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Grand Master's Message



As I begin to wind down my year, and the traveling throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and others, some discussions with many brothers and listening to the work being done in our Lodges; I have asked myself this question, *Where are we going as Masons?*

From the travels my wife and I have done, I feel we have built many more friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime. We have shared moments in time that only friends and Brothers could possibly share. Those are some of the greatest experiences a person could possibly have in one's life, and we can truly say we are blessed by this fraternity and our association with the people in it.

People outside our Fraternity cannot possibly understand what we have in Masonry, the experience we have and the benefit we gain from our association in Masonry. Many of the teachings we receive in the three degrees can and should be practiced in our everyday lives.

One of the biggest mistakes, I think we make in our lives is not putting to use what we learn when we become a Mason and then not sharing that information with others to make neighborhoods, communities and the world in general, a better place to live.

The three degrees in Masonry teach lessons about events and practices that are important for an individual to learn and live by in their everyday lives. I feel it is important that we share those lessons and ideals with our friends and neighbours and encourage them, through our actions, to live by the standard of conduct we as Masons have learned and chosen to live by.

I read just sometime ago a few reasons why men should become Masons, and I thought this might be a good time to share those with you. They inspired me to think about why I became a Mason and I am sure you could probably come up with many more:

- Masonry is a place to spend time with good men who will want you to become a better man.
- Masonry is a place where moral virtue is taught and is

respected as the cornerstone of life.

- Masonry is a place where the creative and spiritual growth of every member can rise to its fullest potential.
- Masonry is a place to become better prepared for service to your family, your church and your community.
- Masonry is a place where you can be a part of a great fraternity that believes in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
- Masonry is a place where you can support others and give them encouragement as well as receive it yourself.
- Masonry is a place where outstanding individuals from every walk of life will greet you and call you "Brother".
- Masonry is a place to meet community leaders and take an active part in community activities.
- Masonry is a place where you will find unlimited opportunity to acquire leadership, experience, self-development and personal growth.
- Masonry is a place where you can be sure every man is a true and trustworthy friend.

Being a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and our Concordant Bodies gives us the necessary tools to go forth into the world and practice what we preach, living by the principles and precepts we are taught, and in turn make the world a better place in which to live.

~H.S. (Sim) Hardy, Grand Master

Grand Lodge Nominations

Nominations for Junior and Senior Grand Wardens, and Deputy Grand Master, must be sent to the Grand Secretary by registered mail post-marked **no later than April 5, 2006**. Please mark **Nomination** on the outside face of the envelope.

The Deputy Grand Master's Corner



On April 2, 2005, Freeport Lodge No. 65 G.L.N.S. celebrated their 100th year as a lodge. Among the many events was a church service held in the Baptist Church. It was conducted by (Rev) John H. Dickinson, a Baptist Minister from Digby, NS. Many were surprised to learn that Rev. Dickinson was not a Mason. This is the Homily he delivered:

The Mysterious God

Scripture: Mark 14.12-16

This scripture passage has some of the elements of a good spy story.

Helen MacInnes in her story 'The Snare of the Hunter' writes this. (Josephine and David are talking in a restaurant in Vienna Austria.)

"Have you got a red tie? Jo asked.

"How's that?"

"Red"

"Yes, but it's packed in my suitcase in Salzburg."

"Then take this." She passed him a folded tie of strong dark red. He began to laugh.

"You'll need it for tomorrow," she told him, and the laugh was cut short. "What suit are you wearing?"

"This jacket and flannels," David replied.

"Tweed," she said reflectively. It was lightweight and grayish green. She memorized the colour. "Then a flower in the buttonhole is definitely out. Perhaps the tie will be enough. Have you a raincoat?"

"Everyone traveling in Austria has a raincoat."

"Could you carry it slung over your shoulder?"

"Limey fashion?"

She smiled and nodded, "And you'll carry a French newspaper folded so that its title is noticeable. Also a copy of OGGI under your arm. It will be glaring enough. You can get them ..."

"Yes I know exactly where to get them, in Kartner Street" says David.

And they go on.

You know exactly what's happening of course. David has to make a secret meeting, and the person he is to meet will recognize him by his red tie, his raincoat, his green jacket, his newspaper and magazine. Now listen to the scripture passage.

He sent out two of his disciples with these instructions.

