matters of amending the constitution, not financial motions. This had the effect of making Section 8 of Part 1 of the Regulations on expenditures totally incomprehensible. In order to maintain its integrity, we went back to the old Constitution, gleaned the terms and conditions to which it originally referred and included them in the amended version seen here. The changes are shown as:

Part 1-Grand Lodge Proceedings (Regulations) Section 8 - No motion shall be entertained by Grand Lodge for expenditures in excess of \$5,000.00 that have not been recommended or approved by the Board of General Purposes unless it is submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Constitutions. (This is the version that now appears in the Constitution)

Page 42, Para 7(e) of old constitution (now Sec 182) "No motion shall be entertained for expenditures in excess of \$5,000 that have not been recommended or approved by the Board of General Purposes, unless it is submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth earlier in this section. (This is the version that is in the old constitution)

The motion that was put before Grand Lodge is ""No motion shall be entertained for expenditures in excess of \$5,000 that have not been recommended or approved by the Board of General Purposes, unless it is submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraph 7, Page 42." (This is the version presented to the Grand Lodge session of 1989 when moved by Doug Mayes and Seconded by Bill Murray ... and carried.)

**Notice of Motion 3: W:B: Scott Ellsworth**

W:B: Scott Ellsworth stated that this report deals entirely with the subject matter that the committee reviewed this year and that is the amendment of certain sections of the Constitution to provide for fair process in the conduct of Masonic Trials, it also proposes the replacement of Regulation Four of the Regulations with a rewritten and updated Regulation setting out procedural aspects of Masonic Trials. This report is intended to support a notice of motion which I will now give, that at the next regular communication of Grand Lodge I will move or cause to be moved on behalf of our Committee the adoption of three amendments to the Constitution, specifically to sections 67, 117 and 178 to add language as appears on pages 74 and 75 of the Blue Book and that further I will move or cause to be moved the adoption of a new Regulation Four for governing Masonic Trials and Appeals in the language that appears on pages 75 through 80 of the Blue Book.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS  
AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
TO THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK  
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCESSES  
GOVERNING MASONIC TRIALS

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

Introduction

At the last regular communication of Grand Lodge, the report of the Constitutions and Jurisprudence Committee included notification that the Committee intended to propose amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick with respect to the process governing Masonic Trials.

Presently, several articles of the Constitutions provide reference to what might be considered substantive rules for handling complaints from within the Masonic fraternity, while the Regulations outline procedural rules for the conduct of Masonic Trials and Appeals. While it is indeed a reality that every complaint need not necessarily conclude in a trial process, it is acknowledged that every trial process requires initiation by a complaint.

It would seem that the current provisions of our Constitutions and Regulations must first be considered to understand what changes might be appropriate or even necessary. If present rules suffice, despite common misunderstandings

of their intent, it is not change that is warranted, but better information and education.

The Committee has considered both sides of the coin and this report is the product of consensus. On the one hand, it had been asserted that a detailed re-codification of both the substantive and procedural rules would provide better direction to the Masters of Craft Lodges, and others, and would ensure uniformity of application. The opposing view was that complex and burdensome legalese would stifle flexibility and create unnecessary technicality. If the objective of the Committee's efforts was to produce a revised set of substantive and procedural rules that would not only provide better direction to the Masters of Craft Lodges, but also facilitate flexible solutions which could be adaptable to factually unique circumstances, it was clear from the outset that divergent opinions on methodology needed to be reconciled.

The compromise proposed by this report takes account of both views, but retains the essence of what is already set out in the Constitutions and Regulations. There is no unwarranted expansion of the jurisdiction of any Masonic authority presently existing. The proposed modifications clarify the objectives already enshrined within the landmarks of the fraternity, recognizing that harmony is the strength and support of the principles which our fraternity best exemplifies. There is no such thing as a good Masonic Trial.

Suggested amendments to the Constitutions are designed to add substantive rights for the benefit of a brother or lodge against whom a complaint has been presented. These rights include enshrinement of basic principles of fundamental fairness, timely disclosure of the subject matter and evidence on which a complaint is based, and recognition of the presumption of innocence.

Suggested amendments to the Regulations are essentially of a housekeeping nature. Clarification has also been provided with respect to the processes of mediation and investigation of complaints prior to initiation of any Masonic Trial.

### The Constitutions

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick currently possesses the inherent power to investigate, regulate, and decide all matters relating to the fraternity. The power to sanction a Craft Lodge or individual brother includes the power to erase any Lodge or expel any member from membership in the fraternity (article 3). A similar jurisdiction is not possessed by the Craft Lodges, whose rights to discipline members are limited to sanctioning them by suspension or exclusion for unmasonic conduct (article 117). Grand Lodge may delegate to any Masonic authority, including the Board of General Purposes the power to admonish or suspend, but not the power to erase or expel - only the Grand

Lodge may do so, upon the recommendation of the Grand Master or of the Board of General Purposes (article 36 (d)).

The Grand Master also has the authority to convene any Craft Lodge within the jurisdiction, issue summonses to compel the attendance of any party, and for dereliction of duty or other unmasonic conduct, suspend any lodge or member until the next ensuing meeting of Grand lodge when he presents his reasons for such disciplinary actions (articles 22, 23). In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master possesses all such powers and privileges (article (9)). It is the duty, or the Grand Secretary to notify all lodges annually of expelled, suspended, excluded or restored members each year (article 36).

Clearly, there is no lack of jurisdictional capacity for Grand Lodge to conduct a Masonic Trial, either within a craft lodge, or before the Board of General Purposes, and for such purposes the Grand Master may give such directions as circumstances require. This power is broad and unrestrained.

Although some would assert a need, as has also been perceived in other jurisdictions, to establish a formal trial Commission and create the office of a Grand Lodge Prosecutor divesting authority to them to judge the Craft in all matters of complaint brought forward to a Masonic Trial the opposing view is that this function is better left to the jurisdiction of the Grand Master. It is presently the role of the Board General Purposes to act for and on behalf of Grand Lodge, and to assist and advise the Grand Master in reference to the good government of the Craft (articles 69, 70) such, a Trial Panel selected from the Board may act, in the absence of any process in a Craft Lodge, to judge complaints referred to it by the Grand Master. The Board can also act as an appellate tribunal to hear appeal from Masonic Trials held in Craft lodges.

### The Regulations

Regulation IV, governing the procedure by which Masonic trials and Appeals are conducted is capable of amendment at any time on the initiative of the Board of General Purposes, although any such amendment to the Regulations must in due course receive approval by Grand Lodge, or lapse and be of no further effect (section 82). Read liberally the Constitutions permit the Board of General Purposes to adopt such procedural rules as from time to time it may consider fit, providing that it adheres to the substantive rules already enshrined in the Constitutions. In effect this gives broad flexibility to the Board to adopt its own procedures to meet specific factual situations presented by virtue of a particular complaint.

### Conclusion

Perceived issues with the processes for conducting Masonic Trials are more illusory than real. What is needed is better information and education to those who must deal with complaints or conduct Masonic trials. The attached

amendments to the Constitution will confirm the existence of certain rights and privileges of a substantive nature, and the proposed updates to the Regulation should continue to facilitate guidance on procedural matters. Should these amendments be adopted, it is recommended that further education and information be provided to the lodges by circulation of an explanatory paper setting out the processes and the meaning of the substantive rights protected.

Worshipful Brother Scott Ellsworth  
Chair,  
Jurisprudence & Constitutions Committee

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

#### 1. To add to Section 67: "Expulsion of Craft Lodge Member"

"No Mason shall, however, be subject to any such sanction without receiving a fair hearing at which the presumption of innocence shall prevail, and prior to which there shall have been timely disclosure of the specifics of any complaint made against him and the information upon which it is based."

#### 2. To add to Section 117: "Suspension of Membership"

"It shall be the duty of the Master of the Lodge to ensure that the member against whom the charge or complaint has been presented is treated with the fundamental fairness in all proceedings and, before any Masonic Trial is held, that every reasonable effort at mediation and settlement of the charge or complaint has been undertaken."

#### 3. To add to section 178: "Complaint by Member"

"Any complaint against a member shall be presented without undue delay and shall specify with sufficient particularity the details of the alleged Masonic Offence together with the sanction sought to be imposed."

### Regulation IV

#### For Governing Masonic Trials and Appeals

#### Section 1 – Masonic Offenses

There are two classes of Masonic Offences. First, those which transgress civil and criminal law; secondly, offences against the moral law and Masonry which include and are not limited to Violations of the Landmarks, Masonic Obligations and the Constitutions and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge

of Free and accepted Masons of New Brunswick. These offences may all come under the charge of conduct unbecoming a Mason.

#### Section 2 - Mediation

Before proceeding to the Trial of a Masonic Offence, the Master of a Lodge, or the Grand Master as the case may be, shall appoint a mediator to attempt to resolve the matter in issue in a harmonious and practical manner. The mediator will report on the conclusion of his efforts, but without divulging the confidential communications undertaken by him in the process.

#### Section 3 – Laying the Charge in Grand Lodge

A charge of a Masonic Offence against a lodge, or a brother, which is referred to Grand Lodge, shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary. The charge shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence or offences alleged, including the time and place of their commission.

#### Section 4 – Laying the Charge in a Craft Lodge.

A charge of Masonic Offence presented to a Craft Lodge shall be made by a Mason only. The charge shall be in writing and signed by the accuser, who need not necessarily be a member of the Lodge of which the accused is a member. The charge shall be delivered by the accuser to the Secretary of the Lodge. The charge shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence or offences alleged, including the time and place of their commission.

#### Section 5 – The Methods of Masonic Trial are as follows:

(a) For any Masonic Offence, Mason shall be tried try his own Lodge or by the Board of General Purposes if his own lodge refers the case to Grand Lodge.

(b) When a charge has been laid in a Craft Lodge, the Master shall cause a responsible Brother to investigate the charge and determine if there are sufficient grounds for a charge. If sufficient grounds for a charge are found, the Master shall assemble the Lodge for the purpose of conducting a Masonic Trial.

(c) The Master shall appoint a Secretary, who is not connected to the Trial in any way, to record the proceedings.

(d) The Master shall conduct the hearing of the charge by way of a Masonic Trial.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Master to see the accused Brother has reasonable opportunity to prepare and present his defence and that the

matter is brought to Trial and conducted in accordance with Masonic principles as expeditiously as reasonable.

(f) When a charge has been laid In Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a Trial Panel which shall determine its own procedure in all matters before it.

#### Section 6 – Service of Papers

When service of any papers on any Brother or papers in connection with a Masonic Trial or any appeal connected therewith is required, such service shall be effected In the following manner:

(a) If the residence of the Brother is known and he resides, within the jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he is a member, he shall be served personally if possible.

(b) If his residence is known and he resides out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he is a member, he shall be served either personally or by registered mail addressed to him at his last known post office address.

(c) When the party to be served cannot be served personally or where service is authorized by registered mail, service shall be deemed to have been effected seven days after mailing, by registered mail, to his last known address.

#### Section 7 – A Masonic Trial in a Craft Lodge shall be conducted as follows:

(a) In the absence of a good reason to the contrary the Trial shall be held in the vicinity of the Lodge of which the accused Brother is a member.

(b) The Master of the Lodge shall appoint the time and place of Trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a copy of the charge and the particulars thereof, and notice stating the time and place appointed for the Trial thereof. The time shall be so fixed as to give the accused Brother reasonable time to prepare his defence.

(c) The Trial shall proceed on the date set by the Master of the Lodge and may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned,

(d) The accused Brother may choose counsel for his assistance but none but Master Masons shall appear as such.

(e) The charge shall not be amended before or during the Trial unless the accused Brother is given notice of the amendment and given reasonable opportunity to meet the amended charge.

(f) Only Master Masons of the Craft Lodge shall be entitled to attend the Trial as spectators.

(g) If the accused Brother pleads guilty to the charge, such plea shall be accepted as evidence proving the offence and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary.

(h) Should the accused Brother not attend at the time and place of Trial after notice has been served on him, the Master shall proceed in his absence and conduct proceedings to a final conclusion.

(i) The Master, or such other person as he may appoint, and the accused Brother in person, or his representatives, shall be entitled to examine and cross-examine the witnesses.

(j) At the conclusion of the evidence the Master, or such other person as he may appoint, and the accused in person, or his representatives, may address any relevant argument as to guilt or innocence to the Lodge.

#### Section 8 – When the evidence and the arguments are concluded as a Masonic Trial.

(a) The accused brother shall retire and the doors shall be closed for deliberation.

(b) The Brethren of the Lodge shall then decide the guilt or innocence of the accused Brother by written ballot.

(c) The lodge shall then decide the punishment of the accused Brother.

(d) The accused Brother shall be re-admitted and the Master shall announce the verdict and the punishment.

(e) A majority decision of the Lodge shall decide.

#### Section 9 – Witnesses at a Masonic Trial in a Craft Lodge.

The evidence of any Mason shall be received. They shall be bound by all their Masonic obligations. It shall be the duty of the complainant and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses. Any Mason may be compelled to attend the Trial and give evidence upon being served with a summons signed by the Master.

#### Section 10 – Evidence at a Masonic Trial.

The Master, or the Chairperson of the Trial Panel appointed by the Grand Master, as the case may be, shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings. The Secretary appointed

to assist shall take down in writing a summary of the evidence submitted and objections made. All copies of the summary of the evidence, objections, rulings and decisions at the Trial shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary who shall thereupon file the same.

#### Section 11 – Judgement at a Masonic Trial

In the absence of the accused Brother he shall be served with notification of the verdict and sentence in person or by registered mail. The sanctions that a Craft Lodge may impose are:

##### i. Reprimand

##### ii. Suspension for a definite time

##### iii. Indefinite suspension

Suspension for any offence deprives the offender of all Masonic rights and privileges during its continuance.

Section 12 – Appeals from Judgment in a Masonic Trial shall be conducted as follows:

(a) Within thirty days after the conclusion of the Trial a Mason convicted and sentenced by the Brethren of his Lodge or by the Trial Panel appointed by the Grand Master may appeal his conviction or his sentence or both by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Grand Lodge.

(b) Within thirty days after the conclusion of the Trial, the accuser may appeal the sentence by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Grand Lodge.

