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THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brethren, this will be my final opportunity to address you as your Grand Master. I thank the brethren of the jurisdiction for the privilege of having served in this chair for the year 2006-2007. The May message is always a bittersweet one to compile, while on one hand it marks the end of one's four year journey thru the Grand Lodge it is also the start of regaining one's personal time once more. I, despite some earlier setbacks am pleased that we as a Fraternity are starting to turn around in many areas and am thankful for some very dedicated and hardworking Brothers whom have assisted the process in coming together. I have stated repeatedly that we need to invest more money and time in providing quality programs, leadership training and seminars for our upcoming Lodge Officers. Investing in our own people has been traditionally just talk with very little action which has left us at times with Masters with very little knowledge in running an exciting, enthusiastic and vibrant lodge.

We held the most successful Wardens Workshop this jurisdiction has seen to date this year, I feel one of the reasons it was such was we, Grand Lodge covered the costs of the brethren giving up their time to attend. We still spend far too much time worrying about the almighty dollar and who should pay, its time to look at where we are at and what we wish to become. I have been in constant contact with the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education for the past 12 years and have seen the programs implemented elsewhere in our sister jurisdictions in our Conference grow and prosper. Brethren the common denominator is they fund the programs, they don't expect their brethren to do so out of their own pockets. Its time we picked up the ball as effective, informative and consistent leadership should be our goal and mission. We all need to replace ourselves, in the Fire Service it is called

secession planning, look around you their is a Brother to be, close to all of us.

The key components of a lodge in 2007 are limiting time dealing with business and past tense and more time learning and exploring who we are, what we are, where we have come from, and why after 300 some years were still here. Recent increases in lodges holding Masonic Education talks, speakers and interaction sessions has shown that the interest is there. In my inaugural speech I proposed returning to lodges hosting joint or multiple meetings together, I am thankful that some have indeed taken me up on that thought and I hope we expand on that concept next year. We have had some delightful joint functions to date and more will happen in the month of May. What a delight to be sitting amongst a full lodge hall brethren.

Success is measurable in many avenues depending upon the criteria applied. I set my bar very high in what I wished to try and accomplish and perhaps was a little unrealistic with my approach. Freemasons as a whole are still very slow and resistant to CHANGE, it has been my experience that the process needs some spark to get it to the next step. Our Education & Training Committee has worked very hard this year trying to instill enthusiasm, further light, and to advance the cause of educating our future leaders. Next year we will be bringing the Worshipful Masters into the fold with an inaugural meeting with the Grand Master elect to lay out the PLAN for the year and ensure all Masters are on line and in the same direction.

I have spent considerable time working to restore the Masonic Family tree as a whole this year. A lot of our brethren who are members of the Appendant bodies to Freemasonry seem to forget the Grand Master in power is the overseer of all who hold a dues card, which is the foundation

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block of their existence. I am most pleased to report our combined efforts have corrected some misconceptions and set straight hopefully forever, the structure is directed from the top down not the bottom up. This certainly by far is anything but an ego trip for the Brother occupying the chair of Solomon but in any organizational structure their needs to be order and compliance with order as without this the whole context collapses. There are some whom have a difficult time grasping this concept, until such time it is changed we will continue to provide governance from the Chair. Some of the upstarts whom have grown tired of conforming to the rules suggest Grand Lodge is only here to serve the Lodges, while I do not disagree each Worshipful Master upon installation gives his complete assent upon oath and honor to the Ancient Charges & Regulations and is expected to not only comply but maintain and uphold the same. To do otherwise is a disservice to not only ones self but the Craft and Grand Lodge in general and a violation of the Obligations one takes.

The month of May comes on the heels of a terrific April for the Fraternity, in no particular order. We restored the Charter to Seven Oaks Lodge #148 under the leadership of W Bro. Dan Regan and a very dedicated small corps of officers. There numbers may be small in stating off but the determination and dedication I witnessed throughout the process to completion with them receiving their Charter from me was very encouraging brethren. The Master had gone through some very difficult personal time and I feel, is a terrific example of a Freemason who has given selflessly of himself to help another. Good on you Daniel, many good years of Freemasonry to you and the brothers of the lodge from the Grand Master, we are all proud of you. The Master Masons workshop was held and 26 brethren were in attendance. The Grand Line stopped in for a quick visit before returning to the All Canada Conference where we were engaged in sessions with our counterparts from east to west. We then Instituted Phoenix Lodge U.D in a ceremony at Shrine House with an old friend and lodge brother W Bro. Jack Goods assuming the Master's chair. To him

and his officers we wish you as well, all the wonders of building the new lodge into a vibrant and exciting place to be. It is exciting to have a Masonic Lodge now meeting in our Shrine building. Best wishes to all concerned. The Grand Master as promised attended the inaugural meeting of Phoenix April 12th and we had a good gathering of brethren in attendance from the First Masonic District lodges as well as my DDGM of the Thirteenth RW Bro. Harry Rosenbaum. The Master conducted the lodge in the FC degree as Millenium was present with a Fellowcraft brother. A short business meeting took place which included the first petition for membership being received and the Grand Master provided some Masonic education and updates from within the Grand Lodge to those assembled. All in all a great night for the Craft and Freemasonry in general.

