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Grand Master's Message




Spring 2006

As I sit and reminisce the past seven years in which I have traveled throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and other Jurisdictions within Canada and the United States, it leaves me with some of the greatest memories of my Masonic career. The men I have traveled with, the many I have met personally and with whom I have shared my thoughts and experiences will never be forgotten. The friendships that we have shared will never be replaced.


I am purposeful of mind, that all things are not perfect and most likely will never be such. However I have tried to do my best for our fraternity and hopefully have laid some groundwork on which some of us will pick up and go forward.

Your support and comaraderie during the past several years in which I have been involved with your Grand Lodge has meant a great deal to me. As I prepare to pass the office of Grand Master to my successor in office, I extend to him and his line officers, my fullest co-operation should it be required.

To the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction; On behalf of Gladys and myself, we would like to extend to you all, our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality you extended to us this past year and the joyous events we shared together with you. We wish you all, many more years of good health and happiness to you and your families. 

This is a fraternity like no other,
That the world has ever known.
It stresses Faith, Hope Charity and God.
Square and Compasses is our Symbol,
Lambskin Apron is our Badge.
Master Mason is the rock on which we stand.

H. Simeon (Sim) Hardy, Grand Master

The Public Relations Committee of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia wishes to thank Brother John W. Chisholm for his financial donation. This is the result of assistance given in producing the documentary about Freemasonry. The disposition of this donation will be addressed at a later date and Arcadia Entertainment will be informed. 

*~Brother Lloyd Blagdon, P.G.M.
Chairman, Public Relations Committee*

Eastern Star Lodge No. 51



Very Wor. B. Hiram J. Carver greeting Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Walker from Eastern Star Lodge, Dartmouth on the occasion when Rt. Wor. Bro. Walker and his team of players presented the play "Rose upon the Altar" at Hillcrest Lodge, New Germany, Nova Scotia.



On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2pm, Rt. Wor. Bro. Walker, (third from left) and his team of players from Eastern Star Lodge No. 51, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia presented the play "Rose upon the Altar" to a full room at Hillcrest Masonic Lodge at New Germany. They were a regular group of Masons representing a small country lodge who did superb acting leaving few in the room with dry eyes as the message of the play unfolded. Many Masonic brothers were in attendance with their spouses but many were members of the public. All enjoyed the acting and the message portrayed.

C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125

The Grand Lodge "Broom and Gavel" Curling Bonspiel was held February 17, 18, and 19 at the Brookfield Curling Club. C.W. Saunders No. 125 is the Host Lodge for 2006/2007 entertaining 20 teams (80) curlers in five divisions this year with more room for 28 teams.

Some excellent curling shots were made by the brethren who enjoyed many games and fellowship on ice, 50/50 draws, many prizes and entertainment from Stewiacke No. 98, "Fellowship Trophy" winner for 2006. A large banquet held on Saturday evening included an excellent roast beef dinner and many great door prizes. Winning teams collected their trophies and prizes on Sunday afternoon. A big thank you to all who helped make this a memorable and successful Masonic bonspiel. See you next year. 🏹

*Submitted by,
V. Wor. Bro. Phillip Randall*



Brothers gather on ice for picture with Senior Grand Warden Dan Campbell getting ready to deliver rock while Rt. Wor. Bro. Roy Lively Junior Grand Warden stands ready with broom. Twenty teams took part on Feb. 17, 2006 in Brookfield Curling Rink.



Senior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Bro. Dan Campbell ready to deliver stone in the hock while Junior Grand Warden Rt. Wor. Bro. Roy Lively stands ready with the broom at the annual "Broom and Gavel" Curling Bonspiel held on Feb. 17-19, 2006 at Brookfield Curling Rink. Brothers from 20 teams (80 players) look on.

Fellowship Lodge No. 112



Left to right: Bro. Ern Hingley, Wor. Bro. Robert Peterson, Master of Fellowship Lodge No. 112. Bro. Ern Hingley (left) handcrafted this regalia bureau and donated it to Fellowship Lodge No. 112.