(c) The Grand Master may extend the time for filing an appeal for such periods as he, in his sole discretion, may deem just, but not to exceed ninety days.

(d) The Grand Master upon being advised that an appeal has been filed, shall refer the Appeal to the Board of General Purposes, or if it is an Appeal from a Trial Panel comprised of members of the Board, shall appoint a committee to hear the appeal.

(e) The Grand Secretary shall provide the Board of General Purposes or the Committee appointed by the Grand Master with the summary of the evidence, together with the objections, rulings and decisions of the Masonic Trial. Upon request by the accused Brother and/or his representative, a copy of the same shall be given to him or them.

(f) The Grand Secretary shall notify all necessary parties of the date and place of the appeal hearing, giving the party appealing a reasonable opportunity to prepare his appeal or his answer thereto. The Master of the Lodge and the accused Brother with his representative, if any, may attend to make such representations as they deem proper.

(g) A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is being made.

(h) When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the appeal has been heard, the Board of General Purposes or the appointed Committee shall report to the Grand Lodge which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

#### Section 13 – General

A Masonic Trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other Masonic prosecution of the same offence. Where a Mason has been expelled or has been suspended, either for a definite time or indefinitely, he shall cease to hold any office in his Lodge or in Grand Lodge, and on restoration shall not regain that office unless again elected or appointed to it.

Section 14 – Restoration after Suspension shall be administered in the following manner.

(a) Definite suspension shall expire at the end of the period ordered, and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all rights and privileges thereof at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge of which the accused is a member.

(b) A Mason seeking restoration after having been suspended indefinitely shall petition the Lodge from which he was suspended for his restoration, but no such petition shall be received until after one year from the time of the suspension or the time when a petition for restoration was last presented.

(c) The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge and shall be held over until the next regular meeting thereafter before final action thereon.

(d) Notice of the application for restoration shall be inserted in the Notice preceding the regular meeting at which the application will be voted upon.

(e) The vote on the application for restoration shall be by secret ballot box.

(f) In all cases of restoration by a Lodge, the brother shall be restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his lodge.

(g) If a Lodge has ceased to exist, the petition for restoration shall be made directly to Grand Lodge. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge, the restored brother shall have the status of a non-affiliated brother.

W:B: Ellsworth moved that the report be received and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by M:W:B: Gordon Rattray. Carried.

## MOTION RE TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

Moved by R:W:B: Robert Kierstead, seconded by R:W:B: Randy Nelson that the travel allowance for the Grand Master be \$4500.00; that the travel allowance for the Deputy Grand Master be \$300.00; for the District Deputy Grand Masters \$300.00 (each); for the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens \$300.00 (each). On calling for the vote the motion was declared carried.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

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

Your board of General Purposes this year consisted of 42 members, 18 of whom were appointed. The board has met 4 times since Grand Lodge met in May of 2011. Meetings were held in June, November, February and March. These meetings were well attended.

As this was my first year as chairman of the board, I wish to thank the Brethren for their attendance, attention and participation. There was a number of good and lively discussions with participation by all present, and a number of great decisions were made with the best interest of the fraternity at heart. Again Thank You Brethren.

## First meeting - June 18th 2011

Our meeting opened with an invocation offered by RWB Robert Keirstead. The Grand Master welcomed the members of the Board of General Purpose. By virtue of the constitution, RWB Stephen Allen was appointed chairman. MWB Osborne Nason nominated SGW RWB Clyde Townes as vice chairman. Approved

## Grand Lodge Communication

RWB Graham Fraser submitted a final report on the 2011 communication and moved its acceptance. Seconded by WB Scott Ellsworth. Motion carried. MWB Peter Whittaker thanked RWB Fraser and the committee for achieving another successful annual event.

## Jurisprudence and Constitution

WB Scott Ellsworth reported that the committee is considering new Regulations regarding Trials and Offenses. They are also examining the wording of motions that came before the 2011 Grand Lodge. WB Scott Ellsworth moved acceptance of the report. Seconded by WB Barry Ellsworth. Motion carried

## Strategic Planning

RWB Ed Burrige re-iterated that the committee is willing to come to any

Lodge meeting to discuss the plan. This year they are working to come up with ideas to measure the success of the program.

## Youth

WB William Millett said there was a Demolay meeting in Maine in June with ones also coming up in Mass and Conn. Also the third annual rendezvous was to be held at Crandal University in Moncton July 22 - 24th.

## Status update on Sunset Lodge

There was a cheque presented for all amounts owing to Grand Lodge and RWB Robert Keirstead reported that all accounts are now settled with Sunset Lodge.

## New Award

MWB Peter Whittaker is working on an award for a Lodge that best exemplifies care of widows, orphans and Brethren.

## Grand Lodge Regalia

RWB Ed Burrige moved and was seconded by RWB Leigh Manning that Grand Wardens wear regalia the same as The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Masters. The Grand Master referred to an ad-hoc committee the task of examining the question of regalia and come back to the board with a formal policy of the wearing of all regalia.

Recommendations for ratification none.

## Second meeting - November 5th 2011

Our meeting opened with an invocation offered by RWB Robert Keirstead. In Memoriam was held for PDGM Fergus John Price.

Welcome by the Grand Master... The Grand Master welcomed the members of the board of General Purposes.

## Business arising from the minutes

RWB James McKenna spoke on Camp Goodtime. There was a good turnout in July by the Masons. RWB McKenna was pleased to report there was \$21000.00 raised at the Camp Goodtime dinner in Moncton area to go towards the cost of next year's camp.

## Honours and Awards

RWB Leonard Bishop stated that the letters have gone out regarding the program. He is planning to get around to all the districts to explain the program. He has already been to District 2, 5, 7 and Campbellton Lodge.

## Mentor

MWB Hitchcock reported that the mentor program is now present on the website. He indicated that both the old and new program are acceptable for use. MWB Whittaker thanked MWB Hitchcock for his time and effort.

## Public Relations - Mostly Masonry

WB MacNichol reported he was pleased with the information and pictures received for inclusion in the publication. WB MacNichol also made a presentation of a book by Andrew Hammer called "Observing The Craft" and was making arrangements with the author coming to Sackville April 7th or 14th 2012. RWB A. Young moved that Grand Lodge of New Brunswick support this attempt to have the author come and to form a committee to undertake this task. Seconded by WB Barry Ellsworth. Motion carried. WB MacNichol was appointed chair of this committee with power to appoint other members.

## Youth

WB Millett reported that they would like more adults to become involved in the youth programs. There is a need for 3 masons for each DeMolay chapter.

## New Business

## Board Policies and Motions

MWB Boone moved a small committee be formed to review the board of General Purposes structures and operations and report back at the Feb 2012 meeting. It was seconded by VWB S. MacDonald. Motion carried. Grand Master Whittaker appointed MWB Boone to chair this committee with the power to add other members.

Meeting of the Corporation Nov 5th 2011

WB S Ellsworth moved a committee be appointed to study the benevolent fund. Seconded by WB B Ellsworth. Motion carried WB S Ellsworth moved the committee consist of WB S Ellsworth, WB B Ellsworth and VWB S MacDonald. Seconded by MWB Boone. Motion carried

Recommendation for ratification none.

## Third meeting - February 4th 2012

Our meeting opened with an invocation offered by RWB Robert Keirstead. Welcome and greetings were extended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Peter Whittaker.

Business arising from the minutes

## New Award

MWB Whittaker passed out the requirements for the award. He stated he would personally pay for the award. It was moved by RWB Clyde Townes and seconded by WB B Ellsworth that Grand Lodge proceed with the award. Motion carried

MWB Rattray moved that Grand Lodge pay for the award instead of the Grand Master. Seconded by RWB Joel MacDonald. Motion carried.

Committee reports

## Foreign relations

RWB Black passed out his report and moved that the guidelines regarding Grand Representatives be adopted. Seconded by RWB Dingee. Motion carried RWB Black also presented requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Mauritius and the Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan. Recognition requests were approved by the board.

## Membership

RWB Clyde Townes stated that the Home Lodge concept has been turned over to the Jurisprudence committee for input and recommendation at the March meeting.

## Ritual

RWB Arthur Young passed out proposed changes to the ritual with regards to the presentation of aprons. MWB Boone moved that the recommendations be adopted. Seconded by RWB Hocguard. Motion carried

At this time there was also a directive from the Grand Master that during the singing of the national anthem at Lodge meetings, members NOT turn to face the flag but rather continue to face forward. He also directed that the Sign of Fidelity not be given at the banquet hall. These directives will be sent by the Grand Secretary to all Lodges.

## Youth

WB Millett reported that for the 3rd year in a row the Atlantic Provinces had a positive growth in their numbers. The Atlantic Division is now the 9th largest in net growth in the world and the 3rd largest in Canada.

## Jurisprudence and Constitution

MWB Rattray passed around a handout regarding the proposed amendments to the process governing Masonic Trials. Moved by MWB Boone and seconded by WB MacNichol that the handout be referred back to the committee for further clarification and presentation at the March meeting. Motion carried

## Board of General Purpose review committee

MWB Boone asked the Grand Master for an interpretation of Article 66 of the constitution and also to address the question of the \$5000.00 expenditures.

MWB Boone moved that the report be forwarded to the jurisprudence committee for their examination and report at the March meeting. Seconded by RWB Burrige. Motion carried

New Business

## New Grand Lodge forms

RWB Nelson will send draft copies of the proposed forms to the board for approval at the March meeting.

VWB MacDonald spoke regarding 2017 which will be 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), 150 years of Canada, and 150 years of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

RWB McKenna requested that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary petition other Grand Lodges at the All Canada Conference this year to attempt to have the Government of Canada commission a Commemorative Stamp.

VWB MacDonald moved that the Grand Master appoint a planning committee for the Grand Lodge Sesqui-centennial celebration, with the committee to bring forward a preliminary plan and budget by the Nov 2012 meeting of the board. Seconded by RWB Burrridge. Motion carried

MWB Whittaker appointed VWB MacDonald as chair of this committee. RWB Townes volunteered to sit on this committee.

MWB Miles Graham spoke regarding the recent practice of revealing the vote count at Grand Lodge. He expressed his opinion that the vote count should NOT be announced at future Grand Lodges.

Recommendation for ratification by Grand Lodge refer to presentation of the apron during degree work as presented by the Ritual Committee Report.

At this point in the report R:W:B: E. Arthur Young was asked to come forward and present his motion relating to the proposed change to the ritual. Moved By R:W:B: Young, seconded by W:B: Sherrard, that the recommended change to the ritual as found on page 103 (of the Blue Book) be ratified by Grand lodge for insertion into the present ritual.

Three members spoke against the motion and none in favour. On calling for the vote the motion was declared defeated.

## Fourth Meeting - March 3rd 2012

The Invocation was offered by RWB Robert Keirstead. A welcome was extended by The Most Worshipful Grand Master Peter Whittaker who also thanked all for attending the meeting.

Business arising from the minutes

## Ad-hoc Committee Regalia Report

RWB Burrridge presented the report on behalf of RWB Jefferies. Moved by RWB Burrridge that the report be received. Seconded by VWB MacDonald.

Motion carried. Moved by RWB Burrridge to adopt the recommendations of the report. Seconded by RWB Golder. Motion carried

## Home Lodge Concept

WB Scott Ellsworth, as chair of the Jurisprudence committee commented on this proposal. He stated that a new Regulation would be required. It was decided that the Grand Secretary would circulate the Home Lodge Concept Recommendation to all Lodges as part of the Grand Lodge Communications mail out package. Moved by RWB Golder that the new Home Lodge Concept Regulation be approved by the board with the final approval for the new regulation to happen at this year's Grand Lodge as part of the Board of General Purposes Report. Seconded by WB B. Ellsworth. Motion carried

R:W:B: Clyde Townes was asked to come forward to deal with the motion to adopt the Home Lodge concept. Moved by R:W:B: Townes that the amendments to adopt a new regulation "Home Lodge: as circulated. Seconded by R:W:B: Burrridge. On calling for the vote the motion was declared carried.

## Masonic Trials

WB S. Ellsworth presented the Jurisprudence report which further reviewed the original amendments. There are 3 amendments proposed to the constitution including minor changes to the regulations for the purpose of clarity. After discussion with regard to who can initiate complaints against a brother WB S. Ellsworth moved that the recommendations in the report be adopted and it be presented as a notice of motion at this years Grand Lodge. Seconded by MWB Boone. Motion carried

## Board of General Purpose Review

WB S. Ellsworth as chair of the Jurisprudence committee spoke on this report. That no further discussion regarding this report will be undertaken by the Jurisprudence Committee until it is accepted by the board. There was discussion about several items in the review report. MWB Boone will send to the Grand Secretary a revised wording of the original report for a notice of motion to be presented at this year's Grand Lodge.

## New Grand Lodge Forms

RWB Fraser presented these on behalf of the Grand Secretary. It was moved by MWB Boone that the regulations in the constitution be modified to accept the new forms. Seconded by WB S. Ellsworth. Motion carried.

Forms will receive final approval at Grand Lodge as part of the Board of General Purpose's report

Moved by R:W:B: Randy Nelson that the forms as printed in addendum "D" be ratified by this Grand Lodge. Seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop. Motion carried.



Committee Reports

## Jurisprudence and Constitution

WB S. Ellsworth reviewed the notices of motion for this year's Grand Lodge communication. It was stated that the Jurisprudence Committee MUST review all such notices before the Grand Lodge Proclamation is printed.

New Business

## Notice of motion

Change of date articles 133 and 134 WB S. Ellsworth reported that this has been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and it will be presented as a notice of motion at this year's Grand Lodge

Demits from Lodges who have surrendered Charters - WB S. Ellsworth reported there was discussion by the Jurisprudence Committee regarding where these items should be placed in the constitution. It was recommended that Section 86 be amended to include this change which will be presented as a notice of motion at this year's Grand Lodge.

## Notice of Motion from the Board of General Purpose Review Committee

MWB Boone moved that the report of this committee be accepted as distributed. Seconded by RWB Golder. Motion carried.

