



# The Nova Scotia FREEMASON

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## From the Grand Historian

Freemasonry presents us with very high and noble ideas, with principles which never fail to enrich and uplift the life of the individual who gives them adherence.




It is in the application of Masonic ideals and principles that difficulty sometimes arises. One of the most urgent needs of modern everyday life is to extend the spirit and principles of Freemasonry to the whole life and transactions of mankind. And this can only begin by each Freemason extending them to all his transactions.

In certain moods, the ideals of the Craft seem very beautiful and inspiring, but they make great demands on us. It is a struggle to live upon the square with all mankind and few can live up to them one hundred per cent of the time it seems. However, we will find that we will be better men and Masons if we make it our absolute duty to do so.

A fundamental result of Freemasonry should be better men who radiate light to guide and comfort, wisdom to comprehend, and add strength to a common chain containing links of friendship, kinship and real Brotherly Love and Affection toward all.

There is great truth in the lines of Longfellow:

“Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us  
Footprints in the sands of time.  
Footprints, which perhaps another  
Sailing o’er life’s solemn main  
A forlorn and ship-wrecked Brother,  
Seeing may take heart again.” 

*Matthew F. Todd, Grand Historian.*

## Words to Ponder

“Freemasonry is NOT a religion but is religious and Speculative. Freemasonry does not go back to King Solomon’s time. Speculative Freemasonry *does* date only from 1717 - even though its basic principles are much older.

- Source: “Reflections” by James I. Miller

## 50 Year Pin and Certificate



*D.D.G.M. R.W.B. Robert E. Zwicker, presented Bro. Emeno with his 50-year pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. In the back row, left to right: V.W.B. Marv Mattson and W.B. Ken Carrol. Front row: W.B. Calvin Mayo, Bro. Emeno and R.W.B. Robert Zwicker.*

## Burns Lodge Notes


The Worshipful Master of Burns Lodge, Bro. Victor Lewis, is proceeding with his plans to revitalize Masonry. We now have many candidates who will be Master Masons by the summer recess. All are young and well able to carry on the rebuilding that is part of the Master’s plan.

Burns Lodge will make an official visit to Clarke Lodge No. 61 on May 11, 2000.

Burns now has a Web Page: <http://www.edatlantic.com/burns>; please click on for a wealth of information.

It is proposed to send copies of regular meeting minutes to all Burns Lodge members and designated Grand Lodge Officers. This will follow the example of Grand Lodge Proceedings, and speed up the business of the Lodge.

A complete history of Burns Lodge is well underway with photos and copies of archival items, including a list of all present members, and will cover activities from the first meeting of the Lodge in 1848, to the Installation of Officers in the year 2000.

A great number of summer events are in the planning stage, and will be published in the monthly notice when finalized. 

*Glynn K. Lloyd, Burns Lodge No. 10*

# John Albro Lodge No. 122

## Golf Tournament

On a dull, cloudy day, John Albro Lodge No. 122 held their Ninth Annual Golf Tournament at Brookfield Golf & Country Club on Thursday, August 19, 1999.



A total of 87 golfers attended and enjoyed a nice day of golf, taking home memories of good fellowship and a prize or two.

The trophy winners were:

Low Gross Tournament and Best Mason, Robert Hillier, John Albro Lodge, score 76.

Low Net Tournament and Best Mason, Bob Cowley, Bedford Lodge, score 71.

Prizes of golf bags and a wedge, and two putters were won by players closest to the hole on a few par 3 holes. This was a donation by John Leitch of J L's Courier Service.

Names were then drawn out of the hat for awards for everyone in attendance and then a large number of door prizes were given out.