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Unity Lodge No. 4



R. Wor. Bro. John Cody, PDGM, presents Bro. Waldo Haines with a 60 year Bar.



M. Wor. Bro. H. Simeon Hardy, Grand Master, presenting Wor. Bro. Russell Orchard with a 55 year Bar.



M. Wor. Bro. H. Simeon Hardy, Grand Master, presenting R. Wor. Bro. James J. Kinley with a 55 year Bar.



M. Wor. Bro. H. Simeon Hardy, Grand Master, presenting V. Wor. Bro. Marthrew Mitchell with a 60 year Bar.

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.

Wentworth No. 108 Installation Night

On March 16, 2006, Wentworth Lodge No. 108 AF & AM, of Dartmouth met for the annual installation of its officers. We were honored to have the Grand Master Harold (Sim) Hardy present with several of his Grand Lodge officers, as well as many brethren from the local lodges in attendance.

It was a fun filled evening with several of the younger brethren moving into the chairs. The evening was followed up with a wonderful luncheon held for us in the adjoining Shrine room.

The officers and brethren would like to thank all those that took part in making this a successful evening! 🗡️

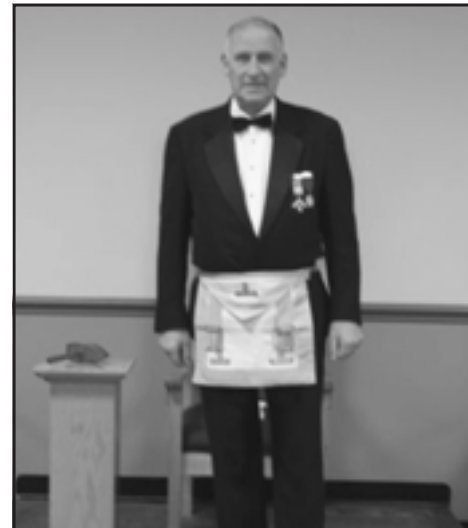
Submitted by Bro. Darren Feetham Jr. Warden Wentworth No. 108.



V. Wor. Bro. Ed LaPierre (Marshall of Wentworth No. 108) and Bro. Phillip Wilson Sr. Warden Wentworth No. 108. (Photo by Darren Feetham.)



Bro. Darren Feetham Jr. Warden of Wentworth No. 108, and M.W. Bro. Harold Simeon Hardy Grand Master of Nova Scotia.



V. Wor. Bro. Harold Morash, Master of Wentworth No. 108. (Photo by Darren Feetham.)

Visiting the Grand Lodge of Cuba



Friday, March 10, 2006 On the rooftop of the Grand Lodge of Cuba building with the first Roman Catholic Church of Central Havana in the background. Left to right in photo - Francisco Eimil Fernandez - Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, Osmundo Cabrera Perez - Grand Treasurer, W.B. Richard Snowdon Bedford Lodge No. 104 and Diane Snowdon Past Matron of Kwebec Chapter No. 27 OES and Grand Representative of Texas in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.



Friday, March 10, 2006. Diane and Richard standing in front of the house where the famous Cuban Freemason, Jose Marti was born. The house is now a museum.



Friday, March 10, 2006. The square and compass on the globe of the world that is on top of the 11 story Grand Lodge of Cuba building in Central Havana.




Monday, February 27, 2006 in the office of the Deputy Grand Master of Cuba. Left to right in photo - W.B. Richard Snowdon, Francisco Eimil Fernandez - Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary.




Friday, March 10, 2006 in the office of the Grand Treasurer of Cuba. Left to right in photo - Francisco Eimil Fernandez - Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, Osmundo Cabrera Perez - Grand Treasurer, and W.B. Richard Snowdon Bedford Lodge No. 104. Osmundo is writing out a receipt for the \$1,100 Richard presented to the Grand Lodge of Cuba on behalf of Bedford Lodge No. 104. The \$1,100 is to be used for repairs to the Grand Lodge of Cuba building .

Masonic Information Centre

In a long process of revitalization, the Masonic Information Centre is very proud to announce a new award—called the Twain Award—to honor lodge achievement in Masonic Awareness. (Full details on the web site: www.msana.com/twainaward).

We are already seeing a great interest and support for this program to help revitalize our fraternity. 

