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Masons As Managers



This is a time when we as Masons are planning for the year ahead. We will be electing our Officers to run our Lodges for the next year. It is a continuing dilemma facing Masonry, and the future of a Brother in our Lodge to assume the lodge's Chief Executive Officer.

Ask most Freemasons what makes a good Master of a lodge, and the traditional answer will probably be some aspect of ritualization. A man that can recite Masonic ritual from the first word of the first degree to the last word of the third degree, including all lectures, has been regarded as the ideal candidate for assuming the chair in the East.

When pressed further for other reasons, it could be affirmed that a good Master must be able to handle the business of the Lodge, organize staff committees, select projects and be responsible for the lodge's welfare (those may be secondary).

Let's stop for a moment and look at the handbook which is sent to the Master of each lodge from our Grand Lodge office immediately upon receiving the list of officers after the installation. (Look at the first ten items offered for consideration.) While those are only suggestions, maybe some of us should take them more seriously.

Obviously, attention to our degree work is vitally important, but it is not the end-all that many Freemasons erroneously believe to be the sole requisite to qualify a man for the East. Lodge management, I feel, is the prime function of a lodge's chief executive; to ensure what needs to get accomplished, gets accomplished.


The harried Master who cannot distinguish between the incidental and the essential will undoubtedly perform in an impulsive and premature manner. Whereas in periods of growth this manner of ineffective management did not appear to harm the craft, it can no longer be deemed acceptable. Delegation of authority not only relieves the Master of tedious detail of time-consuming chores, it also involves members in lodge activities.

Such involvement breeds interest and interest breeds activity. The more involved the membership becomes on a lodge-wide basis the greater the development of the human resources to be made available for the future. We could say maybe, the

ideal Master is primarily concerned with policies rather than details, and delegates the latter to carefully chosen Committees.

Before Freemasons can begin to plot the course of future maneuvers, the first step is to make sure that the basic cornerstone of the Institution is secure and progressive, looking to the future and not squabbling among ourselves. Secondly, at some point in time Freemasonry will have to examine the ancient traditions and usages passed down to us from our historical brethren and determine which are still valid and possible. The simple fact of existence is that nothing stays static. Everything changes.

No one person can accurately predict the future, but does this mean we should not plan for the future. We can access existing knowledge, gather new data and extrapolate logical hypotheses on the basis of assembled information. To fail to do so is to blindly trust in the winds of fate. Freemasonry must, to insure its future, focus on the future. Masonic history must still continue to be studied, but not used as a crutch to justify the future.

It is possible that after all data is assembled and interpreted that we will find Freemasonry requires no alterations. Or, we may find changes are indeed required. We will never know anything, however, until research is affected. Research for the future, so Freemasonry can shape its future and not be subjected to the pangs of unexpected crisis. Planned change, that is the key to Freemasonry's future. No operative Mason would approach a task without his square, level and plumb. No Speculative Mason should be any less prepared. 

H. Simeon Hardy, Grand Master

Special Note

The Masonic Learning Centre for Children has a new web site address:

www.dyslexiacentrehalifax.com

The e-mail address is:

office@dyslexiacentrehalifax.com


Second Annual Quarry Degree

A short account of the Second Annual Quarry Degree, hosted by Elm Lodge No. 115, A.F.&A.M. on July 9, 2005.

I am very pleased to report that the Quarry Degree was a tremendous success, with participation from all 8 lodges in Colchester District and members of other lodges from Yarmouth to Sydney. It seems it is not only a unique function but also a social event for the Brothers of Masonry in Nova Scotia.

It is anticipated since the function is gaining momentum, that it may become a function of the Colchester District Masonic Association and under the umbrella of the mother lodge of the ruling District Deputy as is our District Church service and District Meetings.

I first witnessed an open Quarry Degree in Rhode Island a few years back, and with the help of Very Worshipful Brother David Fisher, V. Wor. Bro. Charley MacKinlay, V. Wor. Bro. Harold Brenton

and V. Wor. Bro. Michael Chapman, the Colchester District Drama Team, and the support of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Past Grand Master Earle C. MacDonald and ruling Grand Master Simeon Hardy, it has become a very successful reality. 


