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Masonry in Manitoba



M.W. Brother Kristjan Goodmanson
The Grand Master of Manitoba



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Editorial



Such is the nature of our Institution

.....there can be no real greatness without self denial

By M.W. Brother Donald W. Beattie

Such is the nature of our Institution. Each year we elect a Master, either the Grand Master of the jurisdiction or the Worshipful Master of a Lodge and certain other officers. The remaining officers are appointed. This occurs at the conclusion of each annual Grand Communication.

To those elected and appointed officers, I think I can safely speak on behalf of all our brethren in assuring you that we celebrate your preferment and wish you every success in the upcoming year.



The general charge delivered at the installation of officers, including the Grand Lodge officers is one of the most beautiful pieces of masonic ritual which exists and we are fortunate that so much of it is uniquely Canadian! It speaks most eloquently of who we are and of what we hope to accomplish. Like all of our ritual it is designed to not only be studied but also to be practiced.

It begins by restating the obvious; that Freemasonry is involved with cultivating and improving the human mind and that its lessons are veiled in

allegory. It tasks our rulers to draw aside that veil and also charges the remainder of us to attend to the results of their search.

The many benefits of the Craft are outlined but more importantly so are our responsibilities, for the study of moral geometry demands self denial and as we are admonished there can be no real greatness without self denial.

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Freemasonry is a very personal journey of self discovery. The lessons which extend from the East are carefully imbibed by the workman. Please note that workman is singular and speaks to a personal study and application of the secrets and mysteries.

There is a line from the retrospect lecture which is often overlooked. It includes: "who by improving his faculties to the Glory of God and the good of mankind has answered the great end of his creation" Here the word 'end' refers not to death but to the very reason for our existence. This theme is repeated in the portrayal of an ideal mason with the description of being pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation and aids his fellow man without self interest. Here is the essence of brotherly love - our thoughts and actions should be motivated by the selfless desire to help others. "What's in it for me?" should not be a part of our decision making process.

The white leathern apron which we all wear and the lessons of our working tools all remind us that one day we will stand before the Great Architect and be judged, for as in the 'weighing of the heart' ceremony in ancient Egypt it is not so much our actions but our motivation for performing those actions which will determine how well we are judged to have achieving our 'great end'.

"It is our collective duty to penetrate that veil and comprehend the wonder and majesty of creation which has so skillfully been woven into the very fabric of Freemasonry."



Donald W. Beattie

Our requirement to make daily advancements in Masonic knowledge is repeated several times during the three degrees yet they are largely ignored by the vast majority of the brethren. Even our proficiency seems to be stored in 'short term memory' and too soon becomes irretrievable. Even a sound knowledge of the ritual, while commendable, is useless unless it is accompanied by an understanding of the hidden lesson each allegory conceals.

So the challenge is not only to the rulers but to each individual who can truly claim to have represented the widow's son. Our spiritual identity, the divine spark within each of us has been revealed. The challenge to display 'true godliness' has been made. It is our collective duty to penetrate that veil and comprehend the wonder and majesty of creation which has so skillfully been woven into the very fabric of Freemasonry. - DWB

The Grand Master

[left]
Sealing his obligation on the VSL.

[right]
Receiving the gavel of authority from the Installing Grand Master M.W. Brother Steve Kane.

Grand Lodge Communication 2010



Masonry in Manitoba The Grand Master



BROTHERLY LOVE

A loving and joyous moment shared between two brothers.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 6 & THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 7 .



The Final Charge - by W. Bro. Gord Greasley



M.W. Bro. Love IPGM ~ and his Lady June



The DGM & M.W. The Grand Master



“The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has undertaken to continue our flagship Cancer Care Campaign, in addition to various other initiatives such as to help raise funds to create the Canadian Museum for Human Rights - through our *Just a Buck* Campaign; furthermore it is our hope to establish, support and fund a *Milk for Schools* project, in addition to continuing various other charitable actions by Freemasons in Manitoba and the concordant bodies. ”

M.W. Bro. Kristjan Goodmanson - Grand Master

Just a Buck



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MUSÉE CANADIEN des DROITS de la PERSONNE



Grand Master's Itinerary August & September 2010



	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME
AUGUST			
	07	Peace Garden Lodge Meeting	International Peace Gardens
	16	Masonic Family Planning Mtg.	MMC / 10:00 AM
	20-22	Midwest Masonic Conference	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
	28	Morden Corn & Apple Parade	Morden / 10:00 AM
	29	Masonic Family Round Up	Shrine House / 1:00 to 4:00 PM
SEPTEMBER			
	06	MMC Board Meeting	MMC / 6:30 PM
	09-12	Masonic Family Weekend	Bakers Narrows Lodge
	17	Board of General Purposes	MMC / 7:00 PM
	18	Masonic Family Meeting	MMC / 10:00 AM
	19	G. M's. Divine Church Service	Grace Lutheran Church / 9:45 AM
	20	Assiniboine Lodge O/V	Portage La Prairie / 7:30 PM