Attendance by Lodges was as follows: St. Andrews No. 1 - 1, Virgin No. 3 - 1, Keith No. 17 - 1, St. Marks No. 38 - 1, Truro No. 43 - 4, Eastern Star No. 51 - 1, Cornwallis No. 95 - 2, Atlantic No. 103 - 1, Bedford No. 104 - 6, Wentworth No. 108 - 4, St. Margarets No. 118 - 4, Fidelity No. 119 - 3, Duke of Kent No. 121 - 1, John Albro No. 122 - 15, White Ensign No. 129 - 2, Woodlawn No. 131 - 4, Timberlea No. 136 - 3, Sackville No. 137 - 6, Keith No. 23 NB - 1.

The balance of the golfers came from the Somme Branch and Bedford Branch of the Canadian Legion along with various friends of the participants.

Many thanks go out to all those who donated prizes and/or time to help make the tournament a success.

In conclusion, a good day was had by all.

Monies raised: Sports fund - \$200.00, and Scholarship fund - \$415.00.

*Submitted by Raymond Gray, Secretary.*

## Masonic Family Picnic

The fourth annual John Albro Lodge No. 122 Family Picnic became history on September 27, 1999. Graves Island Provincial Park once again provided an amiable location. The weather more than cooperated with a warm, sunny day coupled with a moderating breeze.

Thirty-one brothers, wives, children, grand-children and friends from John Albro and Sackville Lodges attended this year's event. The junior participants, the whole reason for holding the picnic, outnumbered the adults 18 to 13, and ranged in age from 2 to 19 years.

Excellent use was made of the small beach and other facilities, and when coupled with games, toys/prizes, and treats of cookies, puddings, drinks and freezies, the children kept the adults entertained. An ample dinner was provided and the relentless feeding continued for most of the afternoon with some having as many as three meals.

Success was measured by the number who asked if there would be another picnic next year. With that response, I believe the answer will be yes. 🍷

*Submitted by Richard Brooks, Senior Warden.*

*Editor's note: this article appears late due to space restrictions.*

## 75th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, May 27 the Royal Order of Scotland for NS and PEI celebrated their 75th anniversary with the dedication of a beach tree in the Halifax Public Gardens.

Shown is the marker beside it.



*Matt Todd photo*

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## Freemason Internet Education

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The Masonic Academy for Excellence in Personal Development - an Internet Academy for Freemasons is now available. These courses are offered free of charge sponsored by the 32nd Degree Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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Source: *The Northern Light*, August 1999.

## Scholarship Bonuses

It is extremely rewarding to be able to financially assist a young needy person with a scholarship to further their education. As Freemasons, it is an added bonus if we attract good people to our fraternity by doing so. One positive way to help this happen, is to make sure that the Master of the Lodge or his representative show up at the scholarship award ceremonies dressed in proper regalia. The presentation should be recorded on film, and the photos taken submitted to your local newspaper, or to "The Nova Scotia Freemason" for inclusion, space permitting.

- Bro. Lorne Urquhart

## Internet

There is now a Rosslyn Chapel Discussion Group. Brethren wishing to know more about this unofficial, masons only email information association, should send an email to [rosslyn@egroups.com](mailto:rosslyn@egroups.com) with details of their lodge and rank.

## Musical Instruments

Three organs are available for needy Masonic lodges - may need fine tuning. If interested contact Leo or Ivan at the Dartmouth District Masonic Centre, 24 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth, or telephone (902) 466-0312.

## Clarke Lodge No. 61 Notes

Reading old minutes of days gone by brings a touch of science fiction to one's mind as you look back in time and visualize the happenings in a lodge of yesterday.

Clarke Lodge hall was erected in 1872, and just as the Brothers of that year gathered for its Dedication, so did the members of year 2000 meet on April 13 at the hour of 7 p.m. to rededicate the Temple to the Craft.

The Rededication Ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master of Nova Scotia M.W. Bro. Lloyd Blagdon, with Grand Lodge Officers assuming Lodge stations. Clarke Lodge Officers and Brethren were then assembled, to be charged with their Solemn Obligation to the Supreme Being and the Craft.

