Hiram Lodge No. 12

On Saturday, November 10, 2001, at Hiram Lodge No. 12 in Yarmouth, the dedication of their Lodge building took place. There were visiting brethren from as far away as Ontario to witness this event. There was a very enthusiastic turnout, with most of the Grand Lodge offices in attendance. The dedication ceremony went very well with excellent floor work by all. This was followed by a terrific meal and great fellowship. The weather was very cooperative and the day was enjoyed by all.

There were many ladies in attendance to make sure that everyone was well received and didn't go away hungry. Hats off to all the ladies!!

Photos below were taken during the dedication ceremonies.

Appreciation From Hiram Lodge No. 12

The brethren of Hiram Lodge No. 12 would like to thank Philadelphia Lodge in Barrington, District Deputy Grand Master Andrew Gorham, for allowing us to host the district meeting so we could have our new lodge dedicated. Thanks also to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and all of his Grand Lodge Officers for all the preparation they put into the dedication service. To all the brethren who traveled to Yarmouth to help us in celebrating our dedication we say thank you, and to the ladies of Keystone No. 5 of The Eastern Star who put on a great dinner in somewhat cramped quarters.

Yours in Masonry,
R.W. Kenneth Hatfield, Master Hiram No. 12
8 High Street, Yarmouth, B5A 2C1. (902) 742-5470

Expanding Your Horizons

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The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Ted Caulier (second from right) presents 50 year jewels to Bro. Richard (Dick) Dye and Bro. Walter Davis (second from left). The ladies in the picture are Walter Davis's daughters who came down from Ottawa for the occasion.
Did You Know?

By R.W.B. Reo J. Matthews, P.G.L.

Freemasonry was a fraternal organization of free-thinkers who had a very strong influence in 18th century Europe. The origins of the fraternal organization have been shrouded in mystery:

“According to legend, the founders of this secret society - The Craft - were the builders of the ancient Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, long before the Common Era, which was destroyed during the Roman Period, but its remains (the Wailing Wall) continue to be venerated. Modern historians associate the origins of Freemasonry with the Templars, a military order of Catholic Monks sent to Jerusalem in the 12th century during the Crusades” – Impact, p.29.

Freemasonry began in the rooms of a London public bar near the Anglican Cathedral of St. Paul's in June of 1717. The Freemasons supported freedom of belief, speech and thought, as well as the open market concept (free trade). At their meetings they would discuss these ideas and how they could be improved or effectively put into use. By doing this, they spread the leading ideas of the Enlightenment (A period in history which gave birth to new ideas and concepts - 17th and 18th century).

By the time the Old Order (rule by the wealthy and absolute monarchs) had been destroyed - 1789 - the year of the French Revolution; almost every medium-sized town in Europe had one or more Masonic Lodges. Those Lodges formed the focal point of change in Europe's development. The cry of the French Revolution - Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, had its roots in the Masonic Lodges of France. The Masonic Lodge gave an arena to the “Thinkers of the 18th century" to express their ideas on autonomy, nationalism and good government. More often than not, Freemasonry acted as a catalyst for change during these times.

Hillcrest Lodge No. 93 Honours Three Brethren

Members of Hillcrest Lodge, and many visiting Brethren from throughout the district gathered in the Hillcrest club room before opening Lodge to meet with invited family members of three Brethren who celebrated 160 years of faithful service to the craft.


Note of Caution

Too many times lately I have read of situations in various jurisdictions where Brothers have had their regalia stolen. Even though you may have it under cover in a case, it is not wise to leave your case out or visible, such as on the back seat of an unattended vehicle. Many put their cases in the truck of their car or behind the seat of their truck.

~ Editor

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Sunrise Lodge No. 116

Alfred Bruce Hudson  
Initiated - June 26, 1951  
Passed - September 18, 1951  
Raised - October 23, 1951  
Aged - 83 Years  
Occupation - Retired, Autobody Repair

The brethren of Sunrise Lodge were pleased and honored to have presented Wor. Bro. Bruce Hudson with his 50 year Jewel on the evening of November 15, 2001. Bruce comes from a distinguished Masonic family background. Assisting was his Brother-in-law Rt. Wor. Bro. Harold Sinclair, also a distinguished mason, and Bruce’s nephew Wor. Bro. Stewart Hudson who is a member of both Queens Lodge No. 34 and St. Mark No. 35 Baddeck. Stewart is a 4th generation Mason in the Hudson clan.