The Grand Master's Message



By M.W. Brother
Kristjan
Goodmanson -
The Grand Master
of Manitoba

As I sit to write my first words to you as your Grand Master, I find I sometimes still struggle with the mantle of being the brother in charge of our gentle fraternity for awhile. It's not that I don't think I can do the job, as I know I have many talented and highly esteemed brethren who will assist me with wise counsel and advice along the way. It's just the idea of being seated in the Grand East and chair once occupied by King Solomon himself. WOW!

Let me begin by welcoming you all back from what I hope was a safe, albeit wet in some places, summer. I know we all will soon be busy attending to Lodge matters as we get ready for another year of work in our communities.

I say "welcome back" to all of you because I know we lost some of you last year? I trust this edition of Masonry in Manitoba was delivered directly to your door, and look forward to your receiving it in its printed form if that is your wish. As many of you may recall, last year we not only changed Masonry in Manitoba (M in M) to the exciting publication you have before you, but also the method in which it was delivered to you. Many brethren have computers and email, and were quite content to save their Lodge the costs to post it in the mail. For some lodges, the cost was more than the lodge could handle, so your copy often sat at your Secretaries desk waiting for you to pick it up at Lodge. Sadly, many didn't, couldn't and still can't get to lodge regularly. In view of this, and since Grand Lodge wants EVERY brother to receive M in M in the manner of his choice, we will assume the responsibility of ensuring all those who prefer the print edition will have it delivered by your local postal service. Please take the time to read it from cover to cover and enjoy what you have before you, as there are many talented and highly skilled brethren who have and will labor many long hours (I'll mention them by name and their duties next month) to bring each edition to you.

For those of you who were able to attend my June 5th Installation, you may recall I mentioned in my opening address my message was not going to be one of great knowledge or philosophy. That's because I don't profess to have those skills or intellect; however, I went on to say that the one passion I do have is a great love and respect for our gentle fraternity and what it stands for. To this end, I will be a dedicated Grand Master; however due to the human condition will frequently make mistakes along the way. Please bear with me as we learn from one another.

I would like to draw your attention to one of my several plans mentioned at my Installation. During my term as your Grand Master, I plan to recognize and honor brethren who have not only reached their 50, 60 and 70 year plus milestones as a Freemason, but will also honor those who have arduously traveled to reach their 55, 65, and even 75 year (if we have them) milestones. Lodge Secretaries, a special letter will be forthcoming formally announcing this plan, but in the interim, please begin to review your records and

forward those names to Grand Secretary. I would be pleased and honored to recognize these brethren during my Official Visit to your Lodge, however, would do my best to attend another time if my schedule permits.

I was pleased to present this Jurisdiction's first 65 year pin to RWB Walter Wolfson from Capitol Lodge # 136 (my Mother Lodge) at their May meeting on the occasion of his celebrating not only 65 years a Freemason, but also his 95th birthday. Congratulations again RWB Walter! I was also very pleased and honored to announce his accomplishments at my Installation and further recognize his long standing contribution to this Jurisdiction by having him seated in the Grand East that afternoon.

Besides my passion for "Just a Buck", there are several other "ideas" or plans I mentioned in June I would like to share with you, but will leave them for future editions, so please stay tuned! However, I do have something I would like to share with you about Just a Buck. Lady Rita and I were invited (thank you to WB Gervin Greasley) as VIP's to attend Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II unveiling of the cornerstone for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The July 3rd ceremony took place under very hot and sunny skies at the Forks in Winnipeg, immediately in front of the Museum construction site during the Queen's six hour whirlwind visit to Winnipeg. The significance of this stone, as I'm sure many of you may already be aware, is that it was taken from the Meadows of Runnymede, England, the site of the signing in 1215 of the Magna Carta by King John. Your Grand Lodge is still actively perusing our interest in laying that cornerstone some time before the Museum's scheduled opening in late 2012. As suggested earlier, stay tuned!

Before I leave you, I would like you to try and join Grand Lodge in one or all of the following activities:

August 29th - The Masonic Family Round Up at Shrine House.

September 9 to 12th - The Masonic Family Weekend (AKA the Grand Master's Northern Tour) at Bakers Narrows Lodge. See your Lodge Secretary or call Grand Lodge for more information, registration deadline August 27th. - **See Page 19 : Invitation.**

September 18th - My first Official Visit to the brethren in Assiniboine Lodge in Portage La Prairie.

