



The Nova Scotia FREEMASON

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA

From the Desk of the Grand Secretary M.W. Brother Robert H. Northup



Be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Administration Workshop on **Saturday, September 18, 2004** at the **Best Western Glengarry Hotel**, 150 Willow Street in **Truro** starting at **9 am**. All Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, Treasurers and officers are invited to attend. The day's agenda will consist of talks on Liability Insurance by the Grand Lodge of

Nova Scotia's insurance consultant, Mr. Jarvis de Conde; a review of Annual Assessment procedures; changes in membership reporting; and new methods and procedures with means of reporting by a computer facsimile. It would be wise to bring a copy of the constitution and ritual, along with writing materials for making notes. Look forward to a very busy and informative full day with lunch being served in the classroom. **Please make note also that you must be registered with the Grand Secretary prior to the Workshop in order to attend.** 🪄



On April 24, Minas Lodge No. 67 A.F. & A.M. had the unique experience of raising 9 brothers to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The newly raised brethren are pictured above: front row left to right - Bros. Wyman Welton, David Towns, Dave Gilbert and Darrel Spence. Back row Bros. Colin Curleigh, Cyril Mosher, Gary Nymark, Andrew Smith and William Kyle.

Happy Birthday Brother Creighton

~ A 100 Years in Review ~

Born of good Presbyterian, Pictou County stock. Wilfrid started his early years with good helpings of the catechism and oatmeal porridge. He started school in Musquodoboit but soon moved back to Halifax where his father was inspector of schools while his mother was a school teacher. His father was a Dalhousie graduate while his mother graduated from Pictou Academy and Normal College. It was during his early years that Wilfrid gathered his great love for the woods and respect for rural life. His early years at Musquodoboit he says were perhaps the happiest years of his life.

Wilfrid was the youngest of 6 children who like their father all graduated from Dalhousie. As well Wilfrid's wife and three children graduated from Dal.

After finishing at Dal in 1926, Wilfrid studied forestry at UNB from 1926 to 1929. During his summer months Wilf worked in the woods of New Brunswick and Quebec as well as a harvest excursion in 1927 to stook (\$4/day) and thrash(\$6/day) wheat in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.



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After graduation Wilfrid worked for Laurentide Pulp and Paper out of Grand Mere, Quebec.

The stock market crash and subsequent depression impacted the pulp and paper industry all across North America, and Wilf was given an unpaid leave of absence in 1931, with a promise of continuing work when economic times improved. Even government jobs under the R.B. Bennett government were pretty well closed off except to those with political influence. Wilf decided to invest his savings to date and set course to continue his education in Europe. His studied Forestry at

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Brother Creighton cuts his cake.



R.W. Brother Sim Hardy - Junior Grand Warden presenting Brother Creighton with the honorary rank of Past Master along with the certificate, jewel and apron of that high office.

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the University of Munich, the Prussian State College and in his last year the Saxon State College; all in three years. Wilf mixed well into the European culture becoming fluent in the German language. Because Wilf had played Canadian hockey at Dalhousie as well as with the Fredericton Capitals, he played in what would now be a semi professional league while in Europe. Being trained in Canada, Wilf was considered a star over there. He played in Paris, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland, Austria, and the Sudetenland. Most games were on lakes outdoors, although they had indoor rinks in Paris, Berlin, and Munich. When playing in Dresden a prince took him to the Sudetenland and he often had the opportunity to mix with the upper class and remembers once eating with Barons and a Prince. After Hitler came to power the students didn't mix with each other or the classes as before.

Wilf's studies specialized in photogrammetry in Germany which was an infancy subject here in Canada. He became knowledgeable in stereoscopy and three dimensional photography. Wilf returned from Germany in May of 1934 in possession of many professional skills which would serve him well in his chosen career.

He began work in 1934 as Provincial Forester for Nova Scotia. One of his first major undertakings was to initiate a survey of all of the Crown lands. There had never been one to that date. Once crown land boundaries were established, work began cruising these lands in which a lot of photography was employed.

Another of his major undertakings was to build the inventory of Crown lands. Wilfrid was responsible for the purchase of over 500,000 acres of crown timberland during the years of 1937 to 1949, much of it for \$1.00 per acre or less.