Bruce’s grandfather, Samuel Lewis Hudson was raised in Queens Lodge No. 34 June 30, 1871. It is interesting to note that Bro. Hudson received a Master’s Apron on the occasion of his 60th anniversary, as at that time the 50 year Jewel had not come into existence. Brother Hudson was raised to the Grand Lodge above on Nov. 9, 1934. He lived the life of a True Mason.

In 1935 Queens Lodge No. 34 erected and unveiled a monument in his memory in the cemetery opposite the Church of England at Country Harbour Mines.

Samuel had three sons and distinguished Masons who were long standing members of our fraternity, each with an average of 59 years of faithful service. Both Donald Gunn Hudson and Lewis Hudson were distinguished 50 year lodge members.

A third son, and Bruce’s father Harold V. Hudson was raised in Queens Lodge No. 34 on June 2, 1908. He was Worshipful Master of both Queens No. 34 and Stormont Lodge No. 96 where he was a Charter member. He received his 50 year Jewel in 1958, and 60 year Bar in 1968.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge Session 2002

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August 8-12, 2002

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Seats available to Brothers and their wives  
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Aug. 8  Depart Sackville Lodge  
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Aug. 8  Overnight Drummondville area  
Aug. 9  Depart Drummondville area  
Aug 9  Arrive Hamilton  
Aug 10  Hamilton  
Aug. 11  Depart Hamilton  
Aug. 12  Arrive Sackville Lodge, thence to Valley area.

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Display Cabinet Wanted

The Grand Lodge Research Centre is looking for an appropriate cabinet in which to display some historical artifacts. Must be secure and of presentable condition. Please notify Grand Secretary should one be available and/or affordable.
Masonic History Made

Editor’s Note: This article was not printing previously because we were awaiting proper photos. Since none arrived, I felt the information should be printed even at this late date.

Masonic history was made when Canam Lodge convened the first ever Masonic meeting to be held in the town of Burgeo, Newfoundland.

Members of Canam Lodge No. 19, accompanied by members from Notre Dame Lodge No. 6, and Lodge Newfoundland Kilwinning No. 1754 SC, travelled to Burgeo to share in the celebrations of Brother Hubert Strickland’s 50th anniversary as a Freemason. Brother Strickland is a member of Royal Sussex Lodge No. 6 of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

On June 23, 2001, the historic meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Wor. Brother Robert Clarke. The main business of the evening was the presentation of Brother Strickland’s fifty year jewel on behalf of his Mother Lodge (Royal Sussex) and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Following the presentation of his jewel by Rt. Wór. Brother W. Job Parsons DDGM for Western Newfoundland, Brother Stickland was presented with his certificate from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia by Rt. Wór. Brother John Dollimount PDDGM for Western Newfoundland.

Fraternal Best Wishes and Congratulations were extended to Brother Stickland by Wor. Brother Robert Clarke, as well as by the other Brethren present.

Following the meeting the Brethren paraded to the town center which is the site of a monument donated to the town by Brother Strickland, a strong indicator of his civic pride and commitment to his community.

Upon returning to the Lodge the Brethren were treated to a roast beef dinner that was attended by representatives of the town and various local organizations.

The visiting Brethren returned home at 5:00 p.m. after experiencing a day that was truly marked by fellowship, profit and pleasure.

Clarke Lodge No. 61 Notes

It may be a surprise to many to know that Clarke Lodge has one of the largest memberships in Nova Scotia.

Every year we hold lobster draws and lobster suppers to bolster our funds, and as a result we are able to make our hall - which is over 130 years old - a structure of beauty, both inside and out.

At our regular meeting on January 10, 2002, we were honoured with a visit by our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Tabor (Ted) Caulier, who was presented with the 130th Anniversary Medallion of Clarke Lodge No. 61.

A presentation of a Past Master’s Jewel was made by V.W. Bro. Marv. Mattson to W. Bro. Richard Logan, the retiring Worshipful Master.

The new Worshipful Master is W. Bro. John Levy, with officers that spell out youth - all eager to put their shoulders to the Masonic Wheel.

Can You Help?

Grand Lodge is in need of a volunteer to assist with the cataloguing of books etc., in the library. Many of the books have been entered, however there is much that needs to be done. For more information contact The Grand Secretary or Lorne Urquhart (902) 468-2477. Thank-you!

In January, 2002, at Clarke Lodge No. 61, Chester, Bro. Richard Logan (left) was presented with a Past Masters Jewel by V.W. Bro. Marvin Mattson.

Worshipful Bro. Richard Logan is seen presenting a Widows Pin to Mrs. Donna Covey, widow of W. Bro. Hale Covey, at the Clarke Lodge No. 61 Christmas supper in December.