Heather Lodge No. 124

Saturday, October 29, saw the completion of a project long on the trestle board of Heather Lodge. Late in 2004, the lodge decided to donate a sign to the Framboise Community Hall, and where the lodge is held. The proposal was accepted by the community hall, matching funds were provided by the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia. Several months of debate as to the design were held within the lodge. All options were discussed as to appearance, materials and position. With the questions settled, the sign was ordered, and installed by the above members. This community project was made possible with cooperation of the Framboise Community Hall, Heather Lodge No. 124, and the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia. A note of thanks goes to Miller's Rental of Sydney for providing the power posthole digger. 



Heather Lodge Sign Installation Team, left to right: Gary Pretty, Neil Tonet, David MacDonald, Sandy MacDonald, Dan Norman MacLeod, John James MacLeod (Hall President), and Duncan MacLeod.

Submitted by Gary Pretty, Heather Lodge No. 124



In January 2006, Wor. Bro. Fred MacPherson was presented with his 50 year Jewel by Past Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Sam Karrell. Wor. Bro. Fred MacPherson along with his father and three brothers joined Heather Lodge No. 124 at the same time fifty years ago. Several Lodge family members were in attendance at the home of Bro. MacPherson to help celebrate the event.



Pictured above are four members of Heather Lodge No. 124 that were honored this past year. From left to right: Wor. Bro. John W. MacPherson received his 25 year pin, Wor. Bro. Norman MacPherson, Wor. Bro. Fred MacPherson and V. Wor. Bro. Earl MacPherson received their 50 year Jewels. All are members of the same family.




On November 1, 2005, DDGM Rt. Wor. Bro. Kenneth Almey presented four members of Heather Lodge No. 124 with their 50 year Jewels. The event was very well attended by family members and friends. A reception and lunch followed the presentation. Pictured in the photo with the jewel recipients is V. Wor. Bro. Earl MacPherson, Wor. Bro. Norman MacPherson, R. Wor. Bro. Kenneth Almey, Wor. Bro. Angus MacLeod, and Bro. Norman D. MacLeod.

Initiation of Canadian in Pacific Rim Lodge

PRL No. 12, in Vladivostok initiated Jerry Dumalski in September (2005) in the first two degrees of Masonry. Afterwards he was scheduled to be raised to the 3rd Degree of a Master Mason by an English-speaking lodge in Moscow.

Jerry Dumalski is a world famous guitarist. He is the first guitarist ever to play at the Bolshoi. He electrified the faculty and students alike. Because of him they will introduce guitar studies to their distinguished institution. Jerry Dumalski will be accompanied by Bro. Harry Lyden on their visit to Vladivostok and Moscow.

The Russian authorities at the Theremin Center for Electronic Music have invited Bro. Harry Lyden to lecture in Moscow. The lecture describes the Schillinger System of Musical Composition. Joseph Schillinger was a Russian mathematician, pianist and composer. He came to America in 1928. Among his students were Glen Miller, George Gershwin and many other famous artists of the era. 

-Source: Vostochney Svet-Eastern Light-Sept. 2005

Hillcrest Lodge No. 93

On February 15, 2006 Hillcrest Lodge No. 93 of New Germany sponsored a Valentine Night Party at Guppy's Restaurant where the proprietor gave our lodge twenty percent of the cost of the meals purchased between 4 and 8pm. As well as enjoying fine drinking we were entertained by the groups: Winston Shattford and Lyle Morton; the performers from Unity Lodge; the mysterious Wor. Bro. Reg. Tanner and the Sugar Bush Bunch. There was a sell out with every seat taken. Besides the social event our lodge cleared \$354.00. Below are some of the pictures depicting certain events of the evening.



Worshipful Master Edward Amos (left) working the crowd.



New Germany Men's Choir - Quartet, featuring left to right: Bro. Adam Tipert, Bro. Charlie Teal, Carroll Crowse and Joey Mader.