Representatives came from Unity 4, Royal Sussex 6, Zetland 9, Burns 10, Welsford 26, Acacia 39, Kentville 58, Charity 69, Bedford 104, St. Margarets 118, Duke of Kent 121, King George 123, Shore Lodge 134, Norwood 135 and Timberlea 136. Also represented was Prince of Wales Lodge No. 18 of Prince Edward Island.

A very beautiful ceremony, performed in a fine manner and designed by M.W. Bro. David Waterbury and M.W. Bro. David Hatt, who are both members of Clarke Lodge. It is a ceremony that could well be a landmark for all lodges when the time arrives. 🗝️

Glynn K. Lloyd, Clarke Lodge No. 61

## Bones

It has been said that the membership of any organization is made up of four sets of bones. There are the wishbones, who spend all their time wishing someone would do the work. Then there are the jawbones, who do all the talking about the work and very little else. Another group is the knucklebones, who knock everything that anybody else tries to do. But the most valuable are the backbones, who get under the load and actually do the work. 🗝️

Source: *The Civil Service Pensioner (UK)*, Winter 99.

## Royal Sussex Lodge No. 6



W.M. Bro. James E. Cale presents a fifty year Jewel and certificate to Br. Dewitt Rockwell, in July 1999.

## Veterans Memorial Garden Project

Freemasons' Hall Limited celebrated its 200th anniversary of being located on the same street corner in Halifax this year. As an anniversary project, Freemasons' Hall Limited donated \$2,500 to Veterans Memorial Garden Project at the Veterans Hospital, part of the Q.E.II complex. An appeal was made to the Lodges in Halifax who use Freemasons' Hall to join in the project, and later an appeal to any Lodge in the jurisdiction. The appeal resulted in a total of \$15,000. being donated to the very worthwhile project and the Nova Scotia Freemasons being one of the four largest contributors to the project which will cost \$300,000." 🗝️



Pictured above is the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro Lloyd Blagdon and George Reid, President of Freemasons' Hall Limited, holding plaque given by the QEII Foundation.

## East Gate Lodge, No. 127, Westmount

Warm and fraternal greetings on behalf of the Brethren and our Master, Wor. Bro Donald P. MacAulay.

At Christmas, East Gate Lodge made another donation of food to Loaves and Fishes in Sydney, plus a donation of \$200. One hundred dollars was from the lodge and a matching contribution of \$100 from the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia. The manager of Loaves and Fishes, Adrienne Cogswell was very appreciative of the fraternity's generosity while the brethren at East Gate Lodge are most grateful for the Masonic Foundation's support.

In January, brethren at East Gate Lodge held a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Atlantic Superstore in Sydney River, to raise money for charity. It was a lot of fun, plus we had good fellowship and a good turnout. Two hundred dollars of the proceeds were turned over to Wor. Bro. John Newell, a Past Master of East Gate Lodge and presently Worthy Grand Patron of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia for donation to the Crohn's and Colitis Association of Nova Scotia. The lodge has also applied to the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia for a matching contribution of \$200.00.



Wor. Bro. Donald MacAulay (left) presents a \$100 cheque from the Masonic Foundation to Adrienne Cogswell, manager of Loaves and Fishes, while Bro. D.B. Powell, Jr. Warden and chair of East Gate Lodge's Food Bank Committee looks on.

I should also like to bring your attention to the fact that the donation to the Eastern Star was made in memory of two dear friends and familiar faces in the lodge rooms, who are no longer with us — Past Master V.Wor. Bro. Douglas C. Burton and Bernice Boone, a long-time member



The Masonic Choir were guest performers at the United Protestant Church in Sydney River. Bro. Stephenson, the choir director is standing front and centre in this picture while V.Wor. Bro. MacKay, wearing Grand Lodge regalia, is on his right in the front row.




Wor. Bro. Donald MacAulay turns over a \$200 cheque raised at a pancake and sausage breakfast, to Wor. Bro. John Newell (right), Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star, for donation to the Crohn's and Colitis Association of Nova Scotia. of the Eastern Star. Both passed away suddenly in January. We shall miss them. Sister Boone was the spouse of Wor. Bro. Allan Boone, another Past Master of East Gate Lodge.