September 19th - Grand Master's Divine Worship Service (9:45 AM) at Grace Lutheran Church in Winnipeg (211 Kimberly Avenue, next door to the East Kildonan Masonic Temple). Join us for special music and be sure to bring your regalia.

Details of these and future events, where I would look forward to your company, can be found elsewhere in the Grand Master's Itinerary, the Grand lodge web site, or by calling Grand Lodge.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you in a Lodge room or Festive Board some time very soon.

Fraternally,



The Grand Master & his Lady Rita

"Attached is a picture Rita and I had taken when we were invited to attend the Queen's July 3rd visit to unveil the cornerstone for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights."

A very special moment indeed.



Just a Buck

CANADIAN MUSEUM for HUMAN RIGHTS
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Past Grand Masters

Past Grand Masters at this years Grand Lodge Communication.

Can you name them, and
their respective years in
office?



If you want to know where
the future of Freemasonry
will grow and prosper it's
simple in the heart, in your
heart, in my heart, and in
the hearts of those who
follow us.



FROM THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

For many Lodges this is the start of the year for a new set of officers. The library has a number of books that give help to the officers in their stations. You can check the catalogue for "Officers' helps." [The catalogue link can be found at <http://mbgrandlodge.com/masonic-resource-center/library/>].

Volunteers are always welcome to staff the library during the week. It is generally open from 10 am to 1 pm but if that doesn't work for you, let us know. If you'd like to help during the evening, we can arrange it. Contact the Grand Librarian, Brian Rountree, at mrc@grandlodge.mb.ca if you are interested.

There will be another Book Study. This one for Wed. October 27 will be an Un-book Study. Bring your favourite Masonic book and tell us why you like it. Persuade us to use it for the title book in our Spring session.

Check the Masonic Resource Centre website for a list of new items—updated monthly with recent publications as well as older items that we have just received.

Looking ahead—October is Library Month so we'll have lots more to tell you then.

I look forward to hearing from you, or seeing, in the coming months.

Fraternally,
Brian Rountree, Grand Librarian

Ex-Libris

The Grand Line



Looking to the future

THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
R.W. Doug Webster

THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN
R.W. Al Hadley

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R.W. Constante Uson

At the 135th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba held in Winnipeg MB on June 4 and 5, 2010 the following were elected and appointed:

ELECTED 2010-2011

Grand Master M.W.Bro. Kristjan (Kris) Goodmanson (136)
Immediate Past Grand Master M.W.Bro. David G. Love (188)
Deputy Grand Master R.W.Bro. Constante (Chibu) Uson (136)
Senior Grand Warden R.W.Bro. Allan Hadley (178)
Junior Grand Warden R.W.Bro. Doug Webster (111)
Grand Treasurer R.W.Bro. Bruce Taylor (136)
Grand Chaplain R.W.Bro. Normal Pohl (184)
Grand Historian R.W.Bro. Junn Manalang (136)
Grand Director of Ceremonies R.W.Bro. Bernard Gross (136)

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD

Grand Secretary M.W.Bro. E. H. "Ted" Jones (3)
Grand Librarian R.W.Bro. Brian Rountree (174)
Grand Archivist R.W.Bro. Allan Brock (145)

APPOINTED 2010-2011

Senior Grand Deacon V.W.Bro. Rob Warriner Capitol Lodge No. 136
Junior Grand Deacon V.W.Bro. Dan Garroni Keystone Lodge No. 185
Grand Organist V.W.Bro. Gordon MacDonald St. John's Lodge No. 4
Senior Grand Steward V.W.Bro. James Houston Charleswood Red River Lodge No. 184
Junior Grand Steward V.W.Bro. Tim McIsaac Charleswood Red River Lodge No. 184
Grand Sword Bearer V.W.Bro. Chris Monkman Viking Lodge No. 175
Grand Standard Bearer V.W.Bro. Hans Brandenburg Capitol Lodge No. 136
Grand Pursuivant V.W.Bro. Peter Slimmen Kilcona Lodge No. 183
Grand Tyler V.W.Bro. Gerald Zoppa Lisgar Lodge No. 2

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 2010-2011

First Masonic District

R.W.Bro. Gary Parrington
Phoenix Lodge No. 187

Fifth Masonic District

R.W.Bro. George Graham
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152

Tenth Masonic District

R.W.Bro. Baldur Nelson
Viking Lodge No. 175

Thirteenth Masonic District

R.W.Bro. Doug Scott
Acacia Lodge No. 111

Assiniboine Masonic District

R.W.Bro. Brent Richards
Fenwick Lodge No. 158

Unity Masonic District

R.W.Bro. Craig Johnson
Northern Light Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1

Grand Master's Area

R.W.Bro. Graham Allan Craig
Flin Flon Lodge No. 153

THE MASONIC FAMILY OF MANITOBA

The Masonic Family Tree.