On December 1, 2005, Hillcrest Lodge No. 93 installed its officers for the year 2006. They are left to right, back row: Rt. Wor. Bro. Brenton Wagner, Recording Secretary; V. Wor. Bro. Hiram J. Carver, Junior Deacon and Treasurer; Wor. Bro. Donald Moore, Tyler; Wor. Bro. Hartley Frank, Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Dion MacKay, Junior Steward; V. Wor. Bro. David F. Walker, Senior Steward and Historian; Wor. Bro. Stephen Veinotte, Senior Deacon. Front row: Most Wor. Bro. Harold Weiland, PGM Corresponding Secretary; Wor. Bro. Lee Rhodenizer, Marshal; R. Wor. Bro. Robert Turner, District Deputy Grand Master Lun.-Queens; Bro. Adam Tipert, Senior Warden; Wor. Bro. Edward Amos, Worshipful Master and Bro. Ernest F. Carver, Junior Warden.



Bros from Unity Lodge, Lunenburg. Left to right: Wor. Bro. Reg Tanner, Wor. Bro. Lutz, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Cody and Bro. Ernest Rafuse.



Sugar Bush Bunch - Left to right: Beulah Rafuse, Rt. Wor. Bro. Henshaw and Wor. Bro. Stephen Veinotte.



Wor. Bro. Reg Tanner with his rendition to the tune of The Green Green Grass of Home.

Fairview Lodge No. 126

Attending the 50 year jewel presentation on October 19, 2005, were left to right: Bro. Lloyd MacKenzie, Secretary of Fairview Lodge No. 126, Scott McLean, Mac's grandson, who attends Acadia University, Bro. Irving Lloyd "Mac" McLean, recipient of the 50-year jewel, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Ken Holmes, Treasurer of Fairview Lodge No. 126. Grandson, Scott McLean actually placed the jewel in Bro. Mac's pocket.

Submitted by Don MacLeod, WM/GSW
Fairview Lodge No. 126



The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.
- Albert Einstein

Bedford Lodge No. 104



Fifty year jewel and 55 year bar presentations were made to, left to right: Bro. Roy Young, 55 year bar; Tom Nash, Worshipful Master; Michael Horwich, 50 year jewel; Most Worshipful Grand Master, Simeon Hardy; Bro. Sid Spencer, 55 year bar; Bro. Benjamin Grant, 50 year jewel; and the District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Kenneth Josey. Missing from the photo are Bro. Roger Henderson, 55 year bar; Bro. Lloyd Haverstock, 50 year jewel; Bro. Roy Eisenhauer, 55 year bar; Bro. Eric Eisenhauer, 55 year bar; and Bro. Kenneth Stone, 55 year bar.



Presentation of 25 year pins were made to Brothers George Higgins (2nd from the left) Harry Daine (4th from the left) and Gilbert Walton (5th from the left). Missing when the photo was taken are Brothers John Stuart, Donald McKeen, Gilbert Walton, Richard Bowman, Reid Lush and Colin Prince.



Presentation of plaque

By request of Bro. Diogenes Salazar of San Andreas Logia No. 3 Santiago de Cuba, this handmade plaque was presented to Bedford Lodge No. 104 by Wor. Bro. Richard Snowdon at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 19, 2005. Worshipful Bro. Tom Nash accepted the plaque on behalf of Bedford Lodge while the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Simeon Hardy looked on. (Photos submitted by W.B. Richard Snowdon.)

Once we realize that imperfect understanding is the human condition, there is no shame in being wrong, only failing to correct our mistakes.


~ George Soros

Masonry By Example

Masonry's best asset is the life of the individual Mason - Masonry by example

Perhaps some of us are forgetting the basic philosophy of Freemasonry and are being carried along by the modern misconception that size and numbers are the measure of success, but perhaps this does not apply to the field of Masonry. Numbers alone cannot and should not be associated with morality, brotherly love, truth and benevolence. It would be better that there be three freemasons in the world—and they as wise and worthy as the ancient and venerated patrons of the Order—than there be three million who sully the lambskin apron that everyone is required to wear with pleasure to himself and honour to the Craft.

I don't belittle or deny that our great charitable endeavours are a good thing to those in need. This is great and worthy work—but the man puts nothing of his person into it. It is just a donation. We do not need to leave our desks or homes or lodge room to do this.

I truly believe that: if the Masons of the world would be what freemasons are supposed to be; if we would put into daily practice the vows we have made; if we practiced outside of the lodge those great moral duties that are inculcated in it; and if we were genuine Masons at heart and not just the pocketbook, what a different world this would be. Let us work for a return to the "good old ways", when men did not need to see a piece of jewelry to know that a man was a Mason. Let us return to personal, daily Masonry by example. 