On March 26, East Gate Lodge held a church parade at the United Protestant Church of Sydney River, which is Wor. Bro. Donald MacAulay's church and where he is actively involved in church activities.

The District Deputy Grand Master and more than 50 Freemasons from lodges in the Cape Breton Center District attended the service, including the district's Masonic Choir under the direction of

Brother Jackie Stephenson of Sydney Lodge No. 84. The choir organist is V. Wor. Bro. Ray MacKay, who is also the organist and chaplain of East Gate Lodge and director of the Men's Choir at the United Protestant Church of Sydney River.

The Masonic Choir replaced the regular choir for the service, leading the congregation in the rousing singing of the hymns and contributing further to the worship by singing two anthems.

Masons were well received at the United Protestant Church of Sydney River by the minister, Reverend Dr. Allan J. MacIntosh. He has invited us to come back. I'm sure we at East Gate Lodge will do our best to take him up on the invitation. 

*Darius B. (Dare) Powell, Junior Warden*

### Words to Ponder

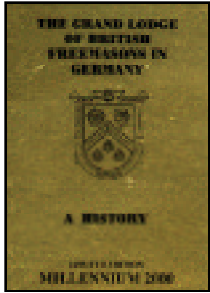
"The Trowel - may it remind you to be consistently spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, respecting each man even if his opinions differ from yours."

*Source - "Reflections"  
by James I. Miller*

# The Grand Lodge Of British Freemasons In Germany

## A History

This book was produced through the support of many Brethren and edited by John T. Kellas, Past Grand Secretary. The information in this publication is the result of many years of research and dedication to preserving Masonic history in a country that has endured much hardship.



Beaver Lodge now located in Werl, was founded by Canadian troops serving in Germany in 1962 and is still active to this day. This is an interesting historical read!

The proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

For your copy contact J.R. Kellas P.G.Sec., Auf Der Breite 2, 59505 Bad Sassendorf, Germany. Hardcover, £18.50 postage paid.

## I Just Didn't Know That

By Nevell Barker Cryer

This book is a collection of 10 papers which the author delivered at various functions during his masonic career. There is much to learn within the pages of this book, and is well worth reading.

Soft cover, 104 pages. Available for £13.49 (Plus shipping and handling) from Ian Allan Publishing, Riverdene Business Park, Molesey Road, Hersham, Surrey KT12 4RG.



## Masonic Foundation assists with In School Mentoring Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County received funding from the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia to assist with its In School Mentoring program. The Masons have offered assistance to the program for the past three years and to date have donated \$10,590 to the Pictou County agency. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been working with Walter Duggan Consolidated, G. R. Saunders Elementary and A.G. Baillie Memorial to provide a mentoring program to children in these schools who are seen to be at risk. Shown is James Hood, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Pictou County District Masonic Order, presenting a cheque for the last installment to Margie Grant-Walsh, Executive Director of the local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency. (Dunn photo)



On March 19, 2000, the Dartmouth District Masonic Centre, 24 Mount Hope Avenue, presented a \$20,000 cheque to the Dartmouth General Hospital. The Dartmouth District Masonic Centre has pledged \$100,000 in support of the Dartmouth Hospital, and this was their first installment honouring that commitment. Shown at the presentation were (left to right) Ivan Truen, Cliff Moir chairman of D.G.H. Charitable Foundation, Leo Clowes and Dr. Wylie Verge.



Rt. Wor. Bro. David England D.D.G.M. Antigonish-Guyborough, is shown presenting Tammy Anderson of Antigonish Big Brothers/Big Sisters, with a cheque for \$1,705.00 from the Nova Scotia Masonic Foundation, at the Sunrise Lodge No. 116 prior to the District Association Meeting. Assembled behind them are brethren from the five lodges that make up the Antigonish-Guyborough District.