V.W. Bro. Glynne K. Lloyd

The Life And Times Of Alexander Keith Nova Scotia’s Brewmaster

By Peter L. McCreath

This book covers the clan Keith from the turn of the second millennium AD. up to and including Alexander Keith’s funeral on December 17, 1873. Alexander Keith led a most interesting life and one you will surely enjoy reading about.

Published by Four East Publications ISBN: 0-920427-56-1 $12.95, soft cover, 85 pages, includes bibliographical references.
The Ancient And Accepted Scottish Rite Of Freemasonry

By Harold E. Crosby

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, enlisting the number of degrees to thirty-three, with the 33º 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.

The Freemasons, who for centuries zealously guarded the secrecy of their rites and greetings, are hoping to dismantle their mysterious image and revive interest in their declining society by opening a museum along the Boston Common. As part of a multi-million-dollar renovation of its Grand Lodge, the Masons will put windows in the windowless façade, add a doorway along Tremont Street, and put on display of their vast collection of Masonic memorabilia. Visitors will see objects associated with some of the most famous men in American history: the trowel used by Lafayette at the cornerstone-laying for the Bunker Hill Monument; a pistol owned by Revolutionary War naval hero John Paul Jones; and a lock of George Washington’s hair encased in a tiny gold urn cast by Paul Revere.

Generally referred to as the “Collar and Jewel”, this chest medallion has been worn by every Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia since 1866. The first Grand Master to wear the chest medallion was Most Worshipful Brother (Doctor) William H. Davies, who was born at Albion Mines, Nova Scotia. He later attended medical school at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, graduating with high honors in August, 1857. Records show that the chest medallion was purchased at this time by Brother Davies, from a jeweller in Edinburgh, Scotland, named Brother Hay. It seems reasonable to assume that this chest medallion was modelled after the one used in Scotland at the time, but with some differences, particularly the centrepiece which in Scotland depicts a figure of St. Andrew.

Our chest medallion bears the crest of Nova Scotia in a gilded silver plate frame mounted on a domed blue enamel surface which is surrounded by the words Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The crest is surrounded by a border of 32 set diamonds (paste stones) mounted, and a blue enamelled star. The size of the diamonds are approximately 2.5 carats. The chest medallion is 11.5 cm (4.5”) in height by 10 cm (4”) in diameter. The Star is 4 cm (1 3/8”) by 4 cm (1 3/8”) wide. This chest medallion has both monetary value as well as historical.

In response to the question “what is the mission of the Scottish Rite?” the words of Albert Pike, 33º, a Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA 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 regnant 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.”

Source: Story in the Boston Globe.

New Museum In Massachusetts

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St. Margaret’s Lodge, No. 118, Starts Its 52nd Year In Masonry

Tucked in the northeast corner of St. Margaret’s Bay is the lodge of St. Margaret’s, No. 118, with a membership of 46 masons and an active core of 20 members working hard for the benefit of the Lodge and masonry in general. Here emphasis is usually placed on masonic education when not performing degree work. The Lodge is blessed in having a past Grand Lecturer, Right Worshipful Brother Brian Loughnan, as Secretary and resident educator, who is assisted by several competent brethren in this important work, under the direction of the Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Reno Favretto.

The Lodge strives to be visible within the community. A senior citizens’ club is permitted to use the lower hall every Wednesday throughout most of the year. A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is held annually, as well as a hearty Pancake Breakfast on Canada Day (July 1) as part of “Bay Days” festivities. Later on the same day, volunteers from the Lodge provide an afternoon of Bingo for seniors. In the Fall the Lodge, in conjunction with members of Mystic Star Chapter, No. 40, Order of the Eastern Star, hold a Turkey Supper which is always well attended.

A wreath is placed at local war memorials on Remembrance Day to honour the fallen. The annual wreath laying is alternated between the communities of Hubbards and Seabright.

St. Margaret’s Lodge has participated in the Masonic Foundation Scholarship Program since its inception. A one thousand dollar scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating student of Sir John A. MacDonald High School meeting the criteria of financial need as opposed to academic excellence.

Visiting brethren from all over the Metropolitan area have attended our meetings, some of whom live in the local area. The Master and Brethren of St. Margaret’s Lodge extend a special invitation to all masons living in this fast growing community, whether they be retired or still engaged in earning a living, to visit our lodge and enjoy an evening of fellowship. We meet on the first Thursday of the month, except July and August, at 7:30 p.m.

The Craft can only benefit when more of us meet together to work, discuss and discover the greatness of our institution. Brethren, we should put meaning into that phrase from our Installation Ceremony, “May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford”.

