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*Let this season of the year remind all Masons,
no matter what their religious beliefs,
to follow those universal tenets of the Craft
Faith, Hope and Charity.*

PEACE ON EARTH & GOODWILL TOWARD ALL MEN

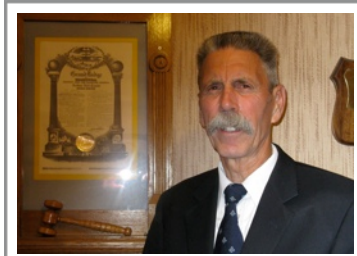
At the latitude of Rosslyn something quite magical happens – the angle formed by the solstice dawn and dusk shadows become ninety degrees and forms a perfect square!





EDITORIAL

From the Editor:



Our December cover shows a sunrise at Stonehenge on the morning of the winter solstice. This is probably the most famous of the ancient solar markers and calendars, with the stonework dating to 2100 BCE. This structure replaced an earlier wooden structure whose buried remains, according to carbon dating techniques, date to 3100 BCE. How long previous to this did the Druids first begin observing and recording the cycles of the solar system? Certainly they were not the only ones who observed and recorded the sun's apparent movement which marks the seasons.

I have just read an interesting book entitled "The Secrets of Solomon's Temple", in which author Kevin Gest speculates that the famous pillars which form such an important part in our Masonic ritual may also have been designed to mark the sun at its meridian at both solstices and the equinox.

He makes interesting interpretations of biblical scripture to arrive at this interesting conclusion.

At the death of a monarch and the coronation of his successor we hear: "The King is dead, Long live the King". That can be repeated at the winter solstice as the sun has reached the southern extremity of its travel - the sun is dead! But at the same moment we realize that the sun is also reborn and will return to give us yet another year of life and growth, Long live the sun!

An old English writer, Leigh Richmond (1772-1827) made this observation:

"There is a time to be born and a time to die, says Solomon, and it is a memento of a truly wise man; but there is an interval of infinite importance between these two times."

An anonymous writer gives us these words to live by as we begin another year....

Take time to think it is the source of power.

Take time to play it is the secret of perpetual youth

Take time to read it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray it is the greatest power on earth

Take time to laugh it is the music of the soul

Take time to give it is too short a day to be selfish.

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**THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER****The Grand Master's Christmas Message**

As we come to the end of another year, it is wise to reflect on our lives over the past twelve months.

It is a time when we can come together as family and friends to celebrate with one another, peace on Earth & goodwill towards all men.

It is also a time when we can honour those who have passed on or are missing from our circle of family and friends.

A time for new starts and making resolutions to new ways of life.

On Sunday, December 20th, 2009 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., we will be meeting downstairs at M.M.C. for a Yuletide Celebration with myself and Lady June, the Grand Line and the Masonic family.

Please feel free to bring a "tin for the bin" for charity. Coffee, tea and Christmas goodies will be served. We might even sing a carol or two.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY IS:**

"I don't know what the key to success is, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone." Author unknown.

Book of the Month:

Matthew 1 - The Holy Bible

**BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES - APPOINTMENT**

**IN 2006, AS THE JUNIOR GRAND
WARDEN I OFFICIATED AT HIS
WEDDING TO DIANE.**



R.W. Bro. Ludolf Grollé

**I am extremely pleased to welcome
Right Worshipful Brother Ludolf
Reinier Grollé as the newest member
appointed to the Grand Lodge Board
of General Purposes.**

Ludolf, of Huguenot ancestry, was born in 1953. From 1964-1972 Ludolf attended Emanuel School in London. Initiated passed and raised at St. John's Lodge No. 818* in Abergavenny, Wales in 1993 - where he served as Steward [1993], Inner Guard [1994], Junior Deacon [1995]. * *Founded by Napoleonic Officers: Warrant date 23/3/1860*

In 1994 Ludolf became a Member of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and also the United Grand Lodge of England - Royal Arch Chapter. In 1995 Ludolf moved to California and affiliated with Palm Desert Lodge where he served as Senior Deacon. In 1996 Ludolf was made a virtual Past Master in San Bernadino, he became a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Palm Springs Scottish Rite; after which he was made a Shriner at the Shrine Temple in Los Angeles.