Masonic Family photos from this year's Gimli Parade.

Clockwise from Top Left:
The Grand Master and a Brother from the Shrine.

Representatives from the
Masonic Family - IOJD,
OES, DOTN, Scottish Rite,
Khartum Shrine.

The Senior Grand Warden
- promoting our Cancer
Care Initiative.

Manitoba's Ambassador
for Scottish Rite - Bro. Jim
Wood 33rd Degree, and
M.W. Brother E. "Ted"
Jones - Past Grand
Master and our Grand
Secretary.

**Join us for the
Masonic Family
Round-Up and a fun
day for all the family.
29th. of August 2010.
Shrine House 1155
Wilkes Avenue.
1pm - 4pm**



Please submit your articles.



The Masonic Family



There was hope for the Widow's Sons

By John Prystanski
 Charter President
 Widows Sons
 Manitoba Grand Chapter

On July 3, members of Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Lodges Fil-Can Cabletow #189, Acacia #111, Ancient Landmark #3, Capitol #136, Beaver Ionic #25, Kilcona #185, St. John's #4, Mystery #174, lodge of Renewal #181, and Empire #127 participated in the Manitoba Widow's Sons Grand Chapter 1st Ben Harnish Slo-pitch Family Fun Day.

The event was the idea of and organized by past DDGM and current Widow's Sons President Brian Segal. The event saw a total of 67 Masonic members and family participate in a modified slo-pitch tournament that resulted in every child making a home run and enjoying an endless supply of hotdogs and hamburgers with a bottomless glass of lemonade or soda.

The event is named after one of the charter members of the Manitoba Widow's Sons Grand Chapter Ben Harnish. Ben a life long member of slo-pitch and a past Manitoba provincial umpire, often spoke of the need in Manitoba to have an event where the Mason and his family can get together in a sporting activity and embrace one of the tenets of Masonry, "brotherly love." What resulted was an event which brought together the Masonic family for friendship, laughter, and the creation of a stronger Masonic association. It was amazing to see Masons and their families participating in the event and then enjoying some lemonade and hamburgers afterwards. Whether watching one of the youngest at nine years old or Brother Paul Winslow run the bases and then all meet afterwards is something we need to have more of.

Kilcona Lodge and Widow's Son member Jason Buchart's kids commented when he and his family got into their vehicle "When is the next time we do this? Can we do it tomorrow? That was fun!" What else needs to be said?

Special thanks to Dennis Lorteau, and Doug Webster JGW for helping organize the event by supplying bats, balls, bases & some gloves. Also thanks to DGM Chibu for his assistance with the cooking and the supplying some food.

Deputy Grand Master RWBro. Chibu Uson commented on the event as "Masonry is about family, the Ben Harnish Slo-Pitch Family Fun Day exemplifies the true spirit of Masonry. Way to go Manitoba Widow's Sons".



Members of the Masonic Family at the 1st Ben Harnish Slo-pitch Family Fun Day

The Eleusinian Mysteries

..... an initiatic rite, for a happy afterlife

By M.W. Brother Donald W. Beattie

It is harvest time on the prairies and a suitable time to look at the legend of the Greek goddess Demeter, the goddess of grain and agriculture. She is the focal point of the Eleusinian Mysteries. They were an initiatic rite designed to prepare the initiate for a happy afterlife. The Eleusinian Mysteries are considered to be an important part of that body of knowledge commonly referred to as The Ancient Mysteries and form the underlying theme of the lessons presented by Freemasonry.

Greek mythology continues to be an important part of Western culture. The Greek legends consisted of oral traditions which had been passed down, generation to generation from the very dawn of time and were first recorded in Hesiod's "Theogony" which is an account of their creation story and was written in the 8th century BC. A myth may be defined as a traditional story which a society tells itself and which represents that society's belief, principles and practices. While the story may seem a fabrication, the theme of the story was assumed by that society to be factual.

Before we begin we need some background information about ancient Greece and its gods in order to understand where Demeter fits into the picture. Greek mythology has no concept of the formation of the earth, the heavens and their gods. They simply exist. The first god was "Chaos" which in ancient Greek meant a gap of a yawning - in other words she represented an empty space. It is unclear whether the other original gods were born from Chaos or just appeared as she did. The first was Gaia, representing the earth; then Tartaros, representing the underworld and Eros, who deals with sexual desire. The remaining gods are born as a result of relatively natural reproductive practice however initially there were many liberties taken with reality. The next generation of gods, born of Chaos representing the night, the day and ether (which we are just discovering is the substance which occupies that which was considered a vacuum or empty space). Gaia's contribution was a series of gods who represented the sky (Ouranos), the sea (Pontos) and mountains.