MWB Boone spoke on behalf of the committee stating that the main objective was to reduce the size of the board and balance old members with new members. WB S. Ellsworth spoke against the proposal as written. WB S. Ellsworth referred the report back to the committee with new recommendations or changes to be received from S. Ellsworth by March 12th for inclusion in a revised notice of motion.

Meeting of the Corporation

Report of the Finance committee/treasurers report.

WB B. Ellsworth presented the finance committee report and the unaudited 2012 income statement, balance sheet and 2012 budget. He moved that the 2012 budget be approved as presented. Seconded by RWB A. Young. There was some discussion and questions about some line items. Motion carried

Business arising from the minutes

## Benevolent Fund Committee

The report was given by WB B. Ellsworth. WB S. Ellsworth posed the question: Who is the owner of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund? MWB Boone agreed to do further investigation and report back to the board. Motion to accept the Benevolent Fund report was moved by WB B. Ellsworth and seconded by RWB Black

Recommendation for ratification New Grand Lodge Forms. See copy of said forms in the adamant in your report.

Fraternally submitted,  
RWB Stephen H Allen

Moved by R:W:B: Allen that the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted as presented. Seconded by R:W:B: Townes. Motion 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.

Let me first say what a pleasure it has been to serve this past year in the office of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. I was very pleased on many occasions to visit the numerous Lodges in this grand jurisdiction and bring greetings from the office of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NB.

I had the opportunity to attend on our Grand Master at several of the neighboring grand jurisdictions in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia shortly after my installation to the office of Deputy Grand Master. I also had the opportunity to attend our Grand Master on a number of his official visits throughout this grand jurisdiction the first of which was his first official visit to his home lodge - Cherry Mountain Lodge #50 in Harvey Station, at which time a number of the brethren of Westmorland Lodge attended with me for the purpose of delivering a couple of healthy servings of Westmorland Lodge lobster stew to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his lady.

I had the pleasure of attending and chairing the 4 meetings of the Board of General Purpose this past year at which time a number of items were presented and dealt with and a number are pending and will be presented to the Grand Lodge when in session.

I am also very pleased to report that I had the opportunity to attend the All Canada Conference with our Most Worshipful Grand Master and our Grand Secretary at the end of March held in Winnipeg. I found it both interesting and informative, being my first opportunity to attend such a function. It was nice to hear that all grand jurisdictions are at work with the installation of new members and with the presentation of education in as many of the regular communications as possible and that we in the grand jurisdiction of NB are certainly keeping pace with our sister jurisdictions.

I am also pleased to report that I was nominated and appointed to sit as vice chair along side of RWB David Roth chairman of the All Canada Conference

### Report of the Training and Education Committee

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

Another year has passed and Grand Lodge is upon us. It has been a quiet year for the Training and Education Committee.

Having travelled to a number of different Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction it is very nice to see many of the Lodges busy with degree work and an influx of new members. Many of the Lodges have a mix of new and seasoned officers and have done some very good degree work.

I have also seen that most of the Lodges are making a real effort to have some form of Masonic Education at all the meetings that are not busy with degree work. Please keep up the good work. I have also noticed that many of the Lodges are calling upon some of their new members to come up with a presentation for the Education portion of their meeting. Great to see the Lodges putting the Craft to work. I would also like to suggest that as often as possible it would be very good to open up the floor for discussion and encourage participation by all who are present at the meeting.

In closing I would like to mention the event which will have been over by the time this report is presented at Grand Lodge. That being the Educational Lecturer which will be held on April 14th 2012 in District 2 with the visit of Andrew Hammer author of the book "Observing the Craft". I feel certain this will be an event that will be talked about by many who attended and look forward to other such events to be held throughout the grand jurisdiction in the future.

As a final remark I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Training and Education Committee and extend my thanks to all who served on this committee. I would like to offer our services to all the Lodges. If we can be of any assistance please feel free to call upon us.

Fraternally Submitted,  
RWB Stephen H. Allen  
Chairman

R:W:B: Allen moved the adoption of the Training and Education Committee, seconded by R:W:B: Bastarache. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

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

The members of the Ritual Committee remain active in their respective Districts. Having the District Deputies as members of this Committee allows for on-site assistance, as required, in the various Lodges in each District. A general observation is that all Lodges do not use the currently approved edition of the ritual, which is the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition. This Edition was reprinted and approved in May, 2009 by the Grand Master of the day, M W B William C. Boone. The use of the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition would allow for consistency and eliminate confusion. All Lodges are encouraged to insure the current Ritual Book is utilized.

Over the past year, an issue was raised which required clarification. The issue in question was: "when should a candidate receive his apron as an Entered Apprentice?" In discussion with the members of the committee there was sufficient agreement that minor changes were required. This matter was discussed on two occasions at the Board of General Purposes.

Fraternally submitted,

RWB E. Arthur Young  
RWB Charles Bruce  
WB Bill Blatchford  
The District Deputy Grand Masters

Moved by R:W:B: Young that the report of the Ritual committee be adopted as read, seconded by R:W:B: Blakney.

### REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Brother Whittaker, MWB Imber, MWB Etherington, MWB Peyton, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and Distinguished Guests.

As in past years I am pleased to report things are alive and well in the areas where DeMolay has a base of operations. There are DeMolay boys in many areas of the jurisdiction, Greater Moncton, St. Stephen, Saint John, Summerside, Kensington, Halifax, Dartmouth, Windsor and others. I have recently been in discussions with Masons in Newfoundland, with the prospects of have one or even two chapters operating by next summer.

In the recent past the boys in all areas have worked serving banquets and other Masonic events. They have helped with Remembrance Day events, Camp Good time and the Scottish Rite learning center fundraisers, as well as several others. They have initiated several new members, with more applications in waiting as we speak.

Membership in DeMolay begins when the youth applies and finishes when they reach the age of 21. Net growth is the factor all membership numbers

are evaluated by, which means you have initiated more members than turned 21 in the past year. With that explanation in mind, here are the membership statistics for DeMolay Atlantic Provinces for 2011.

In Canada, we have DeMolay activity in BC, Alberta, Sask, Manitoba, Ontario, and Atlantic Provinces (NB NS PEI Nfld) in 2011 for total new members Atlantic was second behind Ontario with 14 new members and we were in first place for net growth in Canada. For the rest of the World, net growth 1st place, Massachusetts +33, tied for 2nd Texas and Wisconsin +23, 3rd Vermont +19, 4th Southern California +18, tied for 5th Kentucky and Missouri +11, tied for 6th New Hampshire and Atlantic Provinces +7. This is two years in a row we were in the top ten for net growth. And statistically it was an increase in our membership of over 21%.

We will have our fourth annual Rendezvous where members from Atlantic Provinces will play host to members from Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts. We will use this opportunity to assemble a team of the best of the best of the boys to portray the Initiatory and the DeMolay degree's on all the new members from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. If you have the opportunity to attend you are encouraged to do so. Everyone who attended last year was duly impressed with the caliber of ritualistic work portrayed.

Most of you know what DeMolay is and is not. It is not a junior Masonic order, and membership in it is not a guarantee of future membership in a Masonic lodge. It is an order in which boys membership is not based upon his having some relative who is a mason. It IS a YOUTH MOVEMENT in the broadest and best sense in which that term can be used. It is a MASONIC YOUTH MOVEMENT in that each chapter is sponsored by some Masonic organization. I would like to quote from an address given at a conference of Grand Masters by the grand master of masons in Louisiana who had some very pertinent things to say about Masonry and youth.

"It is needless to recite here the conditions affecting youth, and the plight that most find themselves in. I take it that these are matters familiar to each of us. The real question is, what shall we do, we to whom the present welfare and the future destiny of Freemasonry are for the time being, entrusted." He then posed three questions

1. Is the order of DeMolay serving a useful purpose in connection with the Masonic Institutions? To which he answered, Proportionate to the interest manifested in it.
2. Is the Order of DeMolay serving its MAXIMUM useful purpose in connection with the Masonic Institution? To which he answered, No because maximum interest has not been devoted to it.

3. Can the order of DeMolay serve its MAXIMUM useful purpose to the Masonic Institution? To which he answered, Yes if Masonry renders to it the interest and devotion it is capable of.

Have we done everything we can for our youth? Many existing members are not so sure. They feel that what has been accomplished is only the beginning of what could be, and should be, a great Masonic Crusade for Youth.

What youth could do for Masonry. If there was no such organization as DeMolay, the masons of the world should make it their priority to organize such a movement. From a strictly selfish point of view nothing else that could be done would begin to have the revitalizing effect that can come from an influx of young men into our midst. We are fortunate that we need not exert out energies to forming such an organization; it is ready for us in DeMolay.

I would like you to think for a moment, what it is that attracts young men to the Masonic Fraternity. Among other things could one of the most important be that we did something for them while they were yet boys? Coming to the fraternity with a favourable opinion? This has been directly evidenced recently, when a Senior DeMolay became of age to make application to join the fraternity. He asked his Chapter Advisor for an application to join his Masonic Lodge. The advisor, suggested the young man ask his own father who was a mason, a member of a neighboring lodge. The young man replied, no thank you. All of the help and support for our DeMolay chapter came from the masons of your lodge and never anything from my father's lodge. I would prefer to associate with the Masons who cared about DeMolay .....

Yes Masonry has a tremendous amount to gain from youth. And how much it has to give. These boys and young men should epitomize the high hopes of Masonry in a world in which the ideals of Masonry will be needed with increasing urgency, and in which those ideals have to be guarded with an ever increasing zeal.

Are the boys conscious of all these things we have discussed? Of course they are not. A past Grand Master put it well when he wrote, "No boy ever joins any organization, engages in any activity, or seeks any experience for the purpose of improving his character." Character, is a byproduct of wholesome activities participated in under competent guidance. But that character, the sum total of all the moral virtues we can instill into youth in general, is the most important armour this nation, or any other, ever had. When we lose that in our young people we are doomed to destruction.

Any youth movement sponsored by Masons would have to have as its purpose the inculcation of high ideals, and the creation of ways and means toward that end. The organization available to us is dedicated to that high purpose. It is important that at the beginning of every chapter meeting a boy open the Holy Bible on the altar, speak of religious tolerance and remind his brothers

why he does so. It is equally important that immediately following, another boy lay school books on the altar, reminding his brothers what the public schools mean to youth.

On Many fronts Masonry is facing the most crucial challenge of its long and venerable history. None is more important and none will be more far reaching, than the way it meets its challenge to Youth. That boy today is the citizen and Mason of tomorrow. That lad who ran across your lawn and trampled your flowers could be tomorrows hero. But he'll be a better citizen, a better Mason, and is more likely to have what it takes to be a hero, if he has a helping hand from you today.

Brethren, I believe it is important that we do more than watch passively while this Masonic youth movement grows. I believe we should help it grow. By helping, I mean volunteer your time, your talents and your financial support. It is important work, this work with youth.

Franklin D. Roosevelt said; "We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future."

Respectfully submitted,  
Dad Bill Millett, Executive Officer,  
DeMolay Atlantic Provinces

I move the adoption of this report to be printed in full in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, Seconded by R. Wor. Bro Maurice Linkletter, R. Wor Bro E. Arthur Young,

#### Appeal from Benjamin Lodge No. 31

R:W:B: Garth Dingee, presiding Master of Benjamin Lodge, spoke before Grand Lodge regarding the situation in that lodge following the devastating flooding which had occurred in Perth-Andover only a few weeks earlier. R:W:B: Dingee, on behalf of the lodge, was asking for whatever financial assistance an individual or lodge might be able to afford.

Following his presentation R:W:B: Dingee was escorted to the East where the Grand Master presented R:W:B: Dingee with a donation on behalf of the visiting Grand Masters from other jurisdictions.

#### Presentation of Grand Representative Patent

R:W:B: John Jeffries was escorted to the East where M:W:B: Larry B. Etherington, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island presented R:W:B: Jeffries with his patent as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

#### Afternoon Session

At the commencement of the afternoon session R:W:B: Doug Mayes, with the prior permission of the Grand Master, approached the podium to deliver a few remarks. Following R:W:B: Mayes' remarks it was moved by M:W:B: William C. Boone and seconded by R:W:B: Ed Burrige that the remarks of R:W:B: Mayes be printed in full in the proceedings. The remarks of R:W:B: Mayes are as follows:

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, distinguished East, Brethren, thank you for the opportunity to say a few words.

I am a past Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, 1988, which is some time ago. I had the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge in that particular capacity for one year. I take great pride in the fact that I served for that one year and I have contributed, I think, to the well being of Freemasonry ever since. I know that there are many here in that same capacity today who have served this Grand Lodge for one term or more either as Past District Deputy Grand Masters, or as Junior Grand Warden or as Senior Grand Warden or Deputy Grand Master or as Grand Master.

It is somewhat disturbing to me to see that unfortunately we do not have an election for these particular positions that are coming up. I think it has to be addressed. I think there are some discussions going on behind the scenes as to the disappointment of the membership in that there are no elections. I think it is incumbent on this particular Grand Lodge and your new Board of General Purposes to address that, to make sure in the future that we have encouraged qualified people to let their names stand for those elective offices. Not that they have to serve year after year after year but that they serve for one year and serve it well and be proud of that contribution.

Lately, and I don't mean this to be demeaning to any particular person, but we have the opportunity where we have seen the Junior Wardens who runs for Senior Warden, who runs for Deputy Grand Master who runs for Grand Master. There may be a reluctance of the membership to go up against them because they see that this is as a line of progression to the office of Grand Master and it is not. It never has been, it shouldn't be, so I think that if this Grand Lodge in the future and the Board of General Purposes were to address that and make sure that we are encouraging people to run for an office for a specific period of time and encourage them to do so. Thank you very much Most Worshipful Grand Master for your time.