St. Margaret’s Lodge is located on the corner of Mason’s Point Road and old Highway #3, next to the Baptist Church, 6.4 km from Exit 5 (at Sobey’s) on Highway #103, or 4.7 km from the Crossroads (by the Irving Station) on Highway #3.

Respectfully submitted, Very Worshipful Brother John (Jack) A.G. Cossar Sr. P.J.G.D. Chaplain

Three Generations of Masons

W. Bro. Art MacDonald with V.W. Bro. Brent MacDonald and Bro. Michael MacDonald of Ad Astra Lodge No. 130, on the recent raising of Bro. Michael as a Master Mason. Bro. Michael is the son of W. Bro. Art, and grandson of V.W. Bro. Brent, three generations of one family belonging to the same lodge.

Masonic Book Shelf

Valley Of The Craftsmen
A Pictorial History

Two hundred years of Scottish Rite Freemasonry and the outstanding men who played a significant role in its development. Filled with many photographs, this book was originally published for the Bicentennial of the Supreme Council 33° Southern Jurisdiction.

Available from University of South Carolina Press, 718 Devine Street, Columbia, S.C. 29208; Telephone: (803) 777-1108. Approximately $75.00 Canadian.

California Freemasonry
1850-2000
The Past Fifty Years

Edited by Grand Lodge Masonic History Committee

This book is what you would expect from California, very colourful with many photographs. This is the second book on the history of Freemasonry in California. Following a brief introduction, the events of 1950-2000 are well presented both in picture form and documentation.

ISBN: 0-967451604, hard cover. For more information contact Grand Lodge Of Free & Accepted Masons of California, California Masonic Memorial Temple, 1111 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108-2284.

Respectfully submitted, Very Worshipful Brother John (Jack) A.G. Cossar Sr. P.J.G.D. Chaplain
Timberlea Lodge No. 136

Shown at the December 12, 2001 meeting (from the left): Brothers Albert Cummings, John Stewart (Stormont Lodge No. 96), Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Ted Caulier (Stormont No. 96 and Timberlea No. 136), Harold D. Stewart, and James H. Batt (Timberlea No. 136). Brothers John Stewart and Harold Stewart are brothers by birth as well as Masonic.

175 Years of Freemasonry

175 years of Freemasonry represented by the presentation of one 55 year bar and two 60 year bars to Taylor Lodge No. 62 masons. Making the presentation is M.W. Bro. Ted Caulier. Receiving are (from the left) V.W. Brother Clinton Pierce, Brother Lloyd Huskilson and R.W. Brother Harold Huskilson.

A Rose Upon The Altar

Brethren of Corinthian Lodge No. 63 in Great Village and their guests were recently treated to the presentation of the play “A Rose Upon the Altar”. The cast consisted mostly of brethren from Eastern Star Lodge No. 51 and gave a most moving tribute to Masonry.

Shuniah Lodge No. 287

On May 29, 2001, Masonic history was made in Shuniah Lodge No. 287 G.R.C. in Thunder Bay, Ontario, when Michael Randall was raised a Master Mason. Present at the ceremony from Wentworth Lodge No. 108 and C. W. Sauder Lodge No. 125 in NS, were his grandfather, father and brother — three generations of one family plus one.

This was a first for this Lodge and no doubt the only living four Masons of one family in Canada.

Submitted by V.W. Bro. D. Randall

A Note from Hiram Lodge No. 12

Someone left a raincoat at the Lodge. It is a London Fog, 44 reg. black. If the person who left it would get in touch with me, I will gladly mail it to them.

R.W. Kenneth Hatfield, Master Hiram No. 12
(902) 742-5470

Attention

Your photos and articles are appreciated and well read. Please keep them coming. Mail to The Grand Secretary - clo The Nova Scotia Freemason
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Members Registration Form
June 7th & 8th, 2002

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**Note: Ladies programme tickets are $20.00 each.**
The Ladies Program this year will be a tour of the Nova Scotia Museum of Industry at Stellarton Nova Scotia. Luncheon at the Heather Hotel in Stellarton.

Come join us to discover the History and experience the Fun

So that proper arrangements can be made, please indicate which of the following events you plan to attend:

Sat. June 8th   Ladies Programme: Yes: ........... No: ........

Grand Lodge Banquet: Yes: ........... No: ........   Your Lady? Yes ...... No ......

Grand Lodge Banquet tickets are $25.00 each, $50.00 per couple.

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Note:
The Grand Master Elect has decided upon an **OPEN INSTALLATION** of Grand Lodge Officers.

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