



think we have captured the essence of Christmas in our cover shot with the Madonna and Child as portrayed in the stained glass window

of some unknown cathedral. Certainly it has the unmistakable appearance of being created back in the time when the great cathedrals were being built and the effect that Gothic architecture had upon the building technology was phenomenal, with the flying buttresses giving incredible strength to the walls, enabling them to be built lighter and with space for the vast expanses of glass, much of it stained glass, by which the stories of the bible could be displayed for those who were unable to read the written word.

Amazingly much of the original stained glass has survived, some of it being removed for safekeeping against the Allied bombing during World War II and later replaced, while other cathedrals escaped unscathed. The technology required to produce stained glass, which would survive over a millennium, is nothing short of incredible. Glass, of course, is made of molten silica and back then it was very difficult to obtain sufficiently high temperatures to melt silica. To solve this problem, silica was combined with potash, soda, or lead which lowered its melting temperature. To give it the desired colour metallic oxide powder or finely ground metals were added to the molten silica. Copper oxide produces a green or blueish green, cobalt makes a deep blue, nickel produces a blue or violet shade, Manganese yields an amethyst colour and gold produces a wine red or violet glass. Copper, which is much cheaper, gives a brighter, more vermillion shade of red. These impressive windows are made by creating a pattern and then cutting small pieces of the properly coloured glass to produce the desired image. These pieces are then surrounded by a strip of lead which, after the window is assembled, are soldered together and the whole piece is then fitted into the frame.

The winter solstice is an astronomical event that occurs once a year when the sun appears at noon at its lowest altitude above the horizon. This date corresponds to the date when the sunrise is at its most southerly position. This event has had enormous significance for people all around the world, from neolithic times or the latest period of the stone age to the present, influencing almost all of the holidays celebrated by our many and varied cultures. Since this date marks the end of the Sun's ebbing and the beginning of its return to strength, this event was also seen as the birth of the new year.

Of course we are all familiar with Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and the subsequent development of Christianity which, in its several denominations, forms the largest religious body in the world. It

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is celebrated in a variety of ways in different cultures: in Sicily there are 12 kinds of fish served, Bulgaria too has 12 special meals but they are meatless, in Norway a gnome delivers presents, in Spain it is the Three Wise Men while Anglo American traditions have the merry old elf who, in a sleigh drawn by eight magical reindeer, delivers presents to boys and girls who have been good during the past year. Regardless of these and other differences they all celebrate with family reunions, feasts, and gift giving. Refer to our education article on page 6 for more examples of religious festivals held on or around the winter solstice. :.

Wisdom, to contrive...



rethren, I am amazed at how quic<mark>kly</mark> the time has gone by since my installation in June. These last five months

seem to have gone by in a flash, but when I look back on the calendar I can see just how busy the grand line officers have been over that time with our official visits, attending lodge and masonic family events, and performing all our other official duties.

The month of June had the grand line officers splitting up in order to represent the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at the various grand communications of our sister jurisdictions in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and North Dakota.

Over July and August the grand line officers and the masonic family were busy at the various summer parades; Dauphin on June 29th and August 3rd, Selkirk on July 13th, Morris on July 20th, Gimli on August 5th, and Morden on August 24th. The masonic family float was a prominent part of the parades in Selkirk and Morris, and representatives from all our concordant bodies rode on the float wearing their respective regalia and publicly featuring our various organizations. These summer parades also gave us the opportunity to highlight our *Masons Care* cancer patient transportation program by having our grand lodge officers riding in the cancer vans during the parades.

It is worth mentioning that our engagement with the Canadian Cancer Society in providing new vans for the program as well as Masons who volunteer to drive them is now in its 30th year. I am very pleased to announce that I have been authorized to extend this commitment for a further 5 year term and it will be my pleasure to do so during my term of office.

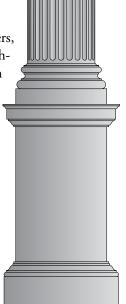
Also in July, Lady Valerie and I represented Manitoba at the 158th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. This is the largest masonic jurisdiction in Canada, with over 25,000 members in 554 lodges spread throughout Ontario. By comparison, Manitoba currently has approximately 2,400 members in 42 lodges. However, I have learned throughout our travels that bigger isn't necessarily better, and that these jurisdictions face many of the same problems and challenges that we do.

The annual Masonic Family Roundup BBQ was held on July 28th at the Shrine Centre and as usual was well attended by members of all the masonic family bodies. The day started with a fun family baseball game organized by the Widow's Sons in the field next door, followed by the BBQ with games for the kids, and food provided by the various masonic family bodies. Many of us had the pleasure of sitting in the chair under the basketball net and having water filled balloons broken over our heads by our deputy grand master R.W. Bro. Stano Spina. All in good fun! It was a great opportunity for all the masonic family, their friends and family to come together for a fun summer event.

On August 10th the grand lodge officers and many of our Manitoba Masons joined with our brethren and their ladies from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and Minnesota for the 21st annual meeting of the Peace Gardens Lodge at the International Peace Gardens. Congratulations to our senior grand warden R.W. Bro. Ron Church who was elected as the senior grand warden for next year's meeting of the Peace Gardens Lodge.