Gaia and Ouranos (earth and sky) now mate and produce twelve children who are known as The Titans. They represent important natural elements such as the Sun, the Moon, etc. The next generation are referred to as The Olympians. The first born was Zeus who would become the primary ruler of the gods. The rest of his family included the following well known gods: Hestia, goddess of hearth and home; Demeter, goddess of grain and agriculture; Hera, goddess of marriage and maternity; Hades, god of the underworld and Poseidon, god of the sea and of horses.

We now have met all the players involved in the Eleusinian Mysteries. Zeus and Demeter have a daughter who is named Persephone. The myth of their relationship with Hades is recounted in one of the richest works of classical antiquity, the 'Homeric Hymn to Demeter'. It is referred to as Homeric because it uses the same meter (dictylic hexameter) as 'The Illiad' and 'The Odyssey'. This

relatively long poem was written sometime between 650 and 50 BC and has a clear connection to the Eleusinian Mysteries.

Myths frequently correspond to normal practices. At that time marriages were arranged by the father of the bride. Zeus and Hades agreed that Hades would marry Persephone and on one of his infrequent journeys out of the underworld he seized her while she was picking flowers and carried her back to the underground - the place of the dead. Demeter was not aware of this arrangement and she searched day and night for her lost daughter. Finally the sun god, who had witnessed the abduction informs Demeter of her daughter's whereabouts. In retaliation Demeter causes a crop failure and the resulting famine threatens the very existence of mankind. To pacify her and ensure the continuance of humans Zeus orders Hades to return Persephone to her mother, however as she had eaten a pomegranate seed she could not leave Hades permanently. Zeus managed to strike a deal with Demeter whereby Persephone would be allowed to spend 2/3 of the year with her on Olympus and the remaining 1/3 of the year in the underworld with Hades. Thus the reason crops cannot be raised during 1/3 of the year is because Persephone in the underworld and Demeter, in retaliation, refuses to allow them to grow.

It is commonly believed that this myth forms the nucleus of the Eleusinian Mysteries however there is no record of the actual ritual. The Eleusinian Mysteries were performed in the Temple at Eleusia for over one thousand years and possibly closer to two thousand. They consisted of three degrees with the third reportedly taking place underground. In this ritual the initiates were given the secret which would enable them to participate in a happy existence following death. A few lines from The Homeric Hymn to Demeter give us a better insight into the essence of the mystery: "Whoever in this earth has seen these mysteries is blessed, but he who has no part in the holy rites has another lot as he wastes away in dank darkness." Although Persephone is a god the fact that she was able to move freely from this world to the underworld, the place of the dead, and back again speaks to their belief in an afterlife. By being initiated into this order both men and women believed that they too would have the ability to live beyond the grave. - DWB



Joseph Gandy, Temple of Ceres at Eleusis (1818).

Education



Each District will be rolling out workshop sessions, so if you are interested contact your District Deputy Grand Master. You can also contact W. Bro Chris Monkman of Viking Lodge (monkmanc@mts.net) or W. Bro Brian Ryall of Ophir Lodge (ryall4@mts.net).

Leadership 21 Irrefutable Laws

By W.B. Brian Ryall

**Leaders must be close enough to relate to others,
but far enough ahead to motivate them.**

~John Maxwell

You may recall that last year M. W. Bro. Ted Jones announced a Leadership initiative. The program that was chosen is based on the 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership by Dr. John C. Maxwell, a well known & respected author and motivational speaker. It is designed to improve the leadership skills and abilities of Masons in Manitoba, in other words: helping make good men better! Approximately 20 people from the various districts and concordant bodies participated in an intensive Train the Trainer session last year, lead by M.W. Bro. Bob Connelly of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Based on the training that we received, W. Bro Chris Monkman and I led the first session in the 10th district in May at Lisgar Lodge in Selkirk. We have 12 enthusiastic participants, who range from fairly new brethren to "well seasoned" veterans. The sessions will resume on a monthly basis in September,

covering 3 - 4 of Dr. Maxwell's laws in each session. We discuss the laws and how they apply to our personal, professional and Masonic lives. A copy of his book as well as a workbook that reviews the important aspects of each law is provided to each participant.

It has been said that proper leadership is at the heart of membership development and retention. Through superior leadership, the goal is to help lodges retain more of their members and raise the level of awareness of Masonry within our communities. Each District will be rolling out workshop sessions, so if you are interested contact your District Deputy Grand Master. You can also contact W. Bro Chris Monkman of Viking Lodge (monkmanc@mts.net) or W. Bro Brian Ryall of Ophir Lodge (ryall4@mts.net). We are very proud & excited to be involved in this initiative and would be happy to answer your questions.