Fraternally,

George O'Leary

Past District Deputy, Elm Lodge No. 115



France

An unusual research organization has been organized in Nantes, France (on the Atlantic Coast of France) by Masons from a number of French jurisdictions. The Link No. 2 is a group dedicated to the study of Masons who have been mariners and old rituals connected with the sea. Membership is limited to current or former mariners. The first such body, The Link No. 1, was formed in Belgium in the early 1980s. The Link No. 2 was organized on 25 September 2004 and first met aboard the historic French destroyer *Maillé-Brézé*. It meets twice a year, in March and September, and has published a dictionary of Masonic seamen. The website is: <http://thelinknantes.ifrance.com/> 

~Source: Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175

C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125



50 year jewel and certificate presentation. Most Wor. Grand Master Simeon Hardy joins Bro. James Boughen and Bro. George Fraser following an impressive presentation ceremony of their 50 year jewels and certificates. Their ladies and many brethren were present for the occasion which was followed by a social function.



C.W. Saunders No. 125, Elmsdale, Lodge installation, April 20, 2005. Left to right: G.D of C., Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Hugh Palmer, Most Wor. Grand Master Earle C. MacDonald, and Wor. Master Bro. Ted Dietrich.



50 year jewel certificate, left to right: C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125 Secretary V. Wor. Bro. Ralph Donaldson presents Wor. Bro. Garnet Gilby with 50 year jewel certificate at home.

Submitted by V. Wor. Bro. Phil Randall

Attorney: "Here's my bill for services. You may pay \$2,500 down and \$500 a month for the next twenty-four months."

Client: "It sounds like buying a nice car."

Attorney: "I am."

Poyntz Lodge No. 44

On May 14 the members of Poyntz Lodge No. 44 A.F.&A.M. in Hantsport held an awards dinner at the Legion Hall, to honour long service members of the Lodge.

Many brothers from nearby lodges and their guests attended to congratulate these long-term members. Also present was the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Rt. Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy who made the presentations.

Those receiving awards were: Rt. Wor. Bro. Alton Trefry (25 yr. pin); V. Wor. Bro John Morse (50 yr. jewel); V. Wor. Bro. Len McCully (50 yr. jewel); Bro. Donald Beckwith (55 yr. bar) and Wor. Bro. John J. Jodrey (60 yr. bar).



Shown above left to right: Rt. Wor. Bro. Alton Trefry (25 yr. pin), Bro. Donald Beckwith (55 yr. bar), Rt. Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy, D.G.M., Wor. Bro. John J. Jodrey (60 yr. bar) V. Wor. Bro. John Morse (50 yr. jewel), and V. Wor. Bro. Len McCully (50 yr. jewel).

Submitted by W.E. (Bill) Stevens
P.D.D.G.M., Historian Poyntz Lodge
No. 44.

The Deputy Grand Master's Corner



As I write this article the Grand Master and his officers have attended fourteen District Meetings in this jurisdiction. Attendance was good for about 50% of the meetings but some were disappointing. The District Deputies put a lot of effort in organizing these meetings. They have to depend on cooperation from the lodges in their district and that can become frustrating. Just trying to determine how many Brothers will attend is quite a task. What bothered me the most was that some lodges were not represented. In another instance the lodge report was read by a brother who was not a member of that lodge. One lodge did not bother to send in a report and did not inform the brother who represented the lodge at the meeting. These little things will not cause the world to pause or shake, but it does take away from the proceedings.

On a more positive note other District Meetings were well attended and very informative. The reports from these lodges were positive and reflected the attitude and leadership apparent in that district. It is obvious that these lodges were in good shape and successful. It is also obvious that the membership is aging ... we need to attract more young men.

I recall the times when a district meeting would fill the lodge to capacity. It would be a major event of the year where Brothers would meet and make new friends and renew acquaintances. The Craft would benefit with the fellowship that evolved and many would hear of new ideas that would be of benefit to his lodge. It may well be that we still have the same percentages of members attending the District Meetings but the total memberships have dropped and will continue to do so in some instances.

We value what the Craft has taught us, but young men today seek something more. Our memories from the past are not enough to entice them to follow our footsteps. As one writer stated, "Freemasonry must save itself". It is our responsibility as the next generation of leaders to decide where Freemasonry is headed and how to get it there. Relaxing our stan-

dards and requirements is not and never will be the answer.


The vast majority of young men of the 1960s and 70s would grow up to reject the institutions venerated by their fathers and grandfathers and the number of candidates knocking on Freemasonry's doors slowed to a trickle. Membership in many lodges dwindled and others closed in less than two decades. The appendant bodies that relied on the lodges for new members found themselves in even worse shape. The Shrine removed the requirement of York or Scottish Rite membership as a prerequisite for joining and flirted with dropping their association with Masonry altogether. As the membership in lodges aged they became resistant to change, further contributing to the appearance that Masonic Lodges were places no man under thirty would ever consider. Freemasonry today stands in the unenviable position of being forgotten by three generations of men.