The Line Officers attended another regular meeting of Templum Sion #186 which featured Bro. Albo presenting a followup to the Legislative Building which better enabled one to apply the contents of the book Hermetic Code through a visual power point presentation which was colorful, interactive and well done. I issued a dispensation for the members of the lodge to attend the book launch wearing Masonic regalia which by all accounts went off very well and was seen as a positive for the Craft. The Grand Lodge is in contact with the Free Press publisher to feature the book and a story for the Grand Lodge Website, the Webmaster will be directed to look after getting it up and running once details are worked out. Of considerable note it has an inclusion at the last pages of the book titled What Are The Masons. The Grand Master has followed up a letter of thanks to the Free Press for this inclusion and portrayal of the Craft and the project as a whole on behalf of the Freemasons of Manitoba. It makes a great gift brethren to someone a Freemason or not.

We hosted a Masonic Family meeting on the 14th with the adult appendant bodies. Plans are underway and in place for a feature wall in the lobby of MMC to explain the MASONIC STRUCTURE to those whom wonder while visiting our

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building. I have requested each appendant body to supply a 4-6 line message best explaining the mission and purpose of their group. This will be then collated together and given to Belle Fosh Signs to create for us. Along with this signage we will have clear lucite literature holders installed for handouts. Its long overdue, we have sometimes thousands of people each week go through the building not knowing anything about us. The public access AED Defibrillator program will soon be installed and in place along with signage identifying spotting Strokes and Heart Attacks. The new sign identifying Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Masonic Memorial Centre will shortly be underway and the installation of a flagpole with our countries flag will be completed at the same time.

The week of April 15th-21st I was in Indianapolis for the Fire Department Instructors Conference and the following week then returned once more to Indiana as the Senior Grand Warden and I journeyed down to Evansville for the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education which we are members of. An exciting interchange of information and programs we participated in.

The month of May features some exciting times, of which will be the highlight the Leadership Seminar featuring MW Bro. Bob Conley PGM Michigan, see insert, Saturday May 12th. The charter presentation to Templum Sion #186 will be Saturday May 19th at MMC @ 10 am in the Canada Room. This will be an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge with Officers presiding. On the Saturday 26th we are conducting a Cornerstone Ceremony dedicating Shrine House to Freemasonry @ 2pm I am going to hold the Grand Masters Divine Service Sunday May 27th in conjunction with the dedication and installation of the Cornerstone plaque at All Saints Anglican Church in Gladstone. We will join the

congregation for morning service and share some fellowship while were there. Please check the Website or call the G.L. Office for confirmed times. All Freemasons are welcome to join the Grand Master and help celebrate a memorable time in the Grand Lodge. It is a hectic pace right up until the Annual Communication to which you all our invited.

For those of you whom are master masons and at present only belong to your Craft Lodge it may be hard to understand that the Grand Master has the welfare and best interests of all Freemasons at heart whether they be Shrine, Scottish Rite, Royal Arch Masons, brethren in the Eastern Star and as such along with the day to day business of overseeing the 51 lodges and any problems that occur provides guidance and good counsel to the Craft as a whole.

The duties and responsibilities as Grand Master sometimes are unpleasant as we mirror regular society, in carrying out the mandate of the GM I have tried to lead by example and deal with the many issues ones confronted with during the year with tact and decorum, and in doing so hope I have contributed some small part in our overall mission and relevance to society today.

In closing I would be remiss if I didn't recognize and acknowledge my wonderful wife, Lady Marie and thank her for the many hours, days and evenings she has not only given up to me, but for her untiring support, counsel, and being my sounding board on those difficult days throughout the 4 year journey to the Grand East. As the First Lady of Freemasonry for 2006-2007 I could not have asked for a better partner on the ascension through the chairs. Together we have enjoyed representing the 3300 brethren and their families in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Thank You all. Yours in the faith.

MW Bro. Brian J Bailie
Grand Master



**GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA PRESENTS
GRAND MASTERS SPRING WORKSHOP**

Saturday May 12, 2007 ShrineHouse 1155 Wilkes Ave. 8:30-4:30

Feature Presenter: MW Bro. Bob Conley, PGM Michigan and Administrator of Masonic
Renewal of North America Committee

Leadership Training Seminar for Today's Fraternity

MW Bro. Bob is a much sought after presenter and President of RCE Consulting, it is a distinct privilege and pleasure to be able to have him return to Winnipeg once more. We are most delighted to be able to secure him to be with us at this time. This is a presentation you will not want to miss. Grand Lodge will provide the Speaker and all related materials and handouts to each participant. There will be a buffet style lunch served at a cost to each attendee of \$15.00. This is the only cost and it is my wish the Lodges send all their line officers if possible and to cover the lunch expenses of the brethren attending. I have opened this up and extended an invitation to the Masonic Family as a whole if they wish to send representatives as well as the message and material is universal to the Fraternity as a whole and benefits all.