We're all only fragile threads,  
but what a tapestry we make.  
— Jerry Ellis

## Mount Zion Preceptory No. 73

Mount Zion Preceptory No. 73, Knights Templar, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, located in Kentville, completed a successful year in December 1999. The Presiding Preceptor, Robert C. Cushing, Greenwood, Officers and Members celebrated on December 11, a Christmas Observance Ceremony with their ladies and friends. The special speaker was the Rev. Stephen Vail, Rector of the Anglican Parish of Cornwallis. During the ceremonies a Silver Chalice and Paten, as well as an Individual Communion Set was presented to the Valley Regional Hospital Chapel. J. Wilbert Layton, Past Provincial Grand Prior made the presentation on behalf of Mount Zion Preceptory to Rev. Vail, Chair of the Pastoral Services Committee at the Hospital Chapel. Rev. Vail accepted the gift and dedicated it for use at the Hospital Chapel. Following the Christmas Observance over 60 members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared and served by Evangeline Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

In August of 1999, at Gander, Newfoundland, Mount Zion was presented with the Supreme Grand Master's Award



Some of the Bro. Knights attending the Christmas Observance are, left to right, front row: Rt. Em. Kt. J. W. Layton, P.P.G.P., Rev. Stephen Vail, Em. Kt. R.C. Cushing, M. Em. Kt. W.M. Black, P.G.M. Second row: S. Kt. Gary Patterson, Em. Kt. G. H. Thomson, Rt. Em. Kt. G. Riley, Prov. Gr. Prior, Rt. Em. Kt. F.B. Byrne, P.P.G.P.; S. Kt. I.S. Robb, Constable; S. Kt. A. E. Bennett. Third row: S. Kt. C. Borden, S. Kt. V. MacCarlie; S. Kt. G. Hill, Organist; S. Kt. M. Robinson; S. Kt. D. Lease, S. Kt. K. Whitman. Back row: S. Kt. W. Stevens, V. Em. Kt. J.S. Amos, Em. Kt. Gerry Patterson, S. Kt. D. Rozee, Rt. Em. Kt. I. C. Brooks, P.P.G.P.

Plaque for the "best uniformed turn out in Canada" on the visit of the Provincial Grand Prior. Mount Zion also annually,

along with Sovereign Great Priory of Canada makes Bursary Awards to Divinity Students. ⚔

## He Never Came Back

*The item below, which was included in the Winter '99 issue of Trowel (magazine of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts) is reproduced because it just might make some masons reflect. The author is not known, but takes the form of a letter written to his lodge, and by implication to Freemasonry in general.*

It amuses me now to hear that your organization spends so much time looking for new members, when I was there all the time. Do you remember me?

I'm the fellow who came to every meeting but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his own friends to talk to and to sit with. I sat down several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute, but no one did.

Finally, because of an illness I missed a meeting. The next meeting no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date, I decided to stop in and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I

was the meeting before.

You might say that I'm a good guy, a good family man, that I hold a responsible job and love my community.

You know who else I am? I'm the member who never came back. ⚔

Source: *The Square*, March 2000.

## Keep It Under Your Hat

I lifted the following anecdote from "The Trestleboard" of one of our lodges, and it is reprinted here with no further acknowledgment.

The lodge had just opened. As the Master looked around the lodge room he noticed a brother in the back row of the southwest corner who was wearing a hat.

Not wanting to embarrass the brother, the Master called on the Senior Deacon to quietly ascertain why the brother was wearing a hat.

After a whispered conversation with

the offending brother, the Senior Deacon reported back to the Master.

He said that the brother was overjoyed to be asked. It seems that it was the third time he had attended that lodge, and this was the first time anyone had spoken to him.

'Could this have happened in your lodge?' ⚔

From *the Indiana Freemason*, by Alan G. Lisle, editor. Published summer of 1994.