The evidence indicates that the tide is turning and more and more young men are rediscovering Freemasonry. They first learn of it through unlikely sources - History Channel programs about Freemasonry, sensational books such as Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code* and *Solomon Key*, and films like *National Treasure* have made young minds curious about who and what we are about.

Many believe we have a brief window of opportunity to return this fraternity to what it once was: the best, the most respected, the most universal and legendary fraternity in the world. This new generation of members wants to associate with something ancient, something mythical, something legendary; with a group that has been the fraternity of the greatest men of three centuries; with a fraternity that is worldwide in its scope and universal in its welcoming of all faiths and all races; with a local lodge that helps the family next door and the school down the street; with a group that once was at the forefront of issues that shaped this country; with a fraternity that claims as its members the most imaginative minds and the most successful of men.

That's what they read about on the internet and in books and see in movies and read in the press. That's the image they see and what they are looking for when they knock on our doors. The question that faces us is "What will these men find when they enter our Lodges?"

We were once the premiere gentlemen's fraternity in the world. We can be again.

You can read more about this topic on the Grand Lodge Website. 

Right Worshipful Brother Roger E. Eisner

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Kentville Lodge No. 58

Kentville Lodge No. 58, A.F.&A.M. met Tuesday, October 11, at the Masonic Hall in Kentville to honour the ladies of departed members, and to present Masonic distinction to those members entitled to receive them.

dies included: Marion Buchan, Jean Corbett, Verna Forsythe, Vera MacDonald, Mary MacKenzie and Edith Russell.

Other presentations included: 75 year bar to Wor. Bro. Garth Calkin, 60 year bars to Rt. Wor. Bro. Donald Keith and Bro. Bryce



Members of Kentville Lodge No. 58, holders of 50 year jewels are shown with the Master of the Lodge and the Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia. Back row, left to right: V. Wor. Bro. Bill Haines, Wor. Bro. Shawn Buchan Master of the Lodge, and Bro. Charles Denyar. Second row: V. Wor. Bro. D. J. C. Waterbury, M. Wor. Bro. W. Marshall Black, and Bro. Bryce Gibson. Front row: Wor. Bro. Garth Calkin, Rt. Wor. Bro. Donald Keith, M. Wor. Bro. H. Simeon Hardy, Bro. Ernest Wilson, and Wor. Bro. Clare Spinney.

The evening of presentations was preceded by a Social Hour, and a Roast Beef Banquet, prepared by Evangeline Chapter, O.E.S. in the banquet room of the hall, with the Jr. Warden, Bro. Bill Denyar acting as Master of Ceremonies. The Lodge was also pleased to welcome in addition to the Grand Master of Masons, M. Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy and his wife, Gladys; Rt. Wor. Bro. Roger E. Eisner, Deputy Grand Master, and his wife Donna; Rt. Wor. Bro. Daniel Campbell, Grand Sr. Warden, and his wife DiAne; Rt. Wor. Bro. Roy Lively, Grand Jr. Warden and his wife Doreen; and Rt. Wor. Bro. Dennis Fargey, Grand Director of Ceremonies. It is to be noted also present was V. Wor. Bro. Bill Haines of Kentville Lodge, Kings District Representative on the Board of General Purposes, and recently installed Grand Sword Bearer. He was accompanied by his wife Joy.

Following the dinner, all entered the Lodge Room, where six ladies of departed members were presented at the Altar and given Red Roses by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Shawn Buchan, assisted by The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, M. Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy. The la-

Gibson, and a 50 year jewel to Bro. Ernest Wilson.

Lewis Jewels were presented to Wor. Bro. Al Jarvis and Bro. David K. Waterbury; 50 year lapel pins were presented to all those present who have membership in Kentville Lodge and hold a 50 year jewel, including Bros. Garth Calkin, Donald Keith, Bryce Gibson, Charles Denyar, Marshall Black, Bill Haines, David J. C. Waterbury, Ernest Wilson, and Clare Spinney.

A 25 year membership pin was presented to Bro. Douglas Allison and a membership certificate was presented to Bro. David W. Peden.

The wives of those who received special recognition were presented with a red rose or carnation.