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2012

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

## ALBION LODGE NO. 1 – SAINT JOHN [ 7 of 14 = 50.0 %]

W:B: Jonathan Kelly	W:M:
W:B: Edward Stansfield	S:W:
Bro. John Case	J:W:

M:W:B: Gustav R. Bodin	W:B: Ronald E. Jowett
V:W:B: Stuart J. MacDonald	R:W:B: James D. McKenna

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 2 – SAINT JOHN [ 2 of 20 = 10.0 %]

W:B: Deryl A. Fitzgerald	R:W:B: William M. Koval
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## HIBERNIA LODGE NO. 3 – SAINT JOHN [ 4 of 25 = 16.0 %]

W:B: John A. Rankin	R:W:B: Dale L. Stevens
R:W:B: Murray D. Stevens	W:B: John Watson

## SUSSEX LODGE NO. 4 – DORCHESTER [ 3 of 24 = 12.5 %]

W:B: Frank L. Stiles	W:M:
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W:B: Neil Horsman	W:B: W.G. Macx MacNichol
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## ST. MARK'S LODGE NO. 5 – ST. ANDREWS [ 4 of 17 = 23.5 %]

Bro. Jeffrey K. Burrige	J:M:
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M:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock	W:B: Morton A. Mitchell
W:B: Alexander R. Muir	

## HIRAM LODGE NO. 6 – FREDERICTON [ 6 of 37 = 16.2 %]

R:W:B: Leonard D. Bishop	R:W:B: David W. Gillrie
R:W:B: G. Donald Gruchy	W:B: Joel F. MacDonald
W:B: Brian L. Gillcash	R:W:B: Joel F. MacDonald

## SUSSEX LODGE NO. 7 – ST. STEPHEN [ 3 of 26 = 11.5 %]

W:B: John T. M. Flynn	R:W:B: Clifford E. Jackson
R:W:B: Frank M. Theriault, Jr.	

## CARLETON UNION LODGE NO. 8 – SAINT JOHN [ 8 of 34 = 23.5 %]

R:W:B: Earl B. Campbell	W:B: L. Bennett Fanjoy
R:W:B: Leroy R. Hoffman	W:B: Eric J. Johnson
W:B: Robert J. Tilley	W:B: Raymond H. Wasson
R:W:B: Richard M. Whitcomb	R:W:B: Robert A. Kierstead

## WOODSTOCK LODGE NO. 11 – WOODSTOCK [ 4 of 34 = 11.8 %]

Bro. James A. Leavitt	S:W:
Bro. Craig E. Stewart	J:W:

R:W:B: Kenneth R. Dunn	W:B: Michael D. Brown
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## ST. GEORGE LODGE NO. 12 – ST. GEORGE [ 6 of 32 = 18.8 %]

Bro. Allen E. Hatt	W:M:
W:B: Thomas C. Borthwick	J:W:

W:B: Burton G. Hall	W:B: James O. Hanley
R:W:B: Robert J. Melanson	W:B: John H. Wentworth

## THE CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 13 – HAMPTON [ 9 of 34 = 27.3 %]

W:B: Brian K. Stackhouse	W:M:
R:W:B: Scott J. Bastarache	S:W:
Bro. Adam J. Reid	J:W:

R:W:B: K. Gary Black	R:W:B: Randall W. Nelson
R:W:B: F. Graham Pelley	R:W:B: Chesley R. Piercey
W:B: William G. Oliver	W:B: William J. Petite

## HOWARD LODGE NO. 15 – HILLSBOROUGH [ 6 of 35 = 17.1 %]

W:B: Arthur J. Grant	S:W:
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R:W:B: H. Wayne Bannister	W:B: H. Lawson Bell
W:B: Paul N. Kyle	R:W:B: Maurice J. Linkletter
M:W:B: Gordon R. Rattray	

## LODGE ST. ANDREW NO. 16 – REXTON [ 8 of 21 = 38.1 %]

W:B: Brian M. Powers, PM	W:M:
W:B: J. Arnold Mundle	J:W:

R:W:B: James W. Cail	M:W:B: Miles R. Graham
W:B: F. Murray Hannah	W:B: George E. Mundle
R:W:B: Douglas A. Wood	W:B: G. Ronald Mundle

## NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE NO. 17 – MIRAMICHI WEST [ 1 of 26 = 4.2 %]

W:B: Llewellyn W. Smith

## MIRAMICHI LODGE NO. 18 – MIRAMICHI EAST [ 4 of 19 = 21.1 %]

W:B: Plen W. Dickson

W:M:

W:B: William R. Donald

S:W:

R:W:B: Paul D. Conrad

W:B: Murray A. Gould

## HARMONY LODGE NO. 20 – SALISBURY [ 1 of 18 = 5.6 %]

W:B: Philip A. Lewis

W:M:

## ZION LODGE NO. 21 – SUSSEX [ 5 of 28 = 17.9 %]

W:B: Douglas I. Cosman

W:M:

Bro. Brian J. Keating

S:W:

W:B: Austin J. McKay

J:W:

W:B: Allan Davis

W:B: James R. McDermott

## THE NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE NO. 22 – SAINT JOHN [ 7 of 30 = 23.3 %]

R:W:B: Graham A. Fraser

W:M:

W:B: G. Derrick Webster

S:W:

R:W:B: Frederick A. Healey

W:B: William L. Kerwin

R:W:B: Douglas H. Mayes

W:B: Peter A. Olsen

R:W:B: Gordon S. Young

## KEITH LODGE NO 23 – MONCTON [ 5 of 37 = 13.5 %]

W:B: Barry V. Ellsworth

W:B: G. Scott Ellsworth

R:W:B: Leigh L. Manning

W:B: William D. Millett

W:B: John F. Timmins

## ZETLAND NO. 24 – SHEDIAC CAPE [4 of 22 = 18.2 %]

W:B: Peter Blight, PM

W:M:

Bro. George E. Kirby

J:W:

W:B: Aubrey R. Buck

W:B: Donald Steeves

## VICTORIA LODGE NO. 26 – ST. STEPHEN [ 1 of 29 = 3.5 %]

R:W:B: Philip D. Hartford

## LODGE SAINT JOHN NO. 27 – BATHURST [ 3 of 28 = 10.7 %]

Bro. John G. Calver

W:M:

W:B: R. David Hocquard

R:W:B: Derek Knowles

## ST. MARTIN'S LODGE NO. 30 – SAINT JOHN [ 2 of 18 = 11.1 %]

W:B: Wade R. Moore

W:M:

W:B: Allen W. Smith

## BENJAMIN LODGE NO. 31 – PERTH-ANDOVER [ 1 of 18 = 5.6 %]

R:W:B: Garth W. Dingee

W:M:

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

W:B: James Postlethwaite

W:M::

W::B: Mark B. Edwards

## ALEXANDRIA LODGE NO. 33 – FREDERICTON [ 7 of 30 = 23.3 %]

W:B: Jonathan J. Sherrard

W:M:

Bro. Paul Fullerton

J:W:

R:W:B: Laurie M. Bishop

R:W:B: Ian R. Culligan

W:B: Sheldon A. Foster

W:B: Allan Gillis

W:B: Robert R. Taylor

## CARLETON LODGE NO. 35 – EAST FLORENCEVILLE [ 6 of 26 = 23.1 %]

M:W:B: William C. Boone

W:B: Blaine D. Brooks

W:B: Norman J. Bubar

W:B: Harold J. Crabbe

R:W:B: Wayne A. Rideout

R:W:B: Mark H. Golder

## ASHLAR LODGE NO. 36 – MCADAM [ 1 of 12 = 8.3 %]

R:W:B: Clyde M. Townes

## STEVEN LODGE NO. 37 – PETITCODIAC [ 3 of 16 = 18.8 %]

W:B: Harry P. Booth, PM

W:M:

Bro. F. Michael Perry

J:W:

R:W:B: Joel A. Blakney

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

V:W:B: Dana R. Dean

COLEBROOKE LODGE NO. 39 – GRAND FALLS [ 0 of 20 = 0.0 %]

NO REPRESENTATION

SUNBURY LODGE NO. 42 – FREDERICTON JUNCTION [ 3 of 19 = 15.8 %]

W:B: Richard W. Easton

W:M:

W:B: David B. Granger

W:B: Philip E. Nason

WESTMORLAND LODGE NO. 44 – PORT ELGIN [ 5 of 31 = 16.1 %]

W:B: Guy B. Trenholm  
Bro. Norman C. Allen

W:M:  
S:W:

R:W:B: Stephen H. Allen  
W:B: Robert J. Wilson

W:B: Colin R. Allen

GRAND LAKE LODGE NO. 47 – MINTO [ 3 of 14 = 21.4 %]

W:B: Thomas C. Collins  
W:B: Garnett A. Fulton

W:M:  
S:W:

W:B: Allan H. Bishop

TOBIQUE LODGE NO. 48 – PLASTER ROCK [ 2 of 26 = 7.7 %]

W:B: Henry W. Bedford

R:W:B: Edward K. BurrIDGE

ACACIA LODGE NO. 49 – MONCTON [ 5 of 42 = 11.9 %]

W:B: E. Arthur Young

W:M:

W:B: Gerald A. Chaulk  
W:B: Donald H. MacFarlane

W:B: David Creighton  
M:W:B: James H. Pike

CHERRY MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 50 – HARVEY STATION [ 5 of 34 = 14.7 %]

R:W:B: Larry E. Brown  
V:W:B: George D.A. Fletcher  
M:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker

W:B: Keith C. Burgess  
W:B: John A. Little

LANDMARK LODGE NO. 51 – BOIESTOWN [ 4 of 29 = 13.8 %]

W:B: D. Franklin McKiel

W:M:

R:W:B: Charles W.W. Bruce  
W:B: Darrell A. Munn

W:B: Merle Hunter

COVERDALE LODGE NO. 52 – RIVERVIEW [ 9 of 36 = 25.0 %]

W:B: Jeffrey Peterson, PM  
W:B: Ian S. Whiteway

W:M:  
J:W:

R:W:B: Ronald W. Caines  
R:W:B: John M. Jeffries  
W:B: Donald G. Roberts  
W:B: Darrel K. Thurber

W:B: John P. Gould  
W:B: Robert D. MacLeod  
W:B: Stephen R. Smith

GRANITE LODGE NO. 54 – TEMPERANCE VALE [ 2 of 22 = 9.1 %]

Bro. V. Leonard S. Mosher

S:W:

W:B: Robert G. Wilson

ABNAKI NO. 55 – DEER ISLAND [ 1 of 12 = 8.3 %]

W:B: Dwayne M. Richardson

W:M:

Grand Total 163 of 1046 = 15.6%

Moved R:W:B: Piercey, seconded by R:W:B: Lenard Bishop, that the credentials committee report be received and printed in the proceedings. Motion carried.

### Report 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, has duly reviewed the address and hereby submits their report.

This Grand Lodge has been fortunate to have had a Grand Master who has committed himself to the betterment of the craft and for this he receives the thanks of all the Masons in this Jurisdiction. His dedication to the craft is appreciated.

We join with the Grand Master in thanking the sister Jurisdictions for their kindness to our Grand Master and welcome them to this Grand Lodge. We also commend the Grand Master for the extensive traveling he has done to neighboring Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada. The number of visitors at this Annual Communication is a reflection of the Grand Masters visits.

We join with the Grand Master in expressing our sadness for the passing of our Brothers in the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master's visitation schedule in the Jurisdiction is to be commended along with attending at many special functions he has attended at regular meetings. He also held the required District meetings where each Lodge was asked to highlight Masonic education. We are pleased that he has continued this practice.

We note that the Grand Master along with the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary attended the All Canada Conference where they participated in the debate of issues that are facing the Masons of Canada.

We are sure that they have brought back information and knowledge that can assist the Masons of New Brunswick. We are also pleased to hear that Right Worshipful Brother Allen, Deputy Grand Master has been elected Vice President of next years conference.

We join the Grand Master in offering thanks for the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters and other Officers on behalf of the Grand Master. The Grand Master has had a large number of his officers at all official functions.

We note that he has made mention of several key Masons that have contributed to the success of the year and he includes our Office Assistant, Mrs. Jayne Jones in this group.

Public relations, under W.B. MacNichol, continue to spread the story of Masonry through our communities and we join the Grand Master in thanking him for a job well done. His work in putting together a committee to host Andrew Hammer at a well-attended conference is appreciated by all those being able to attend.

The Grand Master attended on New Brunswick Masons camp Goodtime in July of 2011 and makes special mention of all the activities sponsored by Lodges in the Jurisdiction that make this camp successful.

The new award "My Brother's Keeper" introduced by the Grand Master high lights encourages an important part of our Masonic duties.

Respectfully submitted,  
M:W:B: Gordon Rattray Chairman  
On Behalf of the Past Grand Masters present  
M:W:B: James Pike  
M:W:B: Gustav Bodin  
M:W:B: Wayne Hitchcock  
M:W:B: William Boone  
M:W:B: Miles Graham

Moved by M: W:B: Gordon Rattray that this report on the Grand Masters address be received and printed in full in the proceedings. Seconded by M:W: B: James Pike.

### GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

How comes it, I ask again, that, after such long journeyings, and amidst so many adverse influences, this traditional ritual remains so pure, so unaltered? Other schemes of man's device have had their day and have fallen to rise no more.

S. H. Tyng Jr.

The Keystone, July 20, 1867

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

As a young Master Mason (in what now seems as eons ago) I was under a somewhat naive impression that the brand or type of Freemasonry practised in my lodge (as well as around this jurisdiction) was identical to that practised elsewhere around the Masonic world. It would matter not whether you were in Edinburgh, Scotland; Christchurch, New Zealand or Addison, Texas...the ritual (its grips, words, signs, etc.) the layout of the lodge, the officers, regalia and so forth would be more than familiar, it would be nearly identical to that which I was experiencing at my own front door.

In later years I would discover that while Freemasonry was indeed universal it was also universally different. Each grand lodge, wherever it might be found, together with its subordinate lodges, is a reflection of the local customs and traditions that have evolved over a period of years. The accumulation of those customs and traditions comprise the heritage of that grand lodge.

The same is true of Freemasonry in New Brunswick. Over the course of our history there has been an accumulation of customs and traditions that has determined who we are today as a fraternity. Ours is a mixed heritage reflecting both American and British Masonic traditions and that will be the focus of this report.



There can be no argument that the ritual that is used in New Brunswick today came to us by way of the United States. Our ritual is based on Preston's Illustrations of Freemasonry as Americanized by Thomas Smith Webb. One only has to compare Webb's work to the ritual currently authorized for use in New Brunswick to see the influence. It is to Webb that we may attribute that all too familiar prayer at the closing of each lodge meeting "May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons, may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us".