~Leigh MacConnell (G.L.)

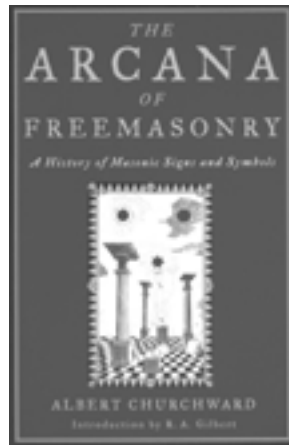
Books of Interest

The Arcana Of Freemasonry A History of Masonic Signs and Symbols

By Albert Churchward

First published in 1915 this book traces and reveals connections from the past. The author describes his belief that Masonry originated in Egypt and backs up his claim with Masonic symbolism.

Published by Weiser Books of Boston, 318 pages, S/C, ISBN 1-57863-338-9, \$19.95 U.S.D.



The Lost Colony of The Templars Verrazano's Secret Mission to America

By Steven Sora

This is but another book in the subject of early explorers to the east coast of North America. An interesting read if you haven't already experienced some of this material before.

Published by Destiny Books, ISBN: 1-5477-019-0 S/C, 272 pages with index and bibliography. Available at Chapters for \$22.45.

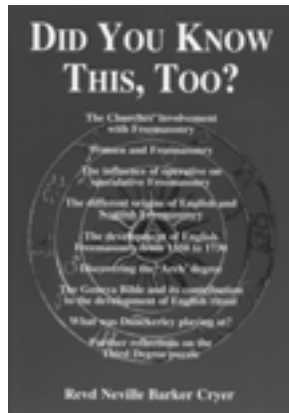


Did You Know This Too?

By Reverend Neville Barker Cryer

This book is a compilation of fourteen talks that will entertain and educate its readers. This author has written other Masonic books which have been well received ("I Just Didn't Know That" is an example of one other). One remarkable Freemason - Thomas Dunckerley is well noted on pages 60-64. From another book on the life of Thomas Dunckerley by Ron Chudley, his voyages to our shores are noted in detail.

Published by Lewis Masonic, available from Midland Counties Publications, 4 Watling Drive, Hinckley, Leics LE10 3EY. Web-site: www.midlandcountiessuperstore.com. ISBN: 0-853182418, S/C, 96 pages, \$14.49 E.C.

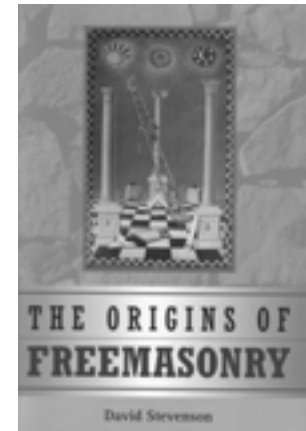


The Origins of Freemasonry

By David Stevenson

This book first published in 1998 is an excellent read and focuses on historical accounts of the Renaissance and seventeenth-century history.

Published by Cambridge University Press, ISBN: 0-521-39654-9, S/C, 246 pages with index and bibliography. Available at Chapters for \$17.05.



The Golden Builders Alchemists, Rosicrucians, and the First Freemasons

By Tobias Churton

This is a historical analysis of the Hermetic roots of the Rosicrucian and Freemasonry orders. Meticulously researched and written in a style that will appeal to the general reader as well as anyone interested in the inner dimensions of western history.

Published by Weiser Books, ISBN 1-57863-329-X, S/C, 250 pages with index, \$18.95 USD.



The Templars and the Ark of the Covenant The Discovery of the Treasure of Solomon

By Graham Phillips

This book is about the search for the Ark of the Covenant. The author is intrigued by his visit to Jerusalem that led to various sites of the ancients and Templar connections, ending up in a small church in the village of Langley in England. Along with two companions they find some very interesting and puzzling artifacts. An easy read, not complicated, you may find some of the information a little hard to swallow, but, that's up to you the reader.

ISBN: 1-59143-039-9, S/C, 212 pages, Bibliography and Index. Published by Bear & Company, Rochester, Vermont, \$26.00 Cdn.