During 1949 to 1969 Wilfrid served as Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, and was directly responsible for building and directing the legislation which was to improve that department from its humble beginnings to the major Ministry of government it is today. After Wilfrid retired, he wrote a book of the history of his department of Lands and Forests entitled "Forestkeeping"

Wilfrid's wife who was 9 years younger than he, was a Halifax native with some French heritage, also a Dalhousie graduate and a school teacher. They had three children. Wilfrid's wife has been deceased for 8 years now. Wilfrid was also predeceased by his eldest son at the age of 46 years. His son Hugh is an accountant in Halifax, and his daughter Beth is retired and lives in Seabright.

Although Wilfrid may be older, he is not inactive. He is at peace when he is close to the forests he loves, and he actively manages his 1,400 acre wood lot at Glenmore Hills not far from Middle Musquodoboit. On his lot he currently harvests logs and pulpwood. As well he has an operating sugar bush, a modest Christmas tree plantation and an ever expanding blueberry operation. During the past decade or more he has gradually been clearing timberland and cultivating it into blueberry production, a cycle which takes about 10 years to complete. Wilfrid's lot suffered considerably from Hurricane Juan in September of

last year, and he is presently trying to harvest over 1,000,00 bd. ft. of blown down timber. Wilf tries to make every parcel of his wood lot healthy and productive in some capacity, and manages it as a self contained eco-system. Up until this year Wilfrid has driven to his wood lot each week to personally oversee his various projects. Because of concern for his safety and that of others Wilfrid always prefers to have company on these trips nowadays. In April Wilfrid just purchased a new Ford Taurus, which in itself is a small milestone since this year is coincidentally the 100th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company.

Wilfrid's ambitious career accomplishments consumed more time than most men apply to their work, and he has some regrets that he didn't make more time available to his lodge work. He feels badly that he received a bad steer which perhaps cost him 15 years of Masonic involvement. He became interested but was told you had to wait to be invited to join. So he waited until he learned differently. He was raised in 1951 (after he was already Deputy Minister). He went very quickly to the Scottish Rite where he is a Past Most Wise Sovereign. For many years he directed the 23rd degree, personally playing the lead role of Moses. Noting his excellent power of recall he knows he could prepare to do that ritual work again on very short notice.

Wilfrid received his 33rd degree in 1969. He is also is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and presently serves as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Wilfrid has regularly attended St

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The Modern Cowan

In Scotland, the operative Mason knew cowans to be ignorant builders who put stones together without mortar.

They piled rough fieldstones into a wall without hewing them true, or squaring them. They masqueraded as Masters, but they did not have the Word.

Now and again, today - fortunately not too often - we find a modern equivalent of the operative imposter. One such is the Mason who manages a place in an officer's line with little or no effect of his own to deserve it. With only that exertion that is necessary to maintain his place, he continues to advance in line until he receives the jewels and honors that he prizes so highly. But he does not know the Constitution, and he does not understand the traditions and dignity of the Craft. As a presiding officer, his vo-


cal ability is more noteworthy than his executive ability; and when his term is ended, he is seldom seen until another honor or prize appears to be within his grasp.

He is a contemporary builder who works without the benefit of the mortar of real enthusiasm or accomplishments. His structure is likened unto the rough stone wall, having little beauty or value. He is the cowan of modern speculative Masonry.

He is to be pitied, for he is a Masonic failure. His honors are shallow. Bringing no interest to his position, he received little of the satisfaction and respect that belong to the real Master.

Masonry has failed to reach him with a clear understanding of those marks of

true devotion which she has to offer. He never knows the opportunities that the Craft makes available to those who diligently seek them. He misses the opportunities that the Craft makes available to strive for a just and worthy cause. He misses the opportunity for continuing fellowship and friendship. He misses the opportunity for loyalty and devotion. He misses the opportunity for development of his executive, intellectual and oratorical abilities. And most of all, he misses the opportunity for service - to God - to his community - and to his fellow man.

These are the jewels that Masonry has to offer, but in his quest for position and honors, the modern cowan misses them. Like the operative cowan, he does not have the Word. 


R.A.M. Glaucoma Fund

As our population grows older, there is an ever increasing number of people who develop problems with their eyesight. The Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia decided to focus their benevolent program in this direction.

On April 16, 2004, at the QEII Health Science Centre Foundation in Halifax, a reception was held to recognize

publicly, the wonderful fund-raising efforts by the Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. The R.A.M. Glaucoma Fund had just reached the \$100,000 level. This fund was achieved through fund-raising within the fraternity without any appeal to the general public.