Past Grand Activities

3 Past Grand Masters

Letting off some steam

By R.W. Brother Al Hadley
Senior Grand Warden

These are some pictures I took at the Thresherman's Reunion in Austin.

You will see MWB Don Beattie in the role of a "sawyer" operating a sawmill powered by a vintage steam engine that was operated by MWB Bob McMillan, seen talking to MWB Ted Jones.

There is also a shot of MWB McMillan operating the steam engine during the threshing demo. - AH



Re - Dedicated

.. for the ones we loved

By M.W. Brother Ken Butchart



On the weekend of May 21st & 22nd 2010; The then Deputy Grand Master R.W.Bro Kris Goodmanson, Past Grand Masters Ted Jones (2008/9) and Ken Butchart (2007/8) had the privilege of witnessing the rededication of Fort Buford - which is located at the site of the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers in Williston North Dakota.

Fort Buford is the place where Chief Sitting Bull surrendered. It was here in 1872 that The Grand Lodge of Minnesota established Yellowstone Masonic Lodge #88 A.F. & A.M.

The fort was manned by white soldiers besides some black soldiers who were called The Buffalo Soldiers and these Buffalo Soldiers established Eureka Masonic Lodge #132 also at the Fort.

On Saturday May 22nd 2010 The Grand Masters of North Dakota and Minnesota as well as The Deputy Grand Master of The Prince Hall of Missouri together with a representative of The United States Army and two 87 year old veterans of The Buffalo Soldiers all took an active part in the rededication of Fort Buford.

Speeches were given, trees were planted and a flag pole donated by The Shriners of North Dakota upon which the United States Stars & Stripes was raised after which a 21 gun salute was given by soldiers in 1800 era uniforms and ending with The Grand Master of North Dakota playing Taps.

It was a privilege to have been a part of and to witness such an emotional and historic event.

Submitted by M.W.Bro Ken Butchart P.G.M. 2007/8.

De Molay?

- we would like your articles for inclusion please.

Concordants?

- we would like your articles for inclusion please.

Interesting thoughts?

- we would like your articles for inclusion please.

Masonic Anecdotes?

- we would like your articles for inclusion please.

History Buff?

- we would like your articles for inclusion please.

Send your articles to:
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Relief

**Enjoy
relax!!**



"I see the newspapers are suggesting that Freemasons get preferential treatment again."

Brother, I, too own a television set, but that does not keep me home on Lodge night. I have never yet had one of the characters on television come off the screen and shake my hand. They have never offered me the warm friendship that my Lodge Brothers do. They have never handed me a cup of coffee or a doughnut. NO! NEVER! Author Unknown

There are 5 houses in 5 different colours. In each house lives a person of a different nationality. The 5 owners drink a certain type of beverage, smoke a certain brand of cigar, and keep a certain pet.

Using the clues below can you determine who owns the fish?

Submit your answer to win a prize.

- The Brit lives in a red house.
- The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
- The Dane drinks tea.
- The green house is on the immediate left of the white house.
- The green house owner drinks coffee.
- The person who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.
- The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.
- The man living in the house right in the middle drinks milk.
- The Norwegian lives in the first house.
- The man who smokes Blend lives next door to the one who keeps cats.
- The man who keeps horses lives next door to the man who smokes Dunhill.
- The owner who smokes Blue Master drinks beer.
- The German smokes Prince.
- The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
- The man who smokes Blend has a neighbour who drinks water.



One of the earliest painted testimony of an initiation - Answer the following:
Who is being initiated?
Who is presiding W.M.
What is the date of the painting?

Assuming that there are nearly 7,000,000,000 (7 billion) people on Earth, estimate the size of number you'd get if you multiplied together the number of fingers on everyone's hands. For this calculation, it might be easier to count a thumb as a finger. How many zeroes would this number have? How many beaches of sand would this be? How far into the galaxy could we reach if your answer was converted to miles? How many zebras would you need to have this many hairs? Submit your answer to win a prize.



Caption Contest - Provide a funny caption
Submit your answer to win a prize.

Notes from Hiram's Chair Are we Builders ?

By Hiram

Notes from Hiram's Chair – Are we Builders ?

The Builders – By Joseph F. Newton, Litt.D.
A review of the story and study of Freemasonry

Chapter One:

In this book, Joseph Newton talks of the two arts have altered the face of the earth and given shape to the life and thoughts of man - Agriculture and Architecture. Of the two, it would be hard to know which has been the more intimately interwoven with the inner life of humanity; for man is not only a planter and a builder, but also a mystic and a thinker. In the first chapter Newton speaks of mankind as Architect (builder). The beauty that has been seen by mankind over the ages has been reflected and revealed to us in his Architecture. From Architecture that spans time we can tell if man is a gatherer or ruler. From the stones of the structure we can often gather the doctrine of the builder's soul. Are we builders? The review following this will focus on a second book that should help us all in our Building.