"Go to the city and a man will meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him and when he enters the house, say to the householder (or the good man of the house), "The Master says "where is the room reserved for me to eat the Passover meal with my Disciples." He will show you a large room upstairs ...

This passage has led to speculation in a couple of areas. Firstly, there were a number of Jewish factions at the time of Jesus. The best known are Sadducees, the Pharisees, the Essenes, and the Zealots. The Essenes were a monastic order that wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls and operated a monastery in the wilderness beyond Jericho. They also had branches in many of the towns and cities of Palestine. Remember the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. That was the common practice. It was the woman who went to the well for water, so it would be exceptional to find a man carrying water unless perhaps he was Essene. There are Biblical ties that are persuasive that Jesus and John the Baptist were familiar with the Essene order. So follow the man with the water and when you see the house that he enters, say to the man of the house "Where is the room prepared ..." and this password

will gain you access to the house.

Secondly, it is commonly believed that Mark tells Peter's story. So it has also been speculated that Peter took this story of Jesus and transferred it to the setting of Rome. After all, the Christians were a persecuted sect in the city of Rome. They couldn't hang out a sign saying "Christian Church". So how would a Christian find a group of fellow believers in Rome? You would look for a man carrying water (the symbol of Baptism), follow him to a house and ask the good man of the house, "Where is the room prepared for the Master". The password would gain you access to the church.

My four year old granddaughter was talking to me on the phone and she said "Mommy is going to paint my room, and it's a secret." I wondered what her concept of secret was. Is a secret the unknown or the unknowable, or in the mind of a

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Letters to the Grand Master

Re: Remembrance Day Parade

Dear Sir and Brother,

I attended the Remembrance Day Parade in Halifax and was very impressed with the turnout of the fellow Masons for the Grand Master. It was a sight to see! I would think that the Brethren had the largest non military representation there. As an English Mason I have only see old photos of such public display going back to some 70 years.

Good luck to the Grand Master and Brethren of Nova Scotia in future endeavours of openness.

Submitted by Brother Jim Lansley

Dear Grand Master,

It was a pleasure and a privilege to participate with the Brethren in today's parade. Thank you for taking the time and interest to set it up. I hope you will strongly recommend to your successor in office to do it next year. The Craft will, I am sure, benefit from the exposure - a great many spectators took a long look at us.

I do apologize that I was the only representative from St. Andrew's.

*Sincerely and Fraternally,
Brother Don Fitzgerald*

All Saints Visit



Bro. George Grant, Rev. Fred Hiltz, Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia and H. Simeon Hardy, M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia while visiting All Saints Anglican Cathedral, Halifax, during the New Year's Levee.



This is a group picture of M.W. Grand Master, H. Simeon Hardy and Illustrious Bert Thompson Potentate with other members of the Masonic family and Philae Shriners.

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four year old, something else.

One of the classics of Christianity is a book called "The Idea of the Holy" by Rudolph Otto. In it he defines God as the 'Mysterium Tremendum et Fascinans', which translated from the Latin 'the Powerful and Fascinating unknown'. It is the mysterious source of creation, of the power of the storm, of the growing of the grass, and yet this powerful unknown is the centre of our yearning to understand. The unknown that so fascinates us that we seek to search out unknown knowledge and to experience this Mysterium Tremendum et Fascinans; this powerful and fascinating mystery. Such is our search for God.

Last Sunday was Easter Sunday, and Anglican Bishop Michael Ingham, Bishop of the diocese of New Westminster, British Columbia, said in his Easter address:

"God will not be tamed. God will not be domesticated by systems of conformity which try to contain and institutionalize God. God was not behind the crucifixion. God was in the Resurrection ... God is an Easter God who brings

miracles of transformation even in the bleakest circumstance. (Remember) when Nelson Mandela walked out of prison in South Africa in 1990 after spending 27 years there. The image of Mandela emerging slowly from his jail, white haired and radiant, surrounded by joyous crowds electrified the world. Remember there is no Easter without Good Friday. Do not look for a (place) where everything is settled, where no new questions ever arise. Never join a community that clings to certainties and resists new ideas. A living community is a place of debate, it is not a museum."

—Bishop Michael Ingham

In the early days of the United States, there were three major political parties; the Federalists, the Republicans and a third party which was anti-Masonic. This third party never elected a President but they had enough clout to influence the outcome of an election. I think this element of American politics is still alive and well and may indeed have influenced the outcome of the most recent American election.