It was noted that 50 year jewels and 60 year bars were quite often given to members for their long service to the order, but a 75-year bar which was presented to Wor. Bro. Garth Calkin was more unusual. 🪄

*Submitted by W. Marshal Black,
Secretary
Kentville Lodge No. 58*



The wives of departed Brethren of Kentville Lodge who were special guests at the Annual Ladies and Awards Night of the Lodge are shown above with Master, Grand Master, and Grand Director of Ceremonies. From left to right, back row: Wor. Bro. Shawn Buchan, Master of Kentville Lodge, The Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, M. Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. Wor. Bro. Dennis Fargey. Front row: Mrs. Ronald Forsythe (Verna); Mrs. William MacDonald (Vera); Mrs. Gery Buchan (Marion); Mrs. Howard Corbett (Jean); Mrs. Alvin Russell (Edith); and Mrs. Donald MacKenzie (Mary).



Pictured above are Pamela Oickle of Bridgewater, NS, daughter of Bro. Ernest Wilson; Bro. Wilson, Rt. Wor. Bro. Dennis Fargey, The Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Most Wor. The Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, Bro. H. Simeon Hardy, presenting Bro. Wilson with the certificate accompanying his 50 year jewel. Bro. Wilson's daughter presented the 50 year jewel to her father on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Bro. Wilson is a member of Kentville Lodge No. 58. The presentation took place during the Ladies and Awards night of the Lodge on Tuesday, October 11.



Wor. Bro. Garth Calkin of Kentville Lodge No. 58, is shown above receiving from The Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, M. Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy, the 75 year bar for his 50 year jewel, during the Ladies and Awards Night of the Lodge.

An Historic Night For Royal Albert Lodge No. 19

It was a clear, warm night for such an auspicious occasion. To find a parking place, even on the lawn, was a premium. Forgiveness for parking in a Wor. Bro.'s private corner was given, and even taking up some of the driveway was overlooked. Brothers, guests and Grand Lodge Officers gathered for this special event. Three Brothers were to receive their 50 year jewels, namely Wor. Bro. Ross Crewe, Bro. Sid Meloney and V. Wor. Bro. Alan Jackson.

This event took place on the regular monthly meeting of Royal Albert Lodge No. 19 on Monday, April 18, 2005. In attendance were members from all local lodges.

Presentations and congratulations were conducted by the Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master. ⚖️

Submitted by Wor. Bro. George Standing



From left is Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Earle C. MacDonald, Wor. Bro. Ross Crewe, Bro. Sid Meloney, V. Wor. Bro. Alan Jackson, and District Deputy Grand Master D.D.G.M. Donald MacAuley.



Fellowship was to follow with a delicious fish chowder cooked and served by Bro. Harry Harbin and Bro. Chess Carter (white shirts). A good time was had by all.

Euclid Lodge No. 92

The Meritorious Service Award was presented to Bro. David Coleman, Wednesday May 4, 2005 in the A.D.E. Tri-Lodge Hall in New Glasgow. The award was made for faithful and outstanding service to Euclid Lodge and to Masonry over the length of his forty-nine years of service to date. ⚖️

Submitted by Donald Duncan, Secretary



Pictured back row, left to right: daughter Debbie Glasgow, grandson Ian Coleman, sons Mark and Glen Coleman. Front row: grandson Alexander Glasgow, David's wife Kay, David Coleman and grand-daughter Kathleen Glasgow.



Pictured left to right: Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy, who presented the award, Bro. David Coleman, Very Wor. Bro. James Wilson who assisted in the presentation, and Very Wor. Bro. Hugh Herridge who accompanied the Deputy Grand Master.



Wor. Bro. John Cameron was installed as Master of Euclid Lodge No. 92 on September 7, 2005, at the A.D.E. Tri-Lodge Hall. He was installed late, as he was in ill health at the time of the regular installation in April. Bro. Cameron is shown in his Master's regalia.

Taylor Lodge No. 62



Part of four generations of Masons. From the left, Bro. John Huskilson, Bro. Peter Huskilson and Rt. Wor. Bro. Graham Huskilson receive their "Lewis Jewels" from Most Wor. Bro. Simeon Hardy. Bro. Graham's father and grandfather were also Masons.



Worshipful Bro. Ross Jones (left) of Taylor Lodge No. 62, receives his sixty-five year membership bar from D.D.G.M. Right Worshipful Bro. Graham Huskilson.