## Online Masonic Mall

For those of you who have Internet connections, Brother Mike Poll, MPS, has opened his new site. It is a Masonic mall, where you can find Masonic gifts, order flowers, buy new or old Masonic books, find Masonic (and other) collectibles, read news, find educational material, regalia, links to other good sites and more.

The address is:

<http://www.lostword.com> and don't forget about the great site at: [www.freemasonry.org/psoc](http://www.freemasonry.org/psoc)

Those of you that have a difficult time paying your dues in US currency can now pay by credit card securely, at the Philalethes web site.

## Membership Dilema

The Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, Ralph W. Semb, addressed the Conference of Grand Masters on February 22nd. "...I remind you that I speak for all of the Shrine Imperial Divan." The gist of the address concerned the decline of Shrine membership and possible solutions to this problem. One of his concerns "...men wishing to become Shriners, but being blackballed at the Blue Lodge because when asked why they wanted to be a Mason, they may have replied, because I want to be a Shriner... everyone... would have benefitted because of dues income alone." He goes on to say "... One possible answer... Invite men to join the Shrine as a 'Civic member'." (A non voting, non office holding, non Mason) He concludes with "... We hope that you, the leaders of these Grand Lodges in attendance will want us to continue to be part of the Masonic Family, and we would like to be, if we can afford to do so."

*Source: the philalethes, April 2000*

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

*John Ruskin*

# The Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite Of Freemasonry

Contrary to a widely held belief within the Masonic Fraternity, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has no geographic connections to Scotland. The Scottish Rite evolved in France, and dates from about 1754 when a chapter (or College) of Clermont was founded in Paris with seven degrees. There is an earlier record of a Rose Croix Chapter at Arras, France, said to have been chartered in 1747 by Charles Edward Stuart. By 1758 the system had become a Rite of twenty-five degrees, known as the Rite of Perfection, whose Grand Constitutions were issued in 1762. In 1761, the Masonic authorities in France granted a Patent to Stephen Morin to carry the advanced degrees to the New World. In about 1763 Morin established the Rite at Kingston, Jamaica, and at San Domingo, in the West Indies. Bodies were subsequently set up at New Orleans in 1763; at Albany, New York, in 1767; at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1782; and at Charleston, South Carolina in 1783.


In 1786 the "Grand Constitutions" were enacted in an attempt to bring order out of the chaotic condition of the degrees in Europe. It was these Constitutions which brought the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite into formal existence, enlarging the number of degrees to thirty-three, with the 33° as a governing Supreme Council. While the Rite has thirty-three degrees, it accepts the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and commences the presentation of its degrees at the fourth.

In 1801 a Supreme Council was opened in Charleston, South Carolina, under the Constitutions of 1786, and absorbing the previously existing Rite of Perfection. All regular Supreme Councils of today are directly, or indirectly, descended from this Supreme Council. In 1874 the Supreme Council of England and Wales issued a warrant which authorized the formation of the Supreme Council of Canada. The Supreme Council of Canada is in amity with thirty-two other Supreme Councils throughout the world, and four National Grand Lodges in the Scandinavian countries. In response to the question "What is the mis-

sion of the Scottish Rite?" the words of Albert Pike, 33°, a Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. says it best.

Pike said: "Our order is more than a fraternity of good fellows engaged in the benevolent practices of friendship and relief. It is a militant Order, a knighthood, devoted to the cause of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

The Scottish Rite seeks to cultivate in the hearts of men, personal morality and the sentiment of tolerance and fraternity. What has been said and done by the historic emancipators for the liberty of the human mind is vividly portrayed in its Degrees and the Scottish Rite Mason is dedicated to the effort to make the spirit of Masonry prominent in Society.

To establish righteousness and ordain mercy, to protect the weak and combat all dogmas that would imprison the human spirit is the mission of the Scottish Rite Masonry". 

*Prepared by Harold E. Crosby*

## KYCH


### Knights of the York Cross of Honour

Eastern Canada Priory No. 19 was instituted January 1, 1943.