At the Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in

Dartmouth on May 7, 8, 2004, a cheque in the amount of \$100,000 was presented to Prof. Dr. Raymond LeBlanc of the Nova Scotia Eye Care Centre. The Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences Departments of the QEII were most grateful for this financial contribution and presented plaques in recognition of the R.A.M. Glaucoma Fund. 

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R.W. Brother Sim Hardy is shown here seating Wor. Bro. Creighton as Immediate Past Master.

Andrew's Lodge till present day, and as our oldest member, we are very proud of him and are delighted for him on his 100th birthday. 

George W Reid

Historian - St Andrew's Lodge No. 1

Clark Lodge No. 61 - Installation, January 10, 2004



The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Shane MacFarlane is shown here congratulating the newly installed Master of Clark Lodge No. 61 Wor. Bro. Donald Hatt at their Installation on January 10.



This photo is of the members of Clark Lodge No. 61 and the Grand Master taken at their Installation on January 10.

Military Support

The November-December Minnesota Mason related that one of their lodges worked with a local weekly newspaper to send their paper to service-people from in their area serving in Iraq. The lodge paid for the postage and packaging and the publisher furnished the local paper and did the mailing.

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Bro. Bill Hogg of C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125 received his 50-year jewel from 60-year bar holder V.W. Bro. Dave Miller, the day after the hurricane - on September 29, 2003.



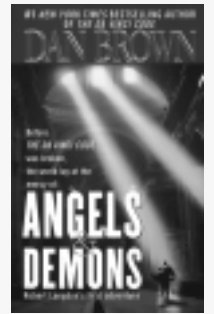
The Bonspiel held in Lunenburg for Lun/Queens county district was won by one of the teams from Unity Lodge. The winning team consisted of (left to right) W.B. Billy Fittenburg, W.B. Reg Tanner, W.B. Bill Cluett and W.B. Sherman Mitchell. A close second place was achieved by Grace Chapter No. 8 OES.

He was the son of Lamech, Grandson of Methuselah, and his name was, Tubal-cain


The Da Vinci Code and Angels & Demons

The Da Vinci Code and Angels & Demons are two best selling novels by Dan Brown. I usually shy away from novels, however these two were highly recommended. I can assure you that they will capture your attention. Both deal with obscure organizations, the Illuminati and the Priory of Sion.

Angels and Demons deals with the Illuminati and their aggressive revenge upon the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. This book will definitely keep you enthralled as you weave in and out of situations in Rome and the Vatican. Published by Pocket Books (Simon & Shuster) ISBN 0-671-02736-0, 569 pages, \$11.99.




The Da Vinci Code will take you to Paris with most interesting and thought provoking experiences in the Louvre. The Priory of Sion are protectors of something which is being sought by other forces. Published by Doubleday, ISBN 0-385-50420-9, H/C, 454 pages, \$37.95.

Both books are based on extensive research identifying items of architecture, artworks and secret rituals which are factual. It is fascinating to find what references are true. 

The Sinclair Saga

By Mark Finnan


This book deals with the connections of the Sinclairs of Scotland and a man known as Prince Henry Sinclair who was believed to have crossed the Atlantic in 1398. There is evidence that visitors to Nova Scotia many years ago may have had a more meaningful reason to come here than just by chance. A most interesting read with photography and references to Rosslyn Chapel and Freemasonry. ISBN: 0-88780-466-7, S/C, 149 pages with bibliography. Published by Formac Publishing Company Limited, \$19.95. 



The Temples at Jerusalem and Their Masonic Connections

by George Farrah



This book is a compilation of historical and archaeological evidence presented in an easy to read thought provoking series of chapters. There are many topics covered i.e.: King Solomon's Temple, Masonic Symbolism, The Pillars, Who's Who along with Biblical References. Published by Central Regalia Ltd. of England, ISBN 0-954216-1-X, S/C 278 pages including bibliography, App. \$55.00 Cdn. 

Craft and Conflict: Masonic Trench Art and Military Memorabilia



By **Mark J.R. Dennis**
and **Nicholas J. Saunders**

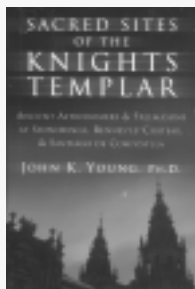
This small (64 page) but lavishly illustrated book will indeed give the reader some insight as to what men did with their time during difficult war situations. There are many pieces of memorabilia that have the most interesting stories attached, as well as being functional and very artistically produced.