Albion Lodge No. 5



On June 8, 2005, Albion Lodge No. 5, New Glasgow, NS formally recognized the veterans of WWII, the Korean War and the Peacekeepers, that were members of Albion Lodge, as this is the Year of the Veteran. They were presented at the Altar and were addressed by the Wor. Master who also placed the Rose of Peace on the Altar. Left to right are Rt. Wor. Kurt Jensen P.M., Bro. H. "Duff" MacDonald P.M., V. Wor. Bro. Raymond Tucker P.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. Ian R. Cameron P.M., Bro. Ernie Mingo and Bro. James Sweet, Wor. Master of Albion No. 5,

Submitted by Ian R. Cameron, Secretary of Albion Lodge No. 5.



Right Wor. Bro. Graham Huskilson, D.D.G.M. of the Yarmouth/Shelburne District receives his fifty year membership jewel from Most Worshipful Bro. Sim Hardy.

Submitted by Bro. Hayward Meisner

*The choices we make each
day of the week,
The paths we take,
the goals we seek,
The kind of persons one
day we hope to be,
Is daily determined by you
and me.*

*Each thought we think,
each word we say,
Affect our tomorrows in
some strange way.*

Clarke Lodge No. 61

On the evening of 12 July 2005, Clarke Lodge No. 61 in Chester, NS held an awards night. The evening was opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer by Lodge Chaplain Wor. Bro. Richard Logan. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Gregory Hatt, commenced the presentations as follows:

Bro. David Harnish Mitchell was presented with his 50 year jewel by M. Wor. Bro. David Waterbury; Wor. Bro. Walter David Webber was presented with his 50 year jewel by V. Wor. Bro. Murray Lanigan; Wor. Bro. Eric Hagen was presented with his 50 year jewel by the D.D.G.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Turner; V. Wor. Bro. George William Hilchie was presented with his 50 year jewel by M. Wor. Bro. David W. Hatt; and last but not least, Bro. Arthur Mattson was presented with his Master Mason's Certificate by his father, V. Wor. Bro. Marvel Mattson.



Left to right: Bro. Arthur Mattson, Wor. Bro. David Mitchell, W.M. Wor. Bro. Gregory Hatt, Wor. Bro. Walter Webber, Wor. Bro. Eric Hagen, and V. Wor. Bro. George Hilchie.

After each recipient received their award, they heartily thanked the Lodge for the presentation and also their family members and friends that attended the celebrations. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Gregory Hatt thanked the recipients for their many years (totaling 200) in support of the Lodge and its activities. Many photo opportunities presented themselves.

Wor. Bro. Elmer Brownell was presented with his 60 year jewel on Sunday the July 10, at his home in Chester Basin, NS, by M. Wor. Bro. David W. Hatt. Those in attendance were V. Wor. Bro. Harold McDow, Secretary of Clarke Lodge No. 61; Wor. Bro. Wesley Mosher, Master of Charity Lodge No. 61; and Wor. Bro. Lester Bezanson, Master of Norwood No. 135, New Ross. 🪄

*Submitted by Ken Carroll, Clarke Lodge No. 61
Rep. for Nova Scotia Freemason*



Left to right: Wor. Bro. Wesley Mosher, Wor. Bro. Lester Bezanson, Wor. Bro. Elmer Brownell, Mrs. Faith Brownell, and V. Wor. Bro. Harold McDow. (Photos by Ken Carroll)

Awards Night In Markland No. 99

On Friday the twenty-first of October, Markland Lodge No. 99 in Kingston held an awards night to honour several of its members who had reached milestones in their Masonic careers.

The following Brothers, G.M. Atkinson and M.S. Corkum having reached fifty-five years in the Masonic Order were awarded a 55 year bar to be attached to their 50 year jewel. Fifty year jewels were given to Claire Spinney and Harold "Ernie" Lund and twenty-five year pins given to Dave Hjalmarson, Alex Bennet, I. J. Robinson and B. J. Smith.

It was unfortunate that some of the brothers could not attend due to being out of the province.

The banquet was attended by over fifty Masons, wives, widows from Markland and guests including the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia the Most Worshipful H. "Sim" Hardy, Deputy Grand Master Roger Eisner, Senior Grand Warden Dan Campbell, District Deputy Grand Master for Kings District Danny Muise and the Worshipful Master of Markland Lodge Bill Fields.

The Guests and Honourees dined on a roast beef supper prepared by the Order of the Eastern Star from Kingston. 🪄



Left to right are Bro B. Smith 25 year pin, Grand Master H. "Sim" Hardy, Bro. Ernie Lund and Bro. Claire Spinney 50 year jewel holders.

*Submitted by W.Abbott
Historian, Markland No. 99*