In 2005 Ludolf joined Millennium Lodge No. 182 in Winnipeg where he served as Senior Deacon. In 2006 Ludolf became Millennium's Junior Warden, then Senior Warden in 2007. Having served at least one year in every line position Ludolf was elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Millennium Lodge in December 2008. In 2008 Ludolf joined his old boy's lodge: Old Emanuel No. 5399, in London, England.

In the summer of 2009 I asked Ludolf to help publish and work on a new version of Masonry in Manitoba. Ludolf was appointed Associate Editor and Creative Director of the magazine. Ludolf is also the creator and Web-Master of the on-line Masonry in Manitoba website which in less than 6 weeks has grown to more than 150 subscribers, from a dozen different countries; and is continuing to grow daily.

A member and Past Grand Treasurer for the Valley of Winnipeg Scottish Rite, Ludolf has been a member of the fraternity for over a decade and a half and in December 2009 will be installed as the I.P.M. of Millennium having served in every line position in an Emulation Lodge for at least one year. Ludolf is currently one of our primary Masonic Leadership Trainers.

It is with the greatest of pleasure and confidence that - after consultation with 2 other Past Grand Masters - I have exercised my prerogative as the Grand Master of Manitoba and appointed Ludolf to fill the vacant position on the Board of General Purposes.

I know and trust that you will support my confidence in Ludolf as a suitable candidate for this position to help serve the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; and would ask you to embrace him as the newest member of the board. Welcome Right Worshipful Brother Grollé, look well to your obligation and may the Great Architect guide you in all your undertakings.

**FIL-CAN CABLETOW LODGE NO. 189, A.F.& A.M., G.R.M. - RECOMMENDED VISIT**

*Instituted on February 22, 2008 Consecrated on April 28, 2009 Chartered on June 5, 2009 East Kildonan Masonic Temple
205 Kimberly Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba - Regular Meeting: Every 4th Friday, 7:30 PM*

If you plan on visiting.... this is THE lodge to visit. The Welcome is warm, the business short and to the point, the Education enlightening, the ritual superb and the food....even better. Even more to the point, what a great lodge to be a member of. The brethren are always cheery and in good humour, the drinks flow freely and after all the business is done, everyone lets down their hair a little and enjoys each others company. The building at Kimberley seems to help toward the atmosphere and harmony that exhudes. Each member seems passionate about being a Freemason and passionate about Freemasonry being "a way of life". I love visiting this Lodge and spending time with the brethren of Fil-Can Cabletow. The effective mentorship program that seems to be in place as well as the healthy balance between social and business events serves as a wonderful example to the rest of the fraternity.

Another, wonderfully impressive facet of this lodge is the involvement and participation of friends and family. A visit to Fil-Can Cabletow will bring a lot more Brotherly Love in your life, you will enjoy the Relief and that's the truth. I wish the Brethren much success in their endeavours and can hardly wait to visit them again. MARAMING SALAMAT SA BISITA!! *Ludolf R. Grollé*

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GRAND LODGE -APPOINTMENT

VW Bro Jun Pagunuran being presented with his Grand Tyler's Apron and Collar by PGM Most Worshipful Bro. C.Rae Haldane-Wilson.



Officers & Brothers of Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge with R.W.Bro.Jake Mohns

October the 23rd, 2009 was another wonderful night at the Kimberley Temple. Fil-can Cabletow Lodge hosted R.W.Bro. Jake Mohns - Master of Mystery Lake Lodge in Thompson to present the J.R.C. Evans lecture. A copy of R.W. Bro. Jake's presentation may be found on-line. Fil-Can's Director of Ceremonies V.W. Bro. Jun Pagunuran received his Grand Tyler's apron from the Grand Secretary V.W. Bro. Jun was installed as Grand Tyler earlier this year at the Grand Lodge communication.



Visiting Fil-Can is a wonderful experience, always. Their warm welcome is truly a delight and their repast is unequalled.



I GREET YOU WELL

Author: Michael Lawrence - Excerpt from Freemasonry Today

Letting somebody else know that you are a Freemason can be a tricky business. It can be even more difficult seeking fellow brethren when we find ourselves in new environments.

It is those occasional or casual remarks that we make, often in unfamiliar surroundings, that sometimes bring out the most amazing replies. Here are a few anecdotes from brethren who wrote to me after reading *Are you one of us?* in the winter 98/99 issue.