Published by Savannah Publications, ISBN: 1902366166, S/C, \$21.50. 🪄

Sacred Sites of the Knights Templar Ancient Astronomers & Freemason at Stonehenge, Rennes-Le-Chateau & Santiago De Compostela

By **John K. Young, Ph.D.**

This book is an examination of sacred megalithic sites in the British Isles and connections to other sites in other countries. Rennes-le-Chateau, The Priory of Sion and of course the Holy Grail are but a few of the interesting subjects that are covered in this book. Published by Four Winds Press (USA) (same publishers as "The Hiram Key", "The Second Messiah" and URIEL'S Machine) ISBN 1-59233-017-7, H/C, 236 pages including index, \$24.95 Cdn. 🪄



The Templars' Secret Island The Knights, The Priest and The Treasure



By **Erling Haagensen** and **Henry Lincoln**

This book deals with the tiny island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea and its connections with France and Jerusalem. For those who are fascinated with symbolic geometry, you will not be disappointed with this book. Bornholm has hundreds of standing stones and extraordinary mediaeval churches which are examined in an intricate geometric design formation. Rennes-le-Chateau in France and the pentacle of mountains in the landscape will indeed perk up your interest. Erling Haagensen lives and works on Bornholm Island and Henry Lincoln is best known for his work as co-author of The Holy Blood and The Holy Grail and The Messianic Legacy. Published by The Windrush Press (UK), ISBN 1-84188-190-2, S/C, 194 pages including index. App. \$28.00 Cdn. 🪄

Masonic Havens Limited

Masonic Havens Limited (MHL), sponsored by the Freemasons of Ireland, has been providing care for Masons and their dependents since 1984. However, nursing care for residents in failing health was not available. A new program—Continuity of Care—was adopted and St. Joseph's Nursing Home now provides nursing care.

A unique fund-raising program has been developed to help underwrite some of the costs involved with these accommodations for the elderly, which now includes the community as a whole.

The fund-raising promotion is on the M.H.L. web site and gives you a virtual tour of King Solomon's Temple with your name on it. For those who might be interested please visit the site at www.masonichavens.com. 🪄

Source *M.S.A.*

Stewiacke Lodge No. 98



Here are six brothers from Welsford Lodge No. 26 in Windsor, during their official visit to Stewiacke Lodge No. 98 on November 13. Shown with them, (standing second from left) is Wor. Bro. James I. Acker, Master of the host Lodge. Beside him (centre rear) is Wor. Bro. James J. White, Master of Welsford Lodge. This visit is a result of a special meeting of Stewiacke Lodge held in the rooms of Welsford Lodge last April. (Photo by R.W. Bro. J. Alan Lawrence)

*In a recent letter from Stewiacke Lodge No. 98, it was recorded that Brother Kenneth C. Reid was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 11, 2004. Congratulations Brother Reid.

Often times, it shows an excellent command of language by saying nothing. But if you do say something, always use words of good taste. You might have to eat them.



The Four Crowned Martyrs



Many of you will recognize this by its legendary name “Quatuor Coronati” and also the name adopted by the Premiere Lodge of Research in London, England. Many of you however, may not be aware of this legend and how it got named as such.

Around 290 A.D. the Roman Emperor Diocletian visited the marble quarries at Pannonia and was pleased to find working there four stonemasons of extraordinary skill. These four stonemasons who were secretly Christians had an associate artisan, well on his way to becoming a Christian, working with them in the quarries. The Emperor was so impressed with their work that he gave them instructions to produce various works of stone, including a statue to the heathen god Aesculapius.

Over the course of time it became apparent that the work ordered to be completed did not include the statue of Aesculapius. This omission from their work was brought to the attention of the Emperor along with accusations that the five sculptors were Christians and that their work was directed by magical forces. After due consideration, the Emperor being very appreciative of their work, ordered them once again to produce the statue of Aesculapius. The five men refused and were imprisoned. Their religion was not the reason for their imprisonment, it was because they disobeyed Caesar’s orders.

At the same time the Tribune Lampadius, who had ordered the imprisonment was apparently seized by an evil force and expired in his seat of judgment. Diocletian Augustus was so enraged, he ordered the five men to be enclosed alive in leaden coffins and cast into the Tiber River.

After 42 days, Nichodemus, a Christian, removed the coffins to his house.