The only way to become a member is to have presided as Master of a Lodge, High Priest of a Chapter, Preceptor of a Preceptory and Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council and then being invited to join the Priory.

The KYCH was formed in the USA and the first Canadian inductee was Reginald V. Harris in 1936.

This Priory when originally formed covered the Eastern half of the country from Quebec to Newfoundland for membership.


The only Grand Master General from Canada Knight Harold Fitz Sipprell was elected from this Priory. 

*Gerald A. Riley, Registrar*

## Did You Know?

### What is the distinction between due form and ample form?

A lodge is opened and closed by its Master “in due form”, meaning according to the ancient usages and customs, the laws and ritual of its Grand Lodge. When the Grand Master opens and closes a Grand Lodge (or a particular lodge) he is said to do so in “ample form”. In some Jurisdictions the Grand Master will shorten the common ritual to save time, but his power and authority are “ample” to accomplish his purpose regardless of the manner in which he does it.

In some Jurisdictions the phrase “due examination” is used in referring to one of the methods of obtaining legal or lawful Masonic information. “Due examination” specifies the *manner* of such an examination; that it be conducted with due caution, and according to all the regulations of the Grand Lodge. 

*Source: MSA, 101 Questions about Freemasonry*


### Canadian History

Brother John Molson of Molson Brewing fame was born in 1763, the eldest son of an English farmer. He was orphaned at the tender age of eight and became head of the household.

At the age of eighteen Brother Molson travelled across the Atlantic and settled in Montreal. Four years later he was the sole owner of the only viable local brewery. Twenty-five years later after his brewing company prospered, he turned his entrepreneurial skills and capital to a more risky challenge - constructing a steam powered ship.

His craft, the “Accommodation”, was the first steamboat built outside of Britain, and was the inspiration for a fleet of ships and a new era of inland navigation.

Brother Molson also involved himself in other projects such as Montreal’s first theatre, a luxury hotel, a public hospital and the first Canadian railroad.


Brother Molson was Master of St. Paul’s Lodge, No. 374 in Montreal from 1791-1795 and served as Provincial Grand Master in 1826. He passed to the Grand Lodge above in 1836. 

*Source: The Northern Light, Vol. 30, No. 4*

## William Everett Moseley — 1902-2000

Most Worshipful Brother Moseley was born in Dartmouth in 1902. He became a lawyer, graduating from Dalhousie University and practicing law in Dartmouth until 1948.

Brother Moseley had many appointments to his credit, as well as an outstanding Masonic career. He was the first D.D.G.M. of District 1B, later known as Halifax County District. During his term as D.D.G.M. (1947-49) he organized Wentworth Lodge No. 108 and instituted Ashlar No. 107. Most Worshipful Brother Moseley served as Grand Master of Nova Scotia in 1960-62 and served on numerous committees. The rest of his Masonic career and accreditations are too numerous for us to list here.


He passed on to the Grand Lodge above on February 26, 2000. Our Masonic Brother’s presence among us will be sadly missed. 

## On The Level

At the close of every meeting, the Senior Warden reminds us that we as Masons should meet upon the level. That phrase captured the essence of what I perceive to be one of Freemasonry’s strongest assets. Within our walls all men, so long as they believe in the universality of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, meet on a common level.

The level is the insignia of the office of the Senior Warden. It teaches us that we are all descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hopes and dreams. This Masonic implement teaches us that although distinction among men may be necessary to

preserve subordination and order in a society, no eminence of station should make us forget that we are brothers. These distinctions only make us different than our other brothers; they do not themselves make us better than they are.

By bringing men of all stations together – by meeting on the level – Masonry seeks to remind us of our common traits, diminish our differences, and better enable us to work together for the service of God and our fellow man. 

*– From an editorial by Alan G. Lisle, in the Indiana Freemason, Summer, 1994.*

## Masonic Membership Card

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 x 3 1/2 inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a cheque or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.


It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect and

defend mine, as I have sworn to protect and defend theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they may be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud, yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions. 

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