It is also to Webb that the Senior Deacon in the second degree utters the description of Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music and Astronomy not to mention the five orders of architecture and the five senses. We again find Webb at the installation of a new Master when the words "You agree to be a good man and true" through to "as masters have done in all ages?" are directed to the Master elect.

Webb was born and educated in Massachusetts. He was initiated into Freemasonry in December 1790 in Rising Sun Lodge in New Hampshire. It was at this time, and while studying the old Preston lectures, that he saw the need for a revision of the ritual for American use. Thus it was that he came to publish in 1797, the now famous "Webb's Freemason Monitor," in which he re-systematized, and often re-wrote, the entire Blue Lodge Ritual, adding some new material to it.

Webb's work brought some degree of order and unity to the esoteric work then practiced in the American grand lodges. And while it is undoubtedly true that over the last two hundred years there have been modifications to the ritual in the various jurisdictions, including ours, there is still to be seen Webb's influence.

The conveyance of Webb's work into New Brunswick may in part be attributed to the itinerant lecturers that became prevalent during the early nineteenth century. In October 1825 the Grand Lodge of Maine appointed Bro. Samuel Kidder as Grand Lecturer, an appointment that was to last a mere fifteen months. With his appointment in Maine having been terminated Bro. Kidder looked further afield for lodges and brethren that would be receptive to his teaching and willing to pay his fee. In February 1827 he was engaged by Solomon's Lodge No. 22 (PGLNS) in Fredericton to instruct the brethren on the three degrees. His charge appears to have been £25 for twenty days of instruction. Brother Kidder seems to have been a well skilled and able instructor and the brethren of the lodge undoubtedly derived great benefit; for the Master, James Hennigar, writing in May 1827 refers to "the highly improved method of working now adopted"

From Fredericton it appears that Brother Kidder eventually moved on to Saint John. From Bunting's Freemasonry in New Brunswick we find the following report. December 5, 1827- There was a very large attendance of members

and visitors, including the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master, to meet Bro. Kidder, and receive instruction from him in the work and lectures of craft masonry. Bunting went on to write: I have heard several of the older brethren, particularly the late W. Bro. Wm. W. Emslie, speak in the highest terms of the knowledge and proficiency of Bro. Kidder, and the great benefit the members of the lodge received from his able tuition. Bro. Emslie informed me that the work and lectures were identical with the system recognized by the craft in New Brunswick at the present time.

Brother Kidder was not the last American Mason that was to come into the Province to provide instruction. During the month of July, 1858 the lodges in Saint John were favoured with a course of instruction in the work and lectures of the three degrees by Worshipful Brother Caleb Rand, P.M., a resident of Charlestown, Massachusetts. Bro. Rand was engaged by a committee of the

Provincial Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to provide instruction. Brother Rand along with his assistant Brother Daniel Grant Jr. remained four weeks and during that time held three sessions each day in communicating the work authorized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Receiving the instruction were the Worshipful Masters of the three senior lodges in the city, W:B: William F. Bunting, Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge being appointed to the work of the Entered Apprentice degree; W:B: Abraham Magee, Worshipful Master of Hibernia Lodge to that of the Fellow Craft degree and W:B: Robert T. Clinch, Worshipful Master of Albion Lodge to that of the Master Mason degree. Each of these brethren devoted special attention to the working and details of the degree assigned to him and after Brother Rand's departure from the city proceeded to impart the information gained to the two others so that all three secured a correct knowledge of the whole work. The esoteric work that was taught was based on Webb's Monitor.

On January 22, 1868, a session of the newly formed Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held for the purpose of installing the grand master elect, Brother Benjamin Lester Peters. Following his installation and that of his officers the Grand Master addressed the members present. In speaking of ritual Most Worshipful Brother Peters had this to say; The question of ritual is one which demands the careful consideration of grand lodge. It will be readily admitted by all that uniformity in ritual through all parts of this jurisdiction is essentially necessary. The work that has within the last few years been adopted by the lodges in this city, as exemplified under the able instruction of the learned and Worshipful Caleb Rand, Past Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, will be fully rehearsed during this session of grand lodge, with the lectures on the several degrees.

The three degrees, including lectures, were exemplified in full during the grand lodge sessions. This was followed by a motion moved by R.W: James Robertson that the actual work which now prevails in the lodges of the City of Saint John shall be adopted for the jurisdiction of this grand lodge. This motion was unanimously passed.

In 1826 in a place called Batavia, New York a man by the name of William Morgan was abducted by a small group of overzealous Masons and was never seen again. The disappearance of Morgan ignited an anti-Masonic fervour that was to last the next fourteen years. During that time period Freemasonry in the northeast United States was virtually decimated. By 1840 the anti-Masonic campaigns had decreased to the point where Freemasonry was once again in a position to start rebuilding that which had been lost over the previous decade and a half.

It was also at this time in North America that we find the Temperance movement had gained significant momentum with over 6000 Temperance groups in operation by the 1840s. It was in this environment that Freemasonry began the process of rebuilding and the leadership of the various grand lodges were very careful that there was no apparent association between the lodges and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in order to avoid the condemnation of the often zealous Temperance organizations. It therefore should come as no great surprise that lodges were strongly urged to steer clear of the old tradition of meeting in a hotel or tavern.

The American grand lodge philosophy that was to come to bear regarding the meeting places of lodges was to influence the thinking in Canadian Freemasonry as well. If we look back at lodge meeting places in New Brunswick from 1840 and onward we find that the old custom of meeting in taverns and other such locations had been set aside for the non-alcohol venues. If we look at several meeting places of lodges in 1847 we find that Midian Lodge on the Kingston Peninsula was meeting in the Temperance Hotel; Sussex Lodge No. 4 in the Mechanic's Institute Hall, Dorchester; Woodstock Lodge in Connell House, Woodstock and Miramichi Lodge in Chatham was also meeting in the local Temperance Hall.

While the craft in New Brunswick was heavily influenced by our brethren to the south there also remained that element of Britishness that allowed the brotherhood to emerge as a loyal, Protestant, and well respected brotherhood that identified itself as an unquestioning ally of the imperial state and British Colonialism. As a promoter and supporter of Colonialism it would be only natural that when the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was formed one of the first motions to be passed was the adoption of the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England as far as was applicable to this place. With it also came the system of Masonic government that they had been familiar with and a similar hierarchical system was established including the adoption of the Board of General Purposes as an administrative body to deal with grand lodge business.

While our ritual was influenced heavily by the Americans both our grand lodge and craft lodges were modelled after that being utilized in England with a few notable exceptions. Our Grand Master now serves a two year term as a norm unlike that of England where the Grand Master is a considered a lifetime position. Our lodges do not have the office of Almoner as is usually found in

English Masonry. One other significant difference is in the office of Director of Ceremonies. In New Brunswick this is a junior line office with the incumbent often expected to move on up the line; however, in England office of Director of Ceremonies is normally filled by a past master and is a position of considerable importance. Under the English system the Director of Ceremonies is the overseer of the ritual and it is to this officer that the Worshipful Master will often turn for direction and guidance.

We also adopted the same style of regalia, at both the lodge and grand lodge levels, as that seen in English Freemasonry. As a matter of fact during the early years both craft lodges and grand lodge ordered their regalia from England.

There can be no argument that over the last 145 years the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has carved out its own place within the Masonic world, yet beneath it all there remains the influences of our early English and American brethren which is our heritage.

Respectfully;

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

Moved by V:W:B: MacDonald that the report of the Grand Historian be received and printed in full in the proceedings, seconded by R:W:B: Gillrie. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Request for Recognition received in 2011.

The Grand Lodge of Mauritius is one of the Grand Lodges in Africa recognized by the Grand Lodge of England.

Based on the 2006 Grand Masters Information Commission for Recognition Report stating that the "Commission is of the opinion that this Grand Lodge meets the standards for recognition," the Foreign Relations Committee proposes that at the 2012 Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Mauritius be granted recognition.

Azerbaijan

Request for Recognition received in 2011. From the 2009 Annual Report of the Grand Masters Commission for Recognition the "National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan meets the standards for recognition." Based on this finding the

Foreign Relations Committee proposes that at the 2012 Grand Lodge, the National grand Lodge of Azerbaijan be granted recognition.

#### Grand Representative Program

Throughout 2011 further study of this Program by this Committee together with information collected from other jurisdictions the following motion was developed and presented to the Board of General Purposes at the February 4, 2012 meeting. It was moved and seconded at that time.

1. The members who indicated on the 2010 Survey they wished to remain involved with the Program should be sent an updated, clear list of duties, responsibilities and expectations. The Office of the Grand Secretary will assist in any way possible to provide necessary information
2. Any member being considered for an appointment to an existing, established foreign lodge would be contacted, explained the role and responsibilities of a Grand Representative and asked clearly if they wish to undertake the position. A member may feel he is not suitable for the foreign lodge being proposed or unable at the particular time to make the necessary commitment - this would not prevent him from being contacted again regarding another position. This is to ensure that each member is comfortable and well equipped to undertake their role as a Grand Representative.
3. Not fill any vacant Grand Representative positions for existing, established foreign lodges where language and communication barriers prevent an easy exchange of correspondence between individual Grand Representatives. However, the Office of the Grand Secretary will send a letter to all New Brunswick lodges to see if any members speak a foreign language and if so, inquire if they would be interesting in assuming the role as a Grand Representative to a foreign lodge with whom they can communicate.
4. As NEW Requests for Recognition are received the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick should adopt the same policy as the Grand Lodge of England has in place - that recognition is extended but there is no active exchange of Grand Representatives.

Based on the above points, a new Grand Representative package of information was developed, submitted to each remaining Representative and together with the Office of the Grand Secretary, this Committee is working to update and revitalize this Program.

RWB K. Gary Black, Chairman  
RWB Laurie Bishop  
RWB Chesley Piercey

Moved by R:W:B: Piercey that the report of the Foreign Relations committee be received and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

#### "Mostly Masonry"

The last twelve months has seen some increase in the interest of the official publication of the jurisdiction of New Brunswick but not to the level it could or should be within the overall membership.

The final edition for 2011 had an increase in the number of pages from eight (8) to twelve (12) and from the feedback received comments were mostly positive. It was indicated the schedule of lodge events would be utilized more by all lodges to enable Masons from throughout the jurisdiction to have better information as to what is scheduled within the seven districts and all their lodges. An informative outline of activities would be of great assistance when brethren are making traveling plans.

In the future, it is the hope more brethren will write short articles (500 words) on subjects which are of interest to them or express their opinions of issues within the fraternity. By submitting their writings, well in advance of the deadlines, will hopefully provide other brethren with a greater variety of material to consider and study.

Although plenty of images get submitted many of them are not of the quality needed for publication. It is important all the necessary information is also included when images are submitted to ensure who is being featured, who is submitting the item and why.

"Mostly Masonry" can only improve with the participation of the membership and remember "if you have to courage to speak out about an issue you should also have the courage to put your words in writing with your name included" then your thoughts will be taken seriously and remain available for others to consider for all eternity.

#### "Verbal messages fade into silence, written words can enlighten forever"

#### "A Masonic Day with Andrew Hammer"

From the time of the publication of the "Short Talk Bulletin" which featured an outline of the book "Observing the Craft" written by Andrew Hammer until the end of the lecture on the 14 April 2012 in Sackville, NB, a new interest in many aspects of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was created in the Province of New Brunswick.

As an indication of that height of interest is the sale of the book "Observing the Craft" which reached about 175 copies (known) within months which had to shipped in from Virginia, USA, due to the fact it was not available from local

distributors. There still others are requesting copies of this Masonic publication which has total sales to date of approximately four thousand.

Because of the surge in sales in our jurisdiction Worship Brother Andrew Hammer offered, on his own accord, to be a guest speaker should we have an occasion to plan such an event. Thus the beginning of the planning for "A Masonic Day with Andrew Hammer" by a number of brethren with the support of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and the Board of General purposes.

From many of the comments I received from those in attendance similar to: "I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the day in Sackville with Andrew Hammer. As you know) I really enjoyed his writing and his lecture was certainly not a disappointment. If only we could get more members to embrace his opinions) we can only imagine how strong our fraternity would be", shows just how some of our brothers feel about such in depth discussions.

It is now hoped the new interest created and opened minded points of view presented by an individual who was unreserved in his responses to questions reference his views and opinions, will continue to create discussions throughout our jurisdiction as to how each Mason should be an Observant Mason and how lodges should be conducted.

Such in depth discussions should they continue will be of benefit to those wish to better themselves and their lodges but would will be considered a nuisance and have no meaning to those are in the fraternity for other reasons. Let us continue to make it the former rather than the latter that elevates the level of creativity within our jurisdiction of Blue Lodges and the meaningful appropriate constructive actions which could follow.

Therefore the level of success of "A Masonic Day with Andrew Hammer" should not be judged solely on the numbers in attendance or the profitability but also on whether or not this event planted the seed for other brethren to find ways to continue meaningful discussions in other possible formats and subject matter which will of benefit to the entire jurisdiction.

Because it has been reported no other event such as was held in Sackville, NB, on 14 April 2012 ever took place within our jurisdiction previously, it is requested those in attendance forward their comments to the Public Relations Committee which should include the good, the bad and any perceived errors or omissions so they can be archived in Grand Lodge for further reference. By doing so, any future organizers can review the submitted comments which could be of assistance to them in their endeavours.

There are far too many individuals to thank for their participation and input to make the event "A Masonic Day with Andrew Hammer" occur but have no doubt your efforts and support are greatly appreciated and the fraternity is better for it.

Fraternally;

W:B: W. G. Macx MacNichol, Chairman  
Editor, Mostly Masonry

Moved by W:B: MacNichol that this report be accepted for 2012 and entered in the proceedings, seconded by R:W:B: Joel Blakney

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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 once again submit the annual report of the Grand Lodge Library committee. The work associated with the library is by its very nature an ongoing affair as acquisitions received continue to be catalogued and placed on the library shelves.

Our Grand Lodge library continues to grow with the holdings of our library currently standing in excess of 1500 titles and we continue to add to our collection. The book by WB Andrew Hammer "Observing the craft" has been added to the Grand Lodge library and a day has been planned for April 14, 2012 to hear the author speak at Mount A in Sackville - thanks to the efforts of WB Macx McNichol and other Brethren.