There is a cottage industry in the Southern States among Fundamentalist

Christians producing anti-Masonic literature; pseudo false history to illegitimize the Masonic Order. Unfortunately such material is influencing our own Christian communities. In the Fall 2002 issue of "A Fourth Part of the Circle" the quarterly magazine of Freemasonry is the sad story of a Lutheran family's struggle with this phenomenon, and I know it's influencing Baptists in Atlantic Canada. It is wrong! It is destructive! It is untruthful and the people who disseminate such views don't know their own history.

But this is nothing new for Freemasonry. A Pope in the 18th century issued a Papal Bull forbidding Catholics to join the Freemasons. During the rule of the Third Reich, Hitler created a special government department to do away with Freemasonry.

I find it amazing that an organization dedicated to the bringing together of men of diverse religious and political views should arouse such fear.

I find it amazing that an organization dedicated firstly to the recognition and worship of God, secondly to obedience to the laws of the state and thirdly

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Virgin Lodge No. 3

On October 22, 2005 Virgin Lodge No.3 hosted a Ladies Night and Grand Master Dinner to honour Most Worshipful Master Harold (Sim) Hardy. One hundred and forty Masons attended the dinner from Lodges in the area.

*Submitted by Bro. Tony Szucs
Virgin Lodge No. 3*



Rt. Wor. Bro. Dennis Shaw presentation (silver engraved tray).



M. Wor. Bro. Hardy and Lady Gladys.



Photo of dinner guests.

Words To Ponder

Character is formed when discipline and purpose are a part of life. Where it has discipline, it will keep itself to its purpose.

Being generous with praise and cautious with criticism will cause people to strive for even more.

One way to make sure that crime won't pay would be to let the government run it.

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to obedience to the Master of the Lodge, whose task it is to maintain the brotherhood of the members; I find it amazing that it should arouse so much fear.

So we gather today knowing that we live in a world where people do not trust one another, and impune wrong motives to one another's actions and comments, and we come here to say that it is a Friday attitude, the attitude that brought about the crucifixion of Christ.

But we also come to this place today to remember and honour those who for 100 years have sought to make this Island part of the Resurrection world; to make this place a place of goodwill and Godly purpose.

Looking at the scripture again we see the words "... say to the good man of the house..." The Greek word translated 'good man of the house' is 'oikowdespotais' which literally means the ruler or despot of the house. The RSV

and the New English translations call him the 'householder'. But what is intended here is to portray a good solid, upright, taxpaying, responsible citizen.

I know a number of you and I know how responsible you have been; I know how faithful you have been to your churches, your wives, your children, and your communities. I know of your good works for Shrine hospitals and community endeavours that have nothing to do with the Lodge. Nevertheless the principles espoused by the Lodge have influenced your daily walk and so it has been on this Island and we honour all those who have made Freeport Lodge No. 65 a lighthouse to the community.

Remember those who went before you as you walk into the unknown future. Be brave as they have been. Be kind as they have been. Be faithful as they have been, and the 100 year history of this Lodge will not have lived in vain.

—(Rev) John H. Dickinson

~Submitted by R.W. Bro. Roger E. Eisner

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Albion Lodge No. 5

Albion Lodge Honours Long Service Masons

On December 14, Albion Lodge No. 5 AF&AM, New Glasgow, met for lunch to honour those who have been a lodge member for 50 years and over. Eighteen brothers were in attendance for lunch at the Heather Hotel, including several long service brothers from other lodges.



Presenting a 55 year bar in the Glen Haven Manor Nursing Home are Rt. Wor. Bro. Lloyd MacKay, Bro. Alfred Greene, 55 years, and Wor. Bro. James Sweet.



Long service brothers in attendance for the lunch. Front row: Wor. Bro. Duff MacDonald, Bro. Frank Bowen, Bro. John Turner, Wor. Bro. Gordon Jollymore, Bro. Doug Stallard, and Bro. Ernie Simpson. Back row: Rt. Wor. Bro. Lloyd MacKay, Wor. Bro. Earl Horne, Wor. Bro. James Sweet, Rt. Wor. Bro. Don MacLeod, M. Wor. Bro. Earle MacDonald and Wor. Bro. Bob Cullen.