The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership John C. Maxwell

A review of John Maxwell's Leadership Course as it assists us as Masons to become more affective as builders in our communities today.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, under the Leadership of Grand Master Ted Jones (in 2009 – 2010), felt it was very important for the Grand Lodge to offer a program of Training in Leadership to all of the Lodges and Concordant Bodies in Manitoba. This would help us to become more effective in our building. Lodges from as far away as Thompson and a number of concordant bodies attended the training sessions to become trainers.

In chapter one of The Law of the Leadership, it speaks of how "Leadership Ability

Determines a Person's Level of Effectiveness". Maxwell tells the story of two brothers Dick & Maurice McDonald, who came as close as they could to living the American Dream – without making it. Then along came a fellow by the name of Ray Kroc who was responsible for developing McDonalds into what it is today. A key concept in this chapter is called the "Law of the Lid" – e.g. that you are limited in your capabilities by your own personal ceiling and/or ability.

A review of the skills for Leadership covered in each section is included at the back of each chapter.

Taking a lead from this book, it shows us that it is important for us to know that each District has people who have been trained in leadership instruction. Do you need help in building your Lodge? Then find out who your local trainers are and assist them to set up a study group to help your Lodge.

Helpful Quotes from Maxwell's Book on Leadership to assist in Mason Building:-

"The higher you want to climb, the more you need leadership. The greater the impact you want to make, the greater your influence needs to be."

"Personal and organizational effectiveness is proportionate to the strength of leadership."



THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ALONG WITH OTHER NORTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES, SUPPORTS THE CMHR.

Masons worldwide have always been held by, and proactively promote the ideal of human rights.

The Canadian Museum Of Human Rights exemplifies this ideal.

In 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to Power, it became evident that Freemasonry was in grave danger. Realizing this danger, the Freemasons went undercover and adopted a little blue flower, the forget-me-not, to replace the Square and Compasses as the symbol whereby the Brethren could identify each other in public as well as in the concentration camps of Europe.

In 1948, when lodges reopened following World War II, this became the official Masonic emblem in honor of the valiant Brethren who carried on their Masonic work under very adverse conditions.

Some 80,000 - 200,000 Freemasons were killed in the Holocaust.



Let us not forget them.

FRIENDS OF THE CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BELIEVES CANADA'S GREATEST LEGACY WILL BE THE ABILITY OF OUR COUNTRY TO UPHOLD AND STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS INTO THE FUTURE.

A Centre for Learning: To Equip Canadian Youth.

Our hope in creating this legacy rests upon the will and ability of our young people to do so.

The Museum will promote the cause for human rights from coast to coast, educating Canadians on their responsibility to uphold the principles enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

A Centre for Learning: To Train Police, Military and Other Peacekeepers.

The current vision for the Museum is to provide training to Canadians who are empowered to guard human rights and freedoms such as police forces and peacekeepers working overseas.

Coordinating and collaborating training initiatives through the Museum will ensure Canada's dedication to human rights will be consistent and visible throughout the world.

A Forum for Dialogue: Featuring the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Museum proposes to feature, explore and promote discussion on human rights legislation such as the U.N. Through active dialogue and expert-led forums, visitors will discuss successes, failures and challenges of negotiating rights in our communities, our workplaces, our schools and throughout the world.

A Home for Our Stories: Chronicling Canada's Human Rights Journey.

Canada has both human rights triumphs and failures to examine, learn about and learn from. Our nation needs to understand Canada's human rights journey – told in a compelling way – in order to plot the course for moving forward.

The Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights envision that the Museum will feature Canada's social history and the human rights stories of other nations, from which visitors may learn and chart a personal course of action.



A Place for Heroes. Ordinary People Making Extraordinary Advances for Human Rights.

Canadians lack a central home for the stories of the courageous people who led this nation to where it is on its human rights journey.

We have so many inspiring examples of human rights heroes but, sadly, they have no central home.

The Museum proposes to tell these stories in dramatic ways, to inspire visitors to action.

A Catalyst for Action.

Creating the Canadian Museum for Human Rights will enhance Canada's national reputation and give greater legitimacy to Canada's historic role as an honest power broker, peace keeper and defender of human rights.

The need for human rights and the need for action on behalf of all nations have never been greater. Through this Museum, it is envisioned that the federal government can begin to equip Canadians and others with the tools and information they need to be steadfast advocates for human rights not only at home but in other countries around the world. - LRG



Just a Buck

This article is a solicitation for a cause that parallels the aims of Freemasonry and a worthy one of our attentions for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights fund raiser.

Our goal is to raise enough money to help build and sustain the museum.