We would like to continue to encourage our membership to take advantage of this valuable resource.

During the year the following publications were added to our Grand Lodge library:

- 2011 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick (3 copies)
- 1<sup>st</sup> International Masonology Symposium
- 2002 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2003 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2004 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2005 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2006 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2007 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2008 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2009 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2010 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia CD
- 2010 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine
- 2011 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador
- 2011 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island
- 2010 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Washington
- 2010 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Iowa
- 2010 Proceedings Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
- Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
- Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec
- Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

- Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon
- Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta
- Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island
- Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
- 2010 List of Lodges
- Grand Lodge of Scotland Year Book 2011
- Observing the Craft, Andrew Hammer

Respectfully and fraternally,

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

Moved by R:W:B: Bishop that the report of the Library Committee be received, accepted and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by V:W:B: MacDonald. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

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

All the applications for Bursaries to be awarded for the year 2012 were received and considered. The final selections were made as follows:

Nakita N. Ashby	Chantille A. Atkinson
Brittany E. Bishop	Gina S. Ells
Joshua J. Forward	Soraya Gallant
Geoffrey K. Hutchin	Katherine M. Lister
Kelsey Martin	Kristyn M. Smith

Lodge Secretaries are encouraged to pick up applications and have them on hand for members who wish to apply. Please note the application forms are also available on the website. Be sure that all applications are signed by the Master and the Secretary of the Lodge.

Closing date is the second Friday in July.

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

Fraternally submitted,  
MWB James Pike, Chairman  
MWB J. William Murray  
MWB Gordon Rattray  
R:W:B: Raymond Joudrey  
R:W:B: Laurie Bishop

#### REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

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

During the Year 2011-2012 the Benevolence Committee received three requests for assistance. Assistance was provided for on all three requests.

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Wor. Bro. Randy Nelson  
Rt. Wor. Earl Campbell  
Rt. Wor. Bro. Ryan, Chairman

Moved by R:W:B: Nelson that the report of the Benevolence Committee be adopted and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop. Motion carried.

Moved by R:W:B: Nelson that the remainder of the reports as printed in the Blue Book be adopted and printed in the proceedings, seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop. Motion carried.

#### Election of Grand Tyler for the Year 2012-13

The Grand Master nominated Bother Paul Fullerton of Alexandria Lodge No. 33 for the office of Grand Tyler. There being no other nominations the Grand Master called for a show of voting cards and subsequently declared Brother Fullerton elected as Grand Tyler.

#### Installation of Grand Master elect and Grand Lodge Officers

Following a brief recess M:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker and Grand Lodge officers, both elected and appointed were installed into their various offices. The installation was conducted by M:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock assisted by the past Grand Masters in attendance.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
DISTRICT NO. 1

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

My first year as District Deputy Grand Master of District #1 has been busy, challenging, and the highlight of my Masonic career. I look forward to another year as DDGM.

Ritual work in District #1 has been ongoing in all lodges. During my visits I have taken note of sister lodges aiding each other in the performance of the various degrees. I believe this to be one of the greatest strength of our district, the willingness to assist one another. This also contributes to the success of the Travelling Gavel during the year.

Lodges have hosted many events including suppers with our ladies and widows, a table lodge, evenings of education followed by discussions on the topic presented, church parades, and a district meeting with presentations from presiding masters. The District #1 Golf Tournament in support of Camp Goodtime was once again a huge success.

The Grand Master has made official visits to the district meeting, St. John's No. 2, and also several unofficial visits to the various lodges. The Grand Master's presence in the district is a great encouragement to brethren.

January was the busiest month for our district with installations in all lodges. I was the Installing Officer for the eight lodges of our district including a double installation at Zion No. 21 with Steven No. 37. The support of the District #1 installation team has been tremendous. Most lodges have new officers advancing through the ranks though many offices are being filled by past masters.

This coming year the focus will be on new membership, improving ritual work, and retaining, involving, and educating the existing membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
RWB Scott J. Bastarache  
DDGM District #1

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
DISTRICT NO. 2

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

It is a privilege to submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for District #2. First of all, being selected to serve in this capacity for the year 2011 - 12 was a great honour. Secondly, I wish to thank the Grand Master, M:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker, for the trust and confidence he placed in me by appointing me to this honourable position. It has been a rewarding and learning opportunity afforded me during my first term in office. My heart full thanks to the support and assistance given to me by the Masters, Wardens, Officers and brethren of the lodges in District #2 as well as the officers of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

During the fall, I completed official visits to all the lodges within the District with the support and appreciation extended to me by the Masters and members of the various lodges. I attended most regular and emergent meetings in both District 2 and 7. It was a pleasure to participate in presentations of long service awards, Master Mason's Rookie Awards at Harmony Lodge, presentation of Grand Lodge certificates and other forms of recognition to many brethren. Emergent meetings were, once again, held at Keith and Westmorland Lodges to deal with installations and degree work.

I attended the installation of all lodges in District 2 having the distinct pleasure of being the Installing Officer at Keith Lodge for the Master and his Officers and participated to some degree in the others. Zetland Lodge and Sussex Lodge #4 held a joint installation in Dorchester on January 21<sup>st</sup>. I would like to thank all the Grand Lodge officers from the District who accompanied me on these installations and assisted in the various ceremonies.

The highlight of the year was the 150 year Rededication Ceremony of Zetland Lodge in Shediac held in August by Grand Lodge under the leadership of the Grand Master, M:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker and his officers of Grand Lodge. With brethren and visitors attending from as far away as Scotland, it demonstrated the range of Masonry not only in our local Districts and jurisdiction but throughout the world.

We were all saddened by the lost of two of our Past District Deputy Grand Masters, R:W:B: Neil Grass and R:W:B: Earl Murray. Their Masonic services were attended by a large number of brethren from not only this jurisdiction but by neighboring jurisdictions. They were not only true gentleman but living examples of the true meaning of our Masonic principles and beliefs not only in lodge but throughout the world itself.

The Grand Master made two official visits to Lodges in District #2; one being Sussex Lodge #4 in December, and the annual District meeting in November at Keith Lodge where all 5 Masters presented interesting educational short talks on some aspects of Masonry followed by lively discussions.

R:W:B: Joel Blakney, DDGM for District #7 and I continued the high level of cooperation and coordination begun by our predecessors established over the years. This has lead to a great deal of development, innovation and creative thinking. Cooperatively, we held three combined District meetings; one in September, one in November and one in April. The Travelling Gavel continues to be delivered from one lodge to another within the two Districts with the visiting lodge providing Masonic education for the evening. The District meeting discussed joint installations, ritual changes, promoting the Master Mason's Rookie Award and the Masonic day with R:W:B: Andrew Hammer in Sackville, improving the annual treasurer's report to Grand Lodge, and fostering more interest in Grand Lodge Awards. (Quinn, Beardsley and Grand Master) Three of our brethren, R:W:B: Ed Burrige, M:W:B: Miles Graham and R:W:B: Stephen Allen have commenced Masonic Protocol Education within the two districts emphasizing order of recognition at the opening and closing of meetings, sign of fidelity, and emergency exit from Lodge during a meeting. This kind of cooperation can only enhance and foster the spread of Masonry throughout our jurisdiction and beyond.

The lodges in District #2 have been very active in fundraising and charity functions in a variety of ways. All participated in supporting Camp Goodtime through special events such as the Camp Goodtime Dinner and Dance sponsored by Keith, Coverdale, Acacia and Sussex which raised over \$21,000.

Westmorland had their Danny Allen breakfast and Sussex, Lodge St. Andrew and Zetland held dinners and/or breakfasts. Three of the lodges held church parades this past year and honoured their widows of departed brethren with a Christmas dinner, afternoon teas, and cards, flowers or gifts at Christmas time. Most of the lodges are on solid financial ground but concerns remain about their buildings, regalia replacement and other financial matters. However, Zetland Lodge has replaced their roof with government help.

Concerns continue to surface about three lodges and declining participation and new members. Although most lodges will be initiating new members or have prospects of getting new members, it is our hope that we are finally turning the corner on this reoccurring problem. With our newly raised Master Masons presenting Masonic Education on a more consistent manner such as catechism in Keith Lodge, perhaps our smaller lodges will continue to grow and flourish. As all lodges work toward the GLNB 5 Year Plan and its targets, the lodges in District # 2 will continue to fill a void in our communities.

In closing, I express my gratitude and appreciation to Grand Lodge, subordinate Lodges and brethren for your constant support and enthusiasm

as I complete my first term in office. I look forward to serving all of you in the coming year.

RWB Leigh Manning  
District Deputy Grand Master  
District #2

#### REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 3

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

The first half of my term has passed quicker than I thought a year could go. My relationship with the brethren and lodges in the district has enhanced my appreciation of the fraternity.

During the year, all of the lodges in the district have if not raised, initiated brethren, at which I had the pleasure of attending. I have witnessed some degree work on the Miramichi where not only did the degree team perform with excellence, but the performance of the candidates was something to behold.

The last year has been a momentous one for the lodges of Miramichi City. At this time both Miramichi Lodge #17 and Northumberland Lodge #18 have moved to a shared location in the former Douglastown known as the Associated Lodges Building. This was a difficult period and the diligence and guidance of those involved is to be commended. Their journey is not over, there are many issues still to be settled that are going to require patience from all.

The Grand Master paid his official visit to District #3 at the Douglastown location, which was hosted by Miramichi Lodge #17. Those attending, heard well- researched and delivered, presentations of Masonic topics by representatives of the each lodge in the district.

Campbellton Lodge #32 observed a 150th anniversary which was attended by The Most Worshipful The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. Prior to the meeting a delicious meal was served by The Order of the Eastern Star. Campbellton Lodge has had restoration work completed over the last year. There have been new doors and windows installed, some insulation, and new paint.

Visitation is active in the district. Although it is a two hour drive or more for the Campbellton and Miramichi Lodges to visit each other, the common

ground is Lodge Saint John #27 in Bathurst. The meetings there are well attended with ample time for good fellowship afterward.

Representatives of Campbellton and Lodge Saint John have travelled to New Carisle Que to visit Good Samaritan Lodge. On one of these occasions, we were accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Laurie Bishop. Rt. Wor. Bro. Mark Franklin, D.D.G.M. of Quebec & Three Rivers, is often in attendance at both Lodge Saint John and Campbellton Lodge.

Lodge Saint John hosts a Wednesday lunch and Sunday brunch each week during the operating months. These functions are a time of fellowship enjoyed by the brethren, their families and friends who attend.

Although the district performed a number of Memorial Services over the past year we also had the pleasure of recognizing 60 & 50 year milestones and presented 25 year pins.

I believe the essence of our fraternity is the fellowship, and the visitation between the lodges, districts and jurisdictions, helps to promote and nurture that. Therefore; I would like to thank the brethren who have continually made time to travel and have faithfully attended and participated in these communications.

Respectively submitted  
R:W:B: Dave Hocquard  
DDGM District #3

#### REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 4

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

Having completed my first year as District Deputy Grand Master for District #4 I must now beg your leave to submit the following report.

Support for Camp Goodtime remains strong in this district with lodges holding special events to raise significant funds to support that wonderful event.

The district travelling gavel remains alive and well and moves around the district on a regular basis.

The Northwestern cornerstone of Freemasonry in New Brunswick is Colebrooke Lodge #39 in Grand Falls. Last fall the tradition of International Night continued with Colebrooke co-hosting together with Trinity Lodge #130 in Presque Isle, Maine. Over 60 brethren attended (with New Brunswick

carrying the slight majority) and enjoyed a lovely dinner followed by an excellent program. For their part, Colebrooke put on an immaculate third degree that many of the Maine brethren were still talking about as late as this spring. Worshipful Brother Mark Oulette reached out across District #4 and put together an excellent team. For myself the absolute highlight of the presentation was the third gate performed by Right Worshipful Brother Garth Dingee. I am very particular about degree work especially when it comes to the presentation of the degrees. A degree is a theatrical presentation that requires more than just reciting from memory. It needs to show emotion and feeling. It needs to be presented.

That evening's presentation of the third gate by Right Worshipful Brother Dingee stands apart as the finest I have ever seen.

At the southern end of the district stands Woodstock Lodge #11. Woodstock is a very strong lodge enjoying a large, active membership. It is a warm and welcoming lodge that is a joy to attend. The steady attendance and participation of 10 to 15 young brethren, 10 to 15 middle aged brethren and a further 10 to 15 senior brethren makes for a very healthy and vibrant lodge. For many years the officer line has rarely required a past master to hold an office. This past year Woodstock Lodge has kept pace with their strong tradition of raising many new brethren ensuring that the future of freemasonry in Woodstock is safe and sound.

All of the other lodges in district #4, (Benjamin Lodge #31, Carleton Lodge #35, Colebrook Lodge #39 and Tobique Lodge #48) stand at a crossroads in time. Each of these fine lodges contain a core of just and upright masons with whom I am not only proud to serve but also proud to call friend and brother. Attending these lodges always produces a wonderful feeling of Masonic fraternity. These brethren humbly and sincerely welcome you into their Masonic home providing a warm safe place for a brother to hang his hat.

However, for each of these 4 lodges, time wears away at them. Membership has dwindled to the point where attendance has most often dropped below 20 brethren (and quite often below 11). All of these lodges have almost exclusively had to fill their officer lines with past masters. It is a rare quantity to see a brother come up through the line who has yet to hold the oriental chair. No new members are arriving to replace inevitable losses to the sands of time.

Therefore it is with a heavy heart that I must report that the future of District #4 is in jeopardy. While Woodstock is strong, the 4 northern lodges of the district are all on a path to going dark. If nothing changes, if no startling



event occurs to turn these lodges around and bring in a huge influx of new masons, then they will not survive to see 2050. Sadly, it could easily be sooner than that.

Respectfully submitted,  
Right Worshipful Brother Mark Golder  
District Deputy Grand Master  
District #4

P.S. Most Worshipful, I struggled with this report. I submitted it extremely late and I sincerely apologize for that. I apologize to you, I apologize to the Grand Secretary and most importantly I apologize to Jayne whom I had told in an email that I would have this report in just after the deadline. I wrote a number of versions of this report but in every case it was just a bright coating over a very dark centre. It would be all fine and good to report that everything is fine and good, but in District #4 the future isn't fine and good. If all I was reporting about was merely the just and upright character of the fine masons in this District then it would be an easy report to write. These are amazing and wonderful brethren. Their future however, is in trouble. There are just not enough masons to keep these lodges alive over the next 5, 10 or 20 years.

#### REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 5

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

It is with great pleasure I submit my last report as District Deputy Grand Master for District #5.

Due to the way the rotation goes for District #5, I had the pleasure to serve two Grand Masters, the Most Worshipful Miles R. Graham and Most Worshipful Peter M. Whittaker. Not only were they good Masons but they were truly gentlemen.

It was with pleasure and a relief that we closed the books on Sunset Lodge #56, with all the funds owed to Grand Lodge being paid in full.

With pleasure I report that six of the seven Lodges in District #5, have done degree work in the past year with more to come and the petitions are still coming in (GREAT).

To say I have been proud to be associated with the Lodges of District #5, would be an understatement. Let me list some of the ways the Lodges of District #5, have been an asset to Masonry in our District.

Lodge #36, has undertaken the task of cleaning some of the older Headstones that have fallen on hard times due to years of neglect. Not many letters of thanks but they still have years of work ahead for them. What a great project.

Lodge #55, paid its bills, per capita, etc. then donated \$200.00 to a fund raiser to help pay for an insulin pump (non Member) with no money left to pay next oil bill (Go figure, Brotherly Love).

Lodge #7, has officers driving one half hour or more to take offices at another Lodge to help them over a rough patch as if they need more to do.

Lodge #26, is in contact with another Lodge in Australia not just down the road but it sure shows that Masonry is not limited to just New Brunswick but is a world wide body of Brothers.

Lodge #7, is the friendliest Lodge in New Brunswick and it also does the best Degree work in New Brunswick (please) come and see if I am right or leading you on.

Lodge #12, after the major flood in their District last year donated \$3,000.00 to flood relief and later when another Lodge in the District was raising money for furniture they donated to this cause as well (brotherly Love).

Lodge #36, also had flood damage but they still put on an event for the young kids in their town for Halloween to keep them off the road. Was it a fund raiser (NO) it was just another example of Brotherly Love.

Am I proud of my year? Most certainly (NOT) but it was an Honor to serve the Lodges of District #5.

Fraternally Submitted

RWB Robert J. Melanson  
District Deputy Grand Master  
District #5.

#### Report of the District Deputy Grand Master District 6

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

I have completed all of my official visits and hosted a District meeting at Landmark Lodge 51 in October 2011. I am grateful to the brothers who have accompanied on those visits especially Worshipful Brother Michael Hines, Right Worshipful Brother Bud Gillrie and to those brothers who accompanied me on my visits to the other lodges throughout the year. I have expressed to all the brothers that you gain so much more by travelling to other Lodges than you

realise. You are always met with a hearty hand shake, a kind word of welcome. You experience their ritual work and have the opportunity to share in their hospitably, and gain the fellowship brought forth by each Lodge. To coin a phrase from Worshipful Brother Darrell Munn of Landmark Lodge, "it is the same distance from your lodge to ours".

It is in the lodge room that we practice our degree work and learn our ritual, but it is in the banquet room where we experience fellowship and cultivate the bonds of our fraternity. This is achieved by having dinners in the banquet rooms prior to meetings or having lunches after the meeting is over.

There were three lodges that held an open installation in January 2012 and in doing this it allowed the families, friends and loved ones to be present at this important event in our brother's Masonic life. Some of these installations were done by installation teams, made up of brothers from different lodges, while other lodges were done from within their own lodge. I was able to attend all but one of these installations.

The membership in District 6 is growing with younger and enthusiastic minds being introduced to practices and taking offices in our lodges. I am hoping that this will perpetuate the continued growth of our lodges.

District council is alive and well in District 6 and has good attendance from all of the lodges. It is done on a rotating basis and we meet four times a year. New ideas and old problems have been brought up for debate, anything from discussing how to open and closing lodge, or how to retain our members. I would like to say that all lodges in District 6 are stating their obligation in open Lodge in their degree work. This is achieved by in different ways, from having candidates state their obligations themselves or to having the whole lodge come down on the level and reciting it with the candidate. Or in one evening at Granite Lodge, when the WM Gale Rae, requested that everyone present line up behind the Grand Master at the altar and recited their Entered Apprentice obligation, This is something that I am passionate about and believe that it must continue to be done, and that it is an intricate part of who we are.

Our District Church Parade was held at the Jewish Synagogue in Fredericton and was well attended by the lodges of the district. This was a great opportunity to share with our brothers a religious ceremony that most of the brethren have not had the opportunity to experience.

It was a privilege and an honor to be able to present on behalf of the Grand Master long service awards to many of the brethren in the district. These milestones in a Mason's life are to be acknowledged, celebrated and recorded. Some of which I had the pleasure to present were a Mason longer than I have been alive.

All the lodges in District 6 contributed to Camp Goodtime all in various ways which makes them unique. Masons look forward to travelling to other lodges to support them in their fundraising.

The Widows in District 6 are very well looked after and are not forgotten. Each lodge in their own way does something to see that the widows are recognized and remembered.

In closing I would like to thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for allowing me this opportunity to serve as the District Deputy for District 6. I also want to thank all the Brethern in District 6 for their support and confidence as their District Deputy.

Faternally submitted,

RWB Joel F. MacDonald  
District Deputy Grand Master  
District No. 6

#### REPORT OF 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 great pride as the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 7 that I present this report. This year has been a fantastic year for District #7. As is the norm in District #7, we have had much intermingling with our sister district, District #2. I am especially proud of the camaraderie that exists between the two districts and the great ideas that we come up with together. Such as the great work we do in our combined fundraiser for Camp Goodtime; which raised \$21,400 for the year, our introduction of the Master Mason's Rookie Award program; which promises to be a fantastic way of engaging our new members, as well as our many combined district council meetings, dinners, breakfasts and other combined events.

Having completed my official visits for the year and the many unofficial visits each month, I am happy to report that District #7 has many new members joining as well as many new brothers joining the officer ranks of their lodges. All our Masters are working hard to implement the five year plan objectives and seem to be meeting their efforts with success in attendance and membership. There are many good education programs taking place in the lodges, which makes them much more enjoyable to visit. I must congratulate the officers and members of my lodges on the extra efforts that they have been exerting to make their meetings interesting and enjoyable. There are

still many challenges ahead but I feel we are definitely on track in making Masonry in our area a vibrant and growing concern.

In closing, I want to thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for allowing me this opportunity to be the District Deputy of such a wonderful and cooperative District and also to the brother of Districts #2 and #7 for the friendship and support that has been extended to me on every occasion in this past year. It truly has been wonderful working with all the brethren in my area and all the amazing support I have continually received from Grand Lodge and more particularly the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Peter M. Whittaker.

Fraternally,  
R:W:B: Joel A. Blakney  
District Deputy Grand Master  
District No. 7.

#### 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 was requested by the Board of General Purposes to report on the question as to whether the Grand Lodge wardens should be issued the full dress regalia of their respective offices during their terms of office. The issue arose when one of our wardens was criticized for wearing undress regalia while attending another grand jurisdiction's annual communication.

It was the recommendation of the committee that the current policy of providing Grand Lodge full dress regalia to the offices of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Masters henceforth include the offices of Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden during their term of office.

The Board of General Purposes accepted the Ad Hoc Committee's report at its March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 meeting and the Grand Wardens have been issued the appropriate regalia for use during their respective terms of office.

Fraternally submitted,  
RWB John Jefferies, PDDGM, Chairman  
RWB Scott Bastarache, DDGM 1  
RWB Leigh Manning, DDGM 2  
RWB David Hocquard, DDGM 3  
RWB Mark Golder, DDGM 4  
RWB Robert Melanson, DDGM 5  
RWB Joel Macdonald, DDGM 6  
RWB Joel Blakney, 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.

During the past year our archives have been the recipient of several donations. In November 2011 M:W:B: Gordon Ratray turned over the minute books of Albert Lodge No. 34. Albert Lodge was formed in 1879 and closed in 2002 when it voted to amalgamate with Howard Lodge No. 15. Howard Lodge was moving into new quarters and no longer had room to store these important records.

This past summer W:B: Deryl Fitzgerald of St. John's Lodge received the jewels of the late R:W:B: William Bambury who had been a member of St. John's Lodge No. 2. R:W:B: Bambury was District Deputy of District No. 1 from 1942 to 1946 followed by Deputy Grand Master in 1953 and 1954. W:B: Fitzgerald very kindly turned these jewels over to the Grand Lodge archives for safe keeping and display..

In January we lost R:W:B: Andrew Allan, Past Grand Treasurer. Following his passing I was contacted by his daughter Leslie who kindly turned over her father's Masonic possessions for appropriate disposition. Regalia and mementoes of various descriptions were collected and either placed in the Grand Lodge archives or passed on to other bodies.

On March 3, 2012 I was very pleased to receive the bulk of the records of Miramichi Lodge No. 18. Miramichi Lodge had recently moved into new quarters and no longer had room for the records. Whatever the reason or circumstances we are always happy to receive whatever we may.

I would like to again take this opportunity to remind all the brethren that we all should be making the necessary adjustments to our wills so that our valued Masonic possessions will not end up on the auction block. 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.

Fraternally submitted,

V:W:B: Stuart J. MacDonald  
Grand Historian  
Chairman, Grand Lodge Archive Committee

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Brethren:

We are pleased to report that the financial operations of Grand Lodge are on solid ground. Through good expense control we have continued to produce a bottom line surplus which we are using to restore our capital investment portfolio. Revenue increase in 2011 is attributed largely to the year's assessment increase as well as a reasonable return on our investments. We are now safe to say that we are operating Grand Lodge within the bounds of our assessment income.

A quick survey of our balance sheet shows a good year over year increase in our investment portfolio as we continue to retain proceeds from loan repayments and investment income as capital. The market value of our portfolio was still slightly below cost at year end however the portfolio is comprised of good quality investments and we are confident it will return to market in the short term.

Our 2012 budget includes the final \$5.00 assessment increase under the proposal which was approved by Grand lodge in 2008. Provided we maintain

our current membership level, or even better start to increase it, we should be able to operate Grand Lodge for several more years before the next assessment increase.

I again thank our Treasurer, Bob Keirstead, for his dedication to keeping an up to date set of records. Also thank you to the other members of the Finance Committee, Randy Nelson and Gordon Thorne and our auditors who collectively have continued the excellent stewardship of the assets of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally

WB. Barry Ellsworth

Chairman, Grand Lodge Finance Committee

## Report of the Mentorship Committee

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

The extensive documents created, updated and edited by the Mentorship Committee during the year 2010-2011 were successfully posted on the Grand Lodge web site as well as a note from the web master as to how one would

go about getting the passwords necessary to access these documents. Only a few requests were made for the passwords. This leaves me wondering whether there is no interest in Mentoring or if the present system is so successful that these new documents are not needed or wanted. Regardless they are there and are available to those who wish to use them for the cost of an email. Those secretaries or Lodge Mentors who do not own a computer or have access to one may simply send me a letter via the Grand Secretary's office and I will try to make arrangements to have a hard copy made available to you.

We are at this time blessed with several avenues of information to use when performing our mentorship duties with our new members. The original Mentorship Program designed in 1986 is still available and there should be two copies of this set of documents in every Lodge in New Brunswick. For those Lodges who took the time, energy and money to acquire the Mentorship Videos of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, they are still a valuable asset. For those who didn't acquire these videos but now wish to, they are available from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in DVD format at very reasonable prices. If you wish to order please direct your order through our own Grand Secretary's Office as making direct contact on your own violates certain Masonic protocols. Finally we have the documents that have been posted on the web site which were put together from a wide source of Mentorship material, which was edited to make sure all the material applied to New Brunswick Masons although it came from several jurisdictions. We have never been so rich in terms of information for the new Mason.

Finally the committee hopes that all of this effort, from 1986 to present, does not go to waste. It was all put together with an honest desire to help the Mentor do the best job he could for his candidates. It is my fervent hope that it will help to make the task easier, more fun and more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

M:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE WARRANTS COMMITTEE

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

The committee has nothing to report to this year's Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

R:W:B: Gordon S. Young, Chairman

R:W:B: Chesley R. Piercey

## Annual Report of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee 2012

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

Unfortunately one of the main items for the Membership Committee during the past year was the home lodge concept, but because of the current conditions of many lodges in our jurisdiction, there is a strong possibility that some may have no option but to surrender their charter and go into darkness. With this in mind we must be prepared to deal with these unfortunate events. The home lodge concept has received the support of the board of general purposes the next step is for you the brethren to ratify as an amendment to the regulations in the next session of Grand Lodge 2012.

When it comes to membership in our fraternity there are many factors that comes into play such as attendance, interest, programs and enlightenment just to name a few, not to mention the busy lives of young men in today's world. The men that come to our fraternity today I believe they have high expectations but once they have received their degrees they start seeing that free masonry is not what they have read about or what they expected and this is due to our short comings.

Brethren we must start making greater efforts and go back to the basics and practice free masonry as it was intended to be and stop being just another service group or a gentlemen club. When it comes to degree work on a candidate, we must make every effort to do the very best work that we can even if it means we must borrow brethren from other lodges to make the best impression that we can. We must remember that when the degree work has been completed its not the end of the process that only the beginning. There are many things to learn and equally to teach, quite frankly that is where we as masons fall short. We must start to realize that this brother has been introduced to free masonry and because we have now placed a white apron around his waist the wisdom of the craft does not come with it. I am afraid that this is one of our biggest misconception and is why we seem to receive many candidates to our fraternity and fail to keep them. Many men come and search for something and I believe we have that, but we let them go astray and we soon loose them forever. We must recognize our own faults and strive to improve ourselves so in turn, communicate to our future candidates.

Brethren, I believe that together we could move the world if we tried, so there is no doubt we can make our beloved fraternity grow and prosper for now and well into the future.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee  
RWB Clyde M. Townes, Chairman SGW

## REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

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

On behalf of the committee I respectfully submit our report on the publication of the Grand Lodge proceedings for the year 2011.