Please RSVP the Grand Secretary with the numbers attending prior to May 10th so the caterer will be able to provide the right amount of food. The Lodges will be billed for the total brethren indicated who are attending, no exceptions.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONY FOR SHRINE HOUSE

Saturday May 26, 2007 2PM

The Grand Master and Officers will dedicate the Cornerstone of Shrine House to Freemasonry recognizing the good work carried out by our Shrine Brethren. A plaque commemorating the ceremony will be placed upon the building. All are invited to attend. This is most fitting with the recent institution of Phoenix Lodge U.D. a lodge of Freemasons meeting within the building.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL ITINERARY

April 25	Midwest Grand Lodges Conference	Evansville, IN	
- May 2			
May 11	Unity District 2nd Annual Table Lodge	Empire Hall	6:00 PM
May 12	Leadership Seminar Masonic Renewal N.A.	Shrine House	8:30 AM
May 19	Templum Sion Charter presentation	MMC	10:00 AM
May 26	Beaver Ionic 25 75th Minnesota Lodges visit	MMC	
May 26	Cornerstone Ceremony dedicating Shrine House	Shrine House	
May 27	Grand Masters Divine Service	Gladstone MB	
May 28	Order of the Eastern Star Grand Session	Canad Inn, Polo Park	7:00 PM

Any Master Mason may accompany the Grand Master on his Official Visitations.

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of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba - June 1 & 2, 2007
The Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre

ELECTED & APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

Grand Master.....	MW Bro. Ken Butchart.....	183
Immediate Past Grand Master.....	MW Bro. Brian J. Bailie.....	145
Deputy Grand Master.....	RW Bro. E.H.(Ted) Jones.....	3
Senior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro. David G. Love.....	151
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Grand Treasurer.....	RW Bro. Earl Gliner.....	167
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Grand Pursuivant.....	VW Bro. Kelly Eldridge**.....	1
Grand Tyler.....	VW Bro. Ronald Meisner**.....	175

District Deputy Grand Masters

First Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Barry Brooker	St James Lodge No. 121
Fifth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Victor Cozens	Foxwarren No. 152
Ninth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. F.D. (Rick) Zaplinsky	Vermillion No. 68
Tenth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Dean Hawes	The Dormer Lodge No. 151
Thirteenth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Sidney Bloomfield	Beaver Ionic No. 25
Assiniboine Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Craig A. Barwick	Doric No. 36
Unity Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Brian Segal	Empire Lodge No. 127

Board of General Purposes - Elected by Acclamation

RW Bro. Neil Lapina.....	Ancient Landmark No. 3
RW Bro. Romeo B. Angeles.....	Capitol Lodge No. 136
RW Bro. Walter Wolfson.....	Capitol Lodge No. 136
RW Bro. Wendell Alvin Lowen.....	Viking Lodge No. 175
RW Bro. Terrance Stubbs.....	Keystone Lodge No. 185

Junior Grand Warden Candidates

RW Bro. Barry Homenick.....	Acacia Lodge No. 111
RW Bro. Constante [Chibu] Uson.....	Capitol Lodge No. 136
RW Bro. Kristjan (Kris) Goodmanson.....	Capitol Lodge No. 136

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FAMILY EVENTS

Grand Lodge Dinner and Entertainment
Friday, June 1 at 6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner \$35.00 each

Grand Master Butchart's Reception, Saturday, June 2 No Charge

MENS' EVENTS

Past Masters' Association Luncheon
Friday, June 2 at 12 noon \$20.00 each

Men's Luncheon
Saturday, June 3, 12 noon - 1 p.m. \$20.00 each

LADIES' PROGRAM

Bus Excursion and Luncheon
Friday, June 1, 12:30 p.m. \$20.00 each

Brunch
Saturday, June 2, 9:30 a.m. Dutch Treat

Reservations for accommodation should be made directly with:

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1808 Wellington Ave.
Winnipeg MB R3H 0G3
Telephone - Direct (204) 786-4801 or 1-877-842-4667 fax
Special Room Rate: \$89.00 plus taxes

When making reservations please indicate your association with Grand Lodge

****Note:** A response is requested before the Hotel Cut-Off date of April 30, 2007

I/we plan to attend the following social events:

Friday - Past Masters' Luncheon	\$20.00	Yes	No
Friday - Ladies' Bus Excursion & Luncheon	\$20.00	Yes	No
Friday - Grand Lodge Dinner & Entertainment	\$35.00	Yes	No
Saturday - Mens' Lunch	\$20.00	Yes	No
Saturday - Ladies' Brunch - Saturday (Dutch Treat)		Yes	No

(Ticket prices shown above are per person)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Payable to Grand Lodge of Manitoba)

NAME: _____ Lady's name: _____

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Have a great summer!