There also may be an opportunity to perform the corner stone ceremony for the museum which, if granted the chance, would make it one of the largest that Canada has ever seen, with Brothers from around the world participating. This is a great endeavor, and if in your means, consider helping Freemasonry and this museum.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has undertaken a campaign to help raise funds to create the "Canadian Museum for Human Rights" that is to be located in Winnipeg with construction having started in the spring of this year. Recognizing the importance and potential of this project to become an icon for people around the world.

Individuals that would like to contribute to this endeavor should contact the Editor of Masonry in Manitoba.

Your Personal Invitation
to join MW Bro. Kris Goodmanson, his Lady Rita
& the Grand Lodge Officers & their ladies
on a

Masonic Family Weekend

at

Bakers Narrows Lodge

September 9th to 12th

Please note this will be a 'casual' weekend, BRING REGALIA but leave suits and ties at home
Ladies, formal dress also not required.

Thursday, Sept 9th

Depart from MMC @ 7:30 AM
Lunch at Swan River
Arrive at Viking Lodge in Cranberry Portage (please bring your own towels)
Traditional Native Feast & Entertainment in the World's Largest Teepee
Evening boat cruise on Lake Athapap for up to 20 guests

Friday, Sept 10th

Breakfast and lunch at Cranberry Portage with 2nd boat cruise available, or visit the Northern Buffalo Sculptures Gallery, or time to go fishing!!
Depart around 1:00 PM for Flin Flon Lodge, to be followed by a Northern Lodges and Eastern Star meetings hosted by The Pas Lodge # 124
Arrive and check in at Bakers Narrows Lodge around 4:00 PM.
Supper at Bakers Narrows followed by a free evening to enjoy their hot tub, fire pits and inside entertainment such as pool tables, shuffleboard, darts etc.

Saturday, Sept 11th



MORNING: More free time for fishing (boats available), exploring or relaxing and reading a good book!

AFTERNOON: Grand Lodge Open Session

Altitude adjustment hour to be followed by a Table Lodge (to include our Ladies) hosted by the brethren from Mystery Lodge # 174

Hospitality room in the evening

Sunday, Sept 12th

Breakfast at Bakers Narrows Lodge
Depart for Winnipeg approximately 9:00 AM, with a stop at Tim's in The Pas
Lunch at Ashern and arrive Winnipeg around 6:00 PM

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Your cheque (payable to The Grand Lodge of Manitoba) includes return bus transportation and a ticket to the Table Lodge \$160 each

(TAXES & GRATUITIES for the following are extra)

VIKING LODGE (overnight Thursday)	\$ 40 per person
Boat Cruise (includes refreshments)	\$20 per couple
Traditional Native Feast	\$20 per person
Breakfast (\$10) and lunch (\$12)	\$22 per person

BAKERS NARROWS (overnight Friday & Saturday)

Shared cabin with two bedrooms	\$40 per person per night
Couple cabin	\$50 per person per night
Room @ Victoria Inn in Flin Flon	\$130 per night
Meals (2 breakfasts & 1 supper)	\$40 per person
Table Lodge	included in your registration

NOTE: Table Lodge tickets for those travelling by car \$25.00

Registration Form

Yes! I plan to accompany MW Bro Kris, his Officers and their Ladies as they share in a weekend of Northern Hospitality with the brethren and their ladies of the three Northern Lodges.

Attached is my cheque (payable to Grand Lodge of Manitoba) for \$160 per person

Name _____ and _____ Phone No. _____

Accommodation preference at Bakers Narrows (please indicate with X)

Shared cabin (2 couples) with separate bedrooms _____

Individual cabin (1 couple only) _____

Flin Flon (Victoria Inn) _____

NOTE: REGISTRATION DEADLINE - August 27th



Millions of men have become Freemasons throughout history, and yet it is not commonly known how one actually becomes a Freemason. An ancient landmark (custom) of regular Freemasonry that one is not asked to become a Freemason - a man must do it of his own volition. Some jurisdictions require that a man ask more than once. Membership is for men, 21 years of age or older, who meet the qualifications and standards of character and reputation, who are of good moral character, and who believe in the existence of a supreme being.

The doors of Freemasonry are open to men who seek harmony with their fellowman, feel the need for self-improvement and wish to participate in making this world a better place to live. Any man who becomes a Freemason is taught a pattern for living - reverence, morality, kindness, honesty, dependability, and compassion. He must be prepared to honor his country, uphold its laws, and respect those in authority. He must be prepared to maintain honorable relations with others and be willing to share in Masonic activities.

If a person is interested in joining, he should ask a Masonic friend for more information or contact a local masonic lodge. Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. To become a member of this ancient and honorable Fraternity, a man must apply of his own free will and accord and with an open heart. Invitations are not issued to prospective members, nor are members solicited.

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