Charged with the task of publishing our annual Grand Lodge proceedings the various reports were again assembled, formatted, edited, printed and distributed to the Lodge Secretaries according to their requests, to a maximum of four copies per Lodge. Copies of our proceedings to sister jurisdictions were sent in CD form, providing a saving to Grand Lodge.

The printing of the 2011 proceedings was once again awarded to "Print Three" printers of Saint John, both for savings to Grand Lodge and for convenience. I am pleased to be able to report to this Grand Lodge that we were able to further reduce the overall cost of producing the proceedings by nearly \$500.00.

Once again we wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Jayne Jones for her assistance in the distribution of the proceedings to sister jurisdictions.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the members of the committee for their invaluable assistance in the editing process.

Fraternally;  
W.B. Herbert Fillmore  
R:W:B: Edward Burrigge  
M:W:B: Miles Graham  
V.W.B. Stuart MacDonald, Chairman

## Planning Committee Annual Report

Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

It is my pleasure to present the 2011 - 12 Annual Report for the Planning Committee of this jurisdiction.

The GLNB 5-year plan focuses on 3 major target areas:

- 1.Membership
- 2.Attendance at Regular Lodge Communications
- 3.Education

Each lodge within the jurisdiction is requested to address the needs of their lodge through a disciplined planning process keeping in mind the targets of the GLNB Plan. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has recognized the importance of this activity by awarding a significant aspect of the Grand Master's Award to this function.

Lodges should identify a key focal point for their lodge over the coming year and create strategies and tactics intended to improve results in that target area. Those strategies, tactics and goals should be clearly and unambiguously stated with clear and challenging specific targets.

While I have requested feedback as to the status of plans in the various districts and lodges, I have not received very much of it. I cannot, therefore, accurately assess our progress throughout the jurisdiction with respect to planning. I have received feedback from Districts 2 and 7 and in those districts the results are mixed with some lodges creating plans and others not. At that point, it is incumbent upon Worshipful Masters to ensure that the focus remains constant and regular and summary reports are created.

The process need not be cumbersome nor should it take a great deal of lodge communication time. The plan should be well publicized and the strategies and tactics well defined. Each brother should understand the role that he has to play in improving his lodge's performance against those targets.

While I have offered my assistance to lodges over the past two years, it is my intention to be more forthright in that offer during the upcoming year should I be requested to serve in this capacity again.

Fraternally and Respectfully,  
RWB Ed Burrige, JGW

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W:B: Thomas C. Collins Grand Lake No. 47  
R:W:B: E. Arthur Young Acacia No. 49

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK  
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MEMBERS 2012-2013

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R:W:B: Stephen Allen	Deputy Grand Master	2	734-3203

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M:W:B: Orville Mason	Past Grand Master	6	
M:W:B: William Balser Jr	Past Grand Master	7	387-8736
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M:W:B: Miles Graham	Past Grand Master	2	384-6614
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R:W:B: Joel Blakney	DDGM No 7	7	386-2020

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R:W:B: Gary Black, PJGW	Chairman, Foreign Relations	1	485-2248
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V:W:B: Stuart MacDonald, GH	Chairman Archives	1	849-1183
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W:B: Scott Ellsworth	Chairman, Jurisprudence	2	388-3780
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W:B: William Donald		3	622-7461

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK  
COMMITTEES 2012-2013

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Members as needed

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Past Grand Masters

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R:W:B: Earl Campbell ..... (8)  
R:W:B: Randy Nelson ..... (13)

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M:W:B: James Pike ..... (49) Chairman  
M:W:B: Gordon Rattray ..... (15)  
M:W:B: William Murray ..... (15)  
R:W:B: Laurie Bishop ..... (33)  
R:W:B: Ray Joudrey ..... (20)

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R:W:B: Randall Nelson ..... (13)  
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R:W:B: Stephen Allen ..... (44)  
R:W:B: John Watson ..... (3)  
R:W:B: Edward Burrigge ..... (4)



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R:W:B: Charles Webber .....	(52)
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R:W:B: Gordon Young .....	(22)
R:W:B: Donald Jones .....	(7)

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V:W:B: Stuart MacDonald .....	(1)

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W:B: Michael Crofts .....	(54)

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R:W:B: Carl Dingee .....	(15)
R:W:B: Wayne Fox .....	(50)
R:W:B: Phil Hartford .....	(26)
W:B: Deryl Fitzgerald .....	(2)

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W:B: Macx MacNichol .....	(4) Chairman
Power to add	

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W:B: Herb Fillmore .....	(47)

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R:W:B: E. Arthur Young .....	(49) Chairman
R:W:B: Charles Bruce .....	(51)
W:B: William Blatchford .....	(8)
The District Deputy Grand Masters	

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

R:W:B: Edward Burridge .....	(4) Chairman
R:W:B: Ted White .....	(49)
Power to add	

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R:W:B: Graham Fraser .....	(22)
R:W:B: Charles Bruce .....	(51)
R:W:B: Kirk Trenholm .....	(8)
W:B: William Millett .....	(23)
The District Deputy Grand Masters	

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## WARRANTS

R:W:B: Gordon Young .....	(22) Chairman
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No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Meetings
1.	Albion	Saint John	Third Wednesday
2.	St. John's	Saint John	First Tuesday
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
55.	Abnaki	Lambertville	Third Wednesday

## LODGES

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7.	Jeffrey Leighton	A. Ross MacLeod, 23 MacLeod Rd., Tower Hill, N. B. E5A 2N3
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18.	John Dickson	William B. Tracy, 822 Water St., Miramichi, N.B. E1N 4B8
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21.	Doug Cosman	George McPhee, 836 Route 855, Norton, N.B. E5T 2A3
22.	Graham Fraser	Barry A. Roberts, 516 Lewin Park, Saint John, N.B. E2M 2M7
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33.	Jonathan Sherrard	Glenn C. Scott, 113 Melvin St., Fredericton, N.B. E3A 2M9
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55.	Dwayne Richardson	Archie Leslie, 96 Mount Pleasant Road, St. George, N.B. E5C 3K6

**GRAND LODGES RECOGNIZED BY THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**Canada**

Alberta  
British Columbia  
Manitoba  
Newfoundland and Labrador  
Nova Scotia  
Ontario  
Prince Edward Island  
Quebec  
Saskatchewan

**Great Britain**

England  
Ireland  
Scotland

**United States**

Alabama  
Alaska  
Arizona  
Arkansas  
California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Florida  
Georgia  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky

Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New Mexico  
New York  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Oklahoma  
Ohio  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming

**Central America**

Costa Rica  
Guatemala  
Honduras, A.F. & A.M.  
Panama

**South America**

Argentina  
Bolivia  
Chile  
Peru

Uruguay  
Venezuela

**South America (Brazil)**

Acre  
Amazonas  
Bahia  
Brasilia  
Ceara  
Espirito Santo  
Goias  
Grande Oriente- National  
Mato Grosso  
Mato Grosso Do Sul  
Minas Gerais  
Para  
Paraiba  
Parana  
Pernambuca  
Rio Grande do Norte  
Rio Grande do Sol  
Rio de Janeiro  
Rondonia  
Santa Catarina  
Sao Paulo  
Sergipe  
Tocantins

**Australia**

New South Wales  
Queensland  
South Australia  
Tasmania  
Victoria  
Western Australia

**New Zealand**

New Zealand

**West Indies**

Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Puerto Rico

**Europe**

Andorra  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Belgium (Reg.)  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Finland  
France (GLNF)  
Germany-United  
Greece- A.F.&A.M.  
Hungary  
Iran (In Exile)  
Iceland-National  
Italy-Grand Orient  
Luxembourg (Grand Duchy)  
Malta  
Moldova  
Morocco

Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Romania

Russia

Serbia

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Ukraine

**Africa**

Burkina Faso

Gabon

Ivory Coast

Madagascar –National Malgache

Mali (National)

Senegal

South Africa

Togolaise (Natiopnal)

**Prince Hall**

Province of Ontario and Jurisdiction

Connecticut

North Carolina

**Asia**

China (Taiwan)

India

Iran (in Exile)

Israel

Japan

Philippines

Turkey

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**  
**2011**

**In Memory of Past Senior  
Grand Lodge Officers  
2011**

Fergus John Price  
Past Deputy Grand Master  
October 12, 2011

Lloyd Rutherford McKenzie  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
August 3, 2011

Paul Mansfield Ketchum  
Past Junior Grand Warden  
July 21, 2011

Sterling Russell Manderville  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
August 29, 2011

George Elton Trentowsky  
Past Deputy Grand Master  
February 15, 2011

**In Memory of Past Senior  
Grand Lodge Officers  
2011**

Neil Allison Grass  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
October 3, 2011

Earl Ivan Murray  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
June 29, 2011

Thomas Lorne Winter  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
August 21, 2011

**In Memory of Past Masters  
2011**

Stewart Andrew Brenton  
Albion Lodge No. 1  
April 22, 2011

Arthur Granville Stainforth  
St. John's No. 2  
December 31, 2011

Ralph Wightman  
Sussex Lodge No. 4  
January 18, 2011

Frank Willis Fullerton  
Sussex Lodge No. 4  
February 15, 2011

George Murray Webb  
Hiram Lodge No. 6  
January 21, 2011

George Russell Caruthers  
Hiram Lodge No. 6  
July 27, 2011

David Andrew Turnbull  
The Corinthian Lodge No. 13  
May 12, 2011

## In Memory of Past Masters 2011

Victor Benjamin MacDonald  
Lodge St. Andrew No. 16  
January 12, 2011

James Alexander Davidson Murray  
Northumberland Lodge No. 17  
October 20, 2011

Jack Arthur Fawcett  
Harmony Lodge No. 20  
March 2, 2011

Anthony George Mills  
Zion Lodge No. 21  
February 4, 2011

John Donald MacVey  
Zion Lodge No. 21  
February 7, 2011

Franklin Harry Wright  
Benjamin Lodge No. 31  
May 2, 2011

Douglas Charles Stanley Barker  
Alexandria Lodge No. 33  
May 11, 2011

## In Memory of Past Masters 2011

Jens Christian Larsen  
Colebrooke Lodge No. 39  
April 4, 2011

Ronald Joseph Collins  
Acacia Lodge No. 49  
February 6, 2011

John Albert Duncan  
Acacia Lodge No. 49  
April 4, 2011

John Scott MacGillivray  
Landmark Lodge No. 51  
June 6, 2011

Perley David Clowater  
Landmark Lodge No. 51  
October 16, 2011

DEATHS  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

Albion No. 1  
Stewart Andrew Brenton

St. John's Lodge No. 2  
David George Lawrence Edwards  
Leon Jack Higgins  
Lionel D. Hinkley  
Barry George Prosser  
Arthur Granville Stainforth  
Kevin James Grant Tilley

Hibernia No. 3  
Robert David Lovett  
Fergus John Price

Sussex No. 4  
Arthur Howard Birch  
Frank Willis Fullerton  
Ralph Wightman

St. Mark's No. 5  
Enoch Ronald Greene  
Norman James McFarlane

Hiram No. 6  
George Russell Carruthers  
George Murray Webb

Sussex No. 7  
Edman Davis  
Ronald Norman Estabrooks  
Lloyd Rutherford McKenzie

Carleton Union No. 8  
Hans Joern Bennetsen  
Manly Donald Briggs  
Harry William Gaunce  
Ronald Arthur Laking  
Clayton Omar Leslie  
Royden Thomas Vanwart

Woodstock No. 11  
Charles Edward Russell

Elmo George Stairs

The Corinthian No. 13  
George Alexander Keith  
Paul Mansfield Ketchum  
David Newton Jarvis  
Terrence Robert Stultz  
David Andrew Turnbull

Lodge St. Andrew No. 16  
Kenneth Duncan Callander  
Victor Benjamin MacDonald

Northumberland No. 17  
Charles Alfred Clark  
Sterling Russell Manderville  
Ronald Earle Matchett  
Melvin Robert McLaughlin  
Harold Wilmot Moody  
James Alexander Davidson  
Murray  
Miles Curtis Tracy

Miramichi No. 18  
William Robert Jillett  
Alan Douglas King

Harmony No. 20  
Jack Arthur Fawcett

Zion No. 21  
Robert Edward Armstrong  
Gerald Hartley Connell  
Harry Aubrey Law  
John Donald Macvey  
Anthony George Mills

The New Brunswick No. 22  
Donald McCrea Duncan  
Timothy Everett Gass  
George Elton Trentowsky

Keith No. 23  
Donald Arthur Fraser  
Neil Allison Grass  
Edmund Shaffner Jensen  
John Samuel Lutes  
Donald MacKenchnie  
Earl Ivan Murray  
George Leverette Stone  
Stuart Gibson Stratton

Zetland No. 24  
David James Kay  
Kenneth John McKaigue

Lodge Saint John No. 27  
Fenton Edgar Daley  
Charles Stanley Good  
Donald Stewart Henry  
Owen Phillip Humphrey  
James Rogers Schryer  
Robert Henry Young

Benjamin No. 31  
Albert Samuel Ozark  
Franklin Harry Wright

Campbellton No. 32  
George Frederick Campbell  
Vernon Austin Forster  
Gordon Earl Gerrard  
George Alan MacKenzie

Alexandria No. 33  
Douglas Charles Stanley Barker  
Arthur Budge Jewett  
Thomas Gordon MacLeod  
William Schafer

Carleton No. 35  
Chalmers Reginald Brittain  
George Wallace Ferguson McCain

Ashlar No. 36  
Floyd Granville Moffitt

Steven No. 37  
James Robert Douglas  
Gerald Walter MacPherson

Colebrooke No. 39  
Jens Christian Larsen  
James Rogers Schryer

Sunbury No. 42  
John Reginald Benjamin  
Thomas Lorne Winter

Grand Lake No. 47  
Rupert Ralph Carney Sypher

Acacia No. 49  
Ronald Joseph Collins  
John Albert Duncan  
Arnold Hugh Forster  
Gordon Earl Gerrard  
Daniel Wilson Hubbard  
Terrence Robert Stultz

Landmark No. 51  
Perley David Clowater  
Claude Leonard Palmer  
John Scott MacGillivray

Coverdale No. 52  
Fred Carman Oickle