While recovering in hospital, Bro Morris Saxby-Taylor was quickly up and about helping with little jobs around the ward. The duty male nurse asked him to lay the tables for lunch. Morris agreed, adding the retort, "I'm happy to be your Steward." He gave it no more thought until a short while after the male nurse whispered to Morris, "Thanks for helping with the working tools." Bro Morris recalls the time he was at a police conference discussing the case of a dentist who practised anaesthetics on his wife. Tragically, she died through one of his experiments. Not being fully conscious of the gravity of the story, one of his colleagues threw in the comment, "That's the hidden mysteries of nature and science." This is similar to an incident that happened to another Brother, whose name was not supplied. Several years ago, while he was attending a business seminar, the main speaker was emphasising the difficulties he had experienced while approaching a certain problem. "You see," he explained, "I was taught to be cautious!" A small ripple went through the audience. Afterwards, he was amazed at how many brethren had noted the remark. They all met together during lunch and what could have been a boring day turned into a really enjoyable event.

Recently on television, that well-known comedian and Freemason who graces our screens on his Saturday night game show made a very interesting remark. While interviewing a contestant who was wearing check trousers he remarked, "My club has a carpet that colour!" Br Ron Prothero tells me he has often used the phrase, "How old is your Mother?" - referring to the number of one's Mother Lodge.

When holidaying in Spain, Bro Nicholas Hopes was standing at the hotel bar when he noticed three gentlemen who took a drink simultaneously using the right arm. Nothing strange about that, you might think. However, upon closer examination, Bro Hopes discovered that they were all masons. He later learnt that until that point they had all been strangers.

One of the most amusing replies I received was from Bro Michael Clough. He was initiated into a lodge where his father and uncle were members. His other brother became very curious as to how masons distinguished themselves to each another. Quite by chance, all four of them were sitting together one day when the three masons crossed their legs, right over left, at the same time. His brother was convinced that he had discovered the secret. Some years later, when he was initiated, he was most disappointed to discover that 'knee-crossing' was not part of the ceremony!

The final offering comes from Bro Neil Watkins who recalls the story of a work colleague who was diving in the Gulf. He had already completed four three-month tours, all with the same diving supervisor. The supervisor noticed that on one particular day during each month, and at a specific time, 21.00hrs British time, the diver would walk to the fo'c'sle, raise his non-alcoholic drink, and toast someone's health.

The supervisor had suspected his colleague was a mason, but had never had an opportunity to discuss personal issues with him. However, one day, the diver was on a platform 130ft underwater and the conversation went something like this.

"Number One Diver," called the supervisor from his control position on board, "Are you ready?"

"Ready Skip!" replied the diver.

"Now step off with your left!" called the supervisor. Needless to say, their working relationship became richer with their mutual love of the Craft.

Of course, more often than not, a simple handshake can suffice to guarantee that any business at hand - be it work, rest, or play - can progress in an honourable and enjoyable manner. This, of course, is the jealously guarded and unshakeable bond that Freemasons throughout the world enjoy.

THE CEREMONY OF THE LOVING CUP*An ancient Masonic ceremony of sharing - Author Unknown*

This is an old tradition in Wellington NZ, usually performed at the conclusion of a banquet. It is a very old custom which seems to have almost died out, at least in Craft Masonry. Wellington tries to maintain this tradition and is famous for it.



Actually the Loving Cup should be passed after the Entered Apprentice song has been sung. This is a ceremony handed down through the ages and need not be limited to initiations, which Wellington does not do.

The procedure was for three Brethren to stand, two would un-sheath their swords and the third (middle) to hold up the cup by the two handles and to drink whilst the two others defended him, one facing him and the other with his back to the drinker's back. Having taken his draught, the drinker then wipes the cup with a napkin. The two brethren with their backs together then turn to face each other and the cup is handed over. The next brother in the line now stands to protect the back of the drinker, and so on.

A later variation of the Loving Cup for toasting is the large two handled wassail bowl or cup, usually pewter or silver and sometimes bearing the Lodge badge or crest. At the festive Board it is passed round from Brother to Brother around the table. The word "wassail" comes from the old English "Waes Hail", meaning "Be thou whole and of good health". The custom of protection of the drinker's back is said to date back to Saxon times, when a man might be treacherously stabbed whilst drinking - hence a friend or two defend him with drawn swords. This may be borne out by the murder, in A.D. 979 of King Edward (later known as Edward the Martyr), when he was so stabbed on the orders of his stepmother, Elfrida, so that her own son, Ethelred could become King instead. He was stabbed at the feast while drinking mead from a two handled loving cup by a paid assassin.