One year and twelve days after the martyrdom, the Emperor Diocletian entered Rome and ordered the building of a temple with the image of Aesculapius carved within. At the completion of the temple, the Emperor ordered all soldiers to present themselves before the heathen god’s image, and offer incense. Four of these soldiers known as Coronati*, declined to participate, being Christians. Their refusal was brought to the attention of the Emperor who ordered them to be scourged to death with lead-weighted thongs, and their bodies cast to the dogs.

A few days later their bodies were interned by Bishop Milchiades on November 8, exactly two years after Bishop Quirilles had passed away from grief upon hearing of the fate of the five sculptors. Bishop Milchiades, not knowing the names of the four soldiers, ordered that under the names of the former five sculptors, their anniversary should be observed.

In time a festival was established in honour of the five sculptors and the four soldiers, the festival became known as “Quatuor Coronati”.

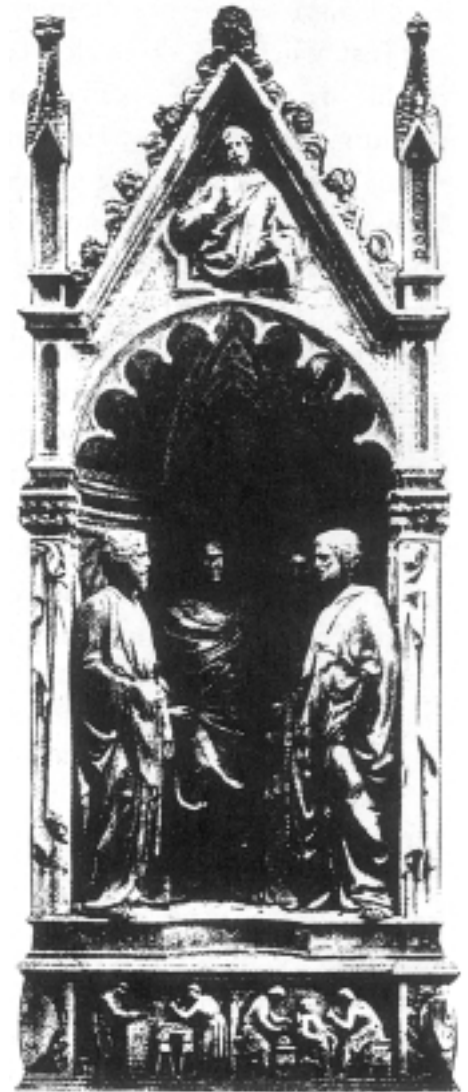
In 605 A.D. Pope Honorius I erected a church in the honour of these men. The church still stands on Coelian Hill in Rome.

Lawrence Cardinal Quatuor Coronatorium took this title in the name of the church when he was in York in 1521.


There appears to be compelling evidence in historical accounts of substantial truth to this legend.

In a parchment book in the public library of the city of Ghent, Belgium, is a page referring to The Four Crowned Craftsmen or Masonic Saints. The legend (1616-1700) of the Four Crowned Martyrs is that they were Mason builders who were beaten to death in Rome (300 A.D.) by order of the Emperor.

*Coronati refers to the heavenly Crown, and everyone who has laid down his life for his faith is supposed, by the



The Quatuor Coronati. The Four Crowned Martyrs in the church of St. Michele, Florence, Italy.

church, to have earned the crown of martyrdom. Why these crowns have been ascribed so especially to these four is unknown. Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 founded in 1884 displays four crowns on its official documents. 

Sources:

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- Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076

- Bro. Lorne Urquhart, G.H.

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

Members Registration Form

June 4 - 5 , 2004

(Headquarters Hotel)

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Required for **Banquet** and **Ladies Programme**

(No tickets for these events will be available at the hotel)

Name: Are you a **Past Master**?

Name of accompanying Lady (for name tag) :

Lodge Name: No. Location:

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Your full address:

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Are you a Grand Representative? .. If so, what G.L.?

Note: Ladies programme tickets are \$30.00 each.

The Ladies program this year will be a tour of the Anne Murray Centre in Springhill with a private luncheon being served in Springhill.

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

Fri., June 4: Reception by the pool Yes . No ...
Reception is no cost but you will need a ticket, so please tell us if you plan to attend

Sat. June 5: Ladies Programme: Yes: ... No: ..
Grand Lodge Banquet: Yes ... No: .. Your Lady? Yes . No....

Grand Lodge Banquet tickets are \$30.00 each, \$60.00 per couple.

Payment in full for all tickets must accompany this reservation form.

The Grand Master Elect has indicated his desire to have an

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of Grand Lodge Officers. Family members and guests are welcome to attend.

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