Past Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, M. Wor. Bro. Earle C. MacDonald was present to make the presentations to 4 brothers of Albion Lodge who received their 60 year bar, 55 year bar and their 50 year jewel. District Deputy Grand Master for Pictou District, the Rt. Wor. Bro. Lloyd P. MacKay and Master of Albion Lodge

No. 5 AF&AM, Wor. Bro. James Sweet were also present to extend best wishes to the long service award recipients.

Following the lunch, a presentation was also made to one other member of Albion Lodge, Bro. Alfred Greene, who received his 55 year bar. Bro. Greene is a resident of the Glen Haven Manor Nursing Home in New Glasgow.

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Front row from the left are Bro. John Turner, 50 years; Wor. Bro. Gordon Jollymore, 55 years. Back row are District Deputy Grand Master for Pictou District, the Rt. Wor. Bro. Lloyd P. MacKay; Wor. Bro. Earle Horne, 60 years; Master of Albion Lodge No. 5, Wor. Bro. James Sweet; Rt. Wor. Bro. Don MacLeod, 55 years; and Past Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, the M. Wor. Bro. Earle C. MacDonald.

Keith Lodge No. 17



The December 8, 2005 communication of Keith Lodge No. 17 was a very joyous occasion when lodge members, their families and friends gathered to celebrate the 50 years of membership of Rt. Wor. Bro. J. H. Vernon Toole and to greet and present membership certificates to our new Brothers, Mazel Belyea, Daniel MacFadgen, Christopher McQuillan and Edward Wood.

Brother Toole and his Lady Peggy hosted a dinner for the gathering and were particularly pleased that the Most Worshipful Grand Master H. Simeon Hardy and Lady Gladys, accompanied by many of the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies were able to attend this special milestone. Grand Master H. Simeon Hardy presented Brother Toole with his 50 year Jewel, and Most Wor. (Hon.) Grand Master Gerald Riley presented the certificates to the new brethren.

50 Year Jewel Presentation



On December 9, 2004 at a Keith Lodge guest evening, then Deputy Grand Master Simeon Hardy presented a 50 year jewel to Wor. Bro. R. John Moores. Wor. Bro. Moores is accompanied by his wife of 55 years, Ivy.

Don't be afraid to go out on a limb
- that's where the fruit is.

On the Voyage of Life, some
people seem to go in sailboats, while
the rest of us have to row.

To avoid trouble and ensure safety,
breathe through your nose. It keeps
the mouth shut.

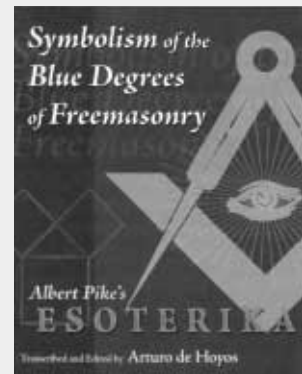
Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry

Albert Pike's Esoterika

Transcribed and Edited by Arturo de Hoyos

This book, produced by the Scottish Rite Research Society, covers many of the traditional topics of Freemasonry. However, written in Pike's style, its contents will indeed capture your attention. Imagine two columns surmounted by globes not even imagined by King Solomon at the time, but taken for granted today - ah, yes, a most interesting and thought provoking read indeed.

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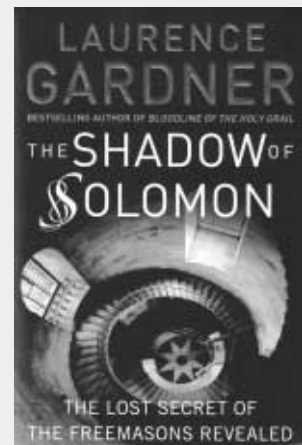
The Shadow of Solomon

The Lost Secret of The Freemasons Revealed

By Laurence Gardiner

When reading this book, the reader would be advised to research some of the claims before offering its contents as factual. Henry Sinclair's fleet of ships visiting our waters and other North America pieces will be of interest.

Published by Harper Collins, ISBN 0-00-721660-2, S/C, 408 pages with bibliography, \$26.95 Cdn.



Hillcrest Lodge No. 93

On October 27, 2005, Hillcrest Lodge No. 93 held its Ladies Night and also celebrated its 84th birthday. The banquet was held in the McFadden Hall United Church. A delicious turkey dinner was served by the Board of Stewards.