There are many forms of the ceremony but the process of sharing, coupled with mutual protection is the same — it reinforces the ancient Masonic bond we have with each other.

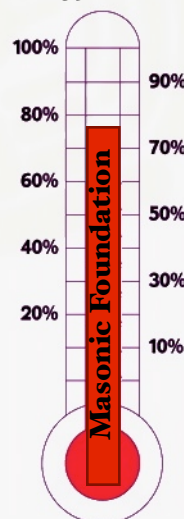
**THE ART OF BROTHER STEPHEN MCKIM**

Premiere Masonic Artist on the WWW & Member of Masonry in Manitoba on-line. This digital rendering was made for Masonry in Manitoba by Brother McKim. His graphics, to my mind, are unequalled. He devotes his time with love for the craft and brethren may use his work, as long as he receives due acknowledgement for having created it. Brother Stephen relies on donations to continue his work. Please look him up on google and check out his wonderful art.

BRAIN TEASER: Arrange the numbers 1 through 9 on a tic tac toe board such that the numbers in each row, column, and diagonal add up to 15. There is only one solution, discounting mirror image solutions & rotations.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Job's Daughters is an International Organization for girls 10 - 20 years of age who have a family relationship to a Master Mason, either currently or historically. It is a leadership organization that provides the girls with spiritual and moral improvement, public speaking skills, confidence, friendship and fun.

There are currently two groups (Bethels) that are active in Winnipeg with a combined membership of about 25 daughters. Bethel # 9 meets at the Masonic Memorial Centre and Bethel # 13 meets at the Charleswood Masonic Temple.

Job's Daughters continues to grow in Manitoba and on October 22nd, Bethel # 9 had the pleasure of initiating 6 new girls! This ceremony was attended by the Deputy GrandMaster and Masons from a number of different lodges.

The daughters have decided to make a committed effort this year to get out and visit organizations in our Masonic Family including as many lodges as they can. They take pride in their ritual and memory work, and love to have the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities.

Some Lodges have already taken advantage of this for the education portions of their meetings. The daughters would appreciate any invitation to visit lodges or other concordant bodies to make a presentation of their work, provide someone to speak on our organization or help out with your activities.

Since membership relies on a family relationship to a Master Mason, please spread the word of this great organization to brethren who have daughters, grand daughters, nieces and the like. Jobs Daughters are the future wives and mothers of Masons in Manitoba. They need our support and we need theirs.


Please contact R.W. Bro. Doug Webster at 668-6625 or dougweb@mts.net if you have any questions or would like a visit from the Daughters of the Bethel.



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THE GOLD WRAPPING PAPER : Once upon a time, a man punished his daughter for using up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper before Christmas. Money was tight, so he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve, he saw that the child had used the expensive gold paper to decorate a large shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full." The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger. An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us as human beings have been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

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From: R. W. Bro. Bill Evans, Chairman, Grand Lodge Finance Committee

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, now invites applications from within our fraternal organization, for the position of the Grand Secretary for a term of one year.

The major duties of the Grand Secretary are described in the Grand Lodge Constitution and Regulations as follows: C-12.I, C 27, C 32, C 46 and C 46. 1, R 9.I, R 19 R 43 8-C The successful candidate will present a professional, welcoming image to members and office visitors. He will assist the Executive Secretary in the implementation of new technologies. Applicants should possess advanced computer skills along with administrative experience or related experience and knowledge knowledge of office management, computers and software applications. The applicant should possess a detail oriented work style. Send resume and cover letter by January 15, 2010 to: R. W. Bro Bill Evans, 139 Gemini Ave Winnipeg, Mb. R2G 0 T7

WEST ON HIGHWAY #1 - A SERIES BY BROTHER AL BROCK

Happily, we have had many submissions this month. One such being "West on Highway #1" by Brother Al G. Brock. His work was prepared from a host of sources available to him at the MRC. Unfortunately the article is of such a vast extent that it would take up 2 or 3 issues completely; and therefore I could not include it here. HOWEVER.... and most fortunately, I have asked permission to publish this article on the Masonry in Manitoba website - the online edition. Thank you brother Al for securing, documenting and compiling this interesting piece of our history and adding your own touch to it.

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	1	2	3	4
1				
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Across

1. flat
2. fell
3. also
4. seat

Down

1. tall
2. feel
3. sofa
4. salt

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