Before the banquet, the banquet hall had been tastefully decorated by Most Wor. Bro. Harald Weiland and his wife Doyle.



Seen above is Nola lighting her candle from Wor. Bro. Stephen Veinotte.

The program opened with the widows of the lodge taking their candle light from Wor. Bro. Stephen Veinotte, after which each of them lighting the candles placed on the banquet tables. With the room previously darkened, the light from all the candles gave the room a warm atmosphere.



Depicted above is Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. H. Simeon Hardy presenting Iris Wagner with a Certificate of Appreciation.

During the evening besides bringing greetings from the Grand Lodge and some informative comments, Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. H. Simeon Hardy presented Mrs. Iris Wagner, widow of the late Rt. Wor. Bro. Basil Wagner with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Attending the Ladies Night banquet at Hillcrest Lodge were many Grand Lodge officers. Present left to right are Brothers - Dennis Fargey, Roy Lively, Danny Campbell, Grand Master Simeon Hardy, Jerry Parsons, Harald Weiland, Roger Eisner, Lee MacConnell, David Waterbury and John Cody.

At intermission we were musically entertained by two of our brothers, Wor. Bro. Stephen Veinotte and Bro. Adam Tipert.



Featured above is Bro. Adam Tipert presenting Wor. Bro. Lester Bezanson with the Lunenburg County ox yoke he won at the Chinese Auction.

Each year at these banquets a Chinese auction is conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Brenton Wagner and his wife Maleta. The item for auction is always a Lunenburg County ox yoke. This year, the winner was Wor. Bro. Lester Bezanson. It is always an interesting highlight and helps substantially as a fund-raiser.

In recognition of the 84th birthday of Hillcrest Lodge a beautiful cake was made and decorated by Ruth Carver. We were fortunate to have our oldest Brother, Wor. Lloyd Wentzell present to make the first cut in the cake before serving.

Present for our banquet were many



Wor. Bro. Lloyd Wentzell cutting the birthday cake for the 84th birthday of Hillcrest Lodge.



At the Ladies Night of Hillcrest Lodge we were musically entertained by Bro. Adam Tipert (seated) and Wor. Bro. Stephen Veinotte.

Grand Lodge officers along with their spouses. This is our social highlight of the year. Their efforts to attend is a real boost for our lodge and is much appreciated.

-Submitted by Hiram J. Carver

Fellowship Lodge No. 112



These Brothers received 55 year bars on October 25, 2005 at Fellowship Lodge No. 112. Left to right are Rt. Wor. Bro. Gary Bishop D.D.G.M. for Colchester, Bro. Arthur Earle, Bro. Leonard J. Lewis, Bro. Douglas Maybee and Wor. Master Bob Peterson. It is worthy to mention that Brother Ansley Roberts will be presented his 55 year bar at his home due to ill health at a later date. Also not available due to health reasons was Brother Frederick White who is in line to receive his 50 year jewel.

Submitted by Earl D. McKenna, Secretary

Fidelity Lodge No. 119



On the evening of December 14, 2005, Brothers Claude and Gerald Green were presented with their 50 year bar by Most Wor. Brother Gordon Conrad. Well done Brothers!

50 Year Jewel Presentation



Recently, at the annual dinner of Sircom Lodge No. 66 in Whycomagh, Worshipful Brother Lee Weldon MacDonald was presented with a fifty year jewel by Sircom Lodge Master, Brother Hugh P. MacPhail. Worshipful Brother MacDonald was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 10, 1955, in Lodge St. Andrew's No. 16 in Richibucto, New Brunswick. He affiliated with Margaree Lodge No. 100 and with Sircom Lodge No. 66, after Margaree Lodge closed in 1999.

Submitted by Fred Matthews, Secretary

55 Year Bar Presentation

On December 26, 2005, three members of Virgin Lodge No. 3, presented Brother Garnet Colwell with his 55 year bar. The bar was presented by Wor. Bro. John Cody, PM of Virgin Lodge. In attendance were V. Wor. Bro. Eric Edgar and Bro. Tony Szucs. Congratulations are extended to Bro. Garnet.

*By Bro. Tony Szucs
Virgin Lodge No. 3*



At left stands Bro. Garnet Colwell and opposite Bro. John Cody.

Education means developing the mind, not stuffing the memory. • Never trust a big job to anyone who is too important to do little jobs.