The grand line officers attended the Mid-West Conference of Grand Lodges held in East Peoria, Illinois from August 23rd-25th. There we had the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with our counterparts from the grand lodges of Nebraska, Indiana, North Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and Illinois.

September 5th-8th saw the grand line officers, their ladies and guests on the annual northern bus trip. The trip included lunch with the brethren of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105 in Swan River on the way north, and spending Thursday evening with the brethren and ladies of The Pas Lodge No. 124. On Friday we traveled to Flin Flon for a lodge meeting followed by a BBQ with the brethren and ladies of Flin Flon Lodge No. 153. Saturday featured a lodge meeting at Mystery Lodge No. 174 followed by a BBQ with our brethren and their ladies in Thompson. Our northern brethren work very hard to keep Masonry alive in their communities. We thank them for



their warm hospitality and I extend my personal thanks to all the brethren and ladies who accompanied me on this journey.

October 11th marked the visit to Manitoba of M.W. Bro. Juanito (Jun) Espino Jr., grand master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. M.W. Bro. Espino and his traveling companions paid a visit at my office in the morning, which gave us a chance to exchange a few gifts and renew old acquaintances. Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge No. 189, Capitol Lodge No. 136, and Winnipeg River Lodge No. 154 held a combined meeting and fellowship in the evening which gave us a chance to formally welcome the grand master and to thank him for the hospitality he had previously shown to all of us who travelled to the Philippines in April 2012.



My official lodge visits this fall have included: St. John's Lodge No. 4, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 in Portage la Prairie, Vermillion Lodge No. 68 in Dauphin, Kilcona Lodge No. 183, Charleswood Red River Lodge No. 184, and Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Stano Spina also led a visit to Viking Lodge No. 175 for their annual *fish night* while I was out of province. We look forward to visiting many other lodges in the months ahead.



The entire grand line and their ladies together with the grand lodge officers of the four western jurisdictions were in Banff for three days in mid-October to attend the Western Canada Conference. This is always an enjoy-

able and informative conference, and this year our senior grand warden, R.W. Bro. Ron Church delivered his original paper entitled *My Country Lodge* which was well received by all.



In late October we travelled to Yorkton, Saskatchewan for *Hands Across the Border*, which is our annual joint meeting with the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Thank you to all the Manitoba brethren and their ladies who attended this event.

As you know the annual Masonic Foundation appeal to support our Masonic Charities is well underway and will be winding down at the end of the year. Unfortunately, at this point in time we are just under \$10,000.00 short of our goal for this year.

Please remember that the funds raised from this annual appeal are used to provide vehicles for our Masons Care Cancer Patient Transportation program as well as to support several other worthwhile charities.

Thank you to all those brethren who have made a contribution this year and I urge those who haven't taken the opportunity yet to give it serious consideration. Only together can we reach our goal.

Please join us on December 15th at the MMC for the grand master's Christmas reception. This event starts at 2:00 pm with refreshments and entertainment and an opportunity for myself, the grand line officers, and our ladies to greet you all in person. I hope to see you there!

In closing, Lady Valerie and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families the very best for the holiday season, and may the new year bring peace, prosperity, and good health to you all.

Fraternally,

M.W. Bro. Doug Webster Grand Master :.



here was an Entered Apprentice present at Flin Flon Lodge No.

153 on the Grand Master's visit to the three Northern lodges and they discussed their preparation and practices for his upcoming passing to the Fellowcraft Degree.



There was no opportunity dur-

ing the meeting, however immediately after we had closed, before the photographer arrived to record some of the awards for posterity, I called him to the altar and as I started my dissertation the brethren gathered around, listening to the old past master whose explanations of our mysteries are often outlined in Masonry in Manitoba and which many read with some interest...

I began by asking him if he recalled the junior warden explain about the 'furniture' of the lodge, in particular the square and the words he used in explaining its function: "The Craft being obligated within the square are subsequently bound..." and so I informed him that his position while being obligated within the square would be particularly significant, advising him to be particularly attentive to the explanation given for this 'sign' because it would be a clue for the underlying lesson of the Fellowcraft degree and would lead to the profound discovery of the sublime degree to follow.

The sign, of course, is the hailing sign or sign of supplication which, it is explained was the position in which Joshua prayed that the Almighty might continue the light of day. Today we realize the improbability of the earth suddenly stopping in its orbit so that there might be sufficient time for him to complete the defeat of his enemies. Perhaps recognizing the folly of this explanation we might consider the second option, that of Moses, his face radiant rather than 'horned', descending from the mount after experiencing an encounter with the Creator in the form of a burning bush and who has just received the name of God, YHVH, "I Am That I Am". Later the Senior Warden would allude to this holy name as being written in the middle chamber and referred to today by the letter 'G' which is located above the altar in all our lodges. This too is improbable because this name was considered so sacred that it could not be either spoken nor written but was most often indicated by the equivalent of four asterisks **** or by a substitute word such as Adoni or Lord. The letters on the Fellowcraft degree tracing board are merely Hebrew in appearance.

The letter 'H' appears twice in this sacred name and so is worthy of further investigation. It is often used to represent the name of God as He stands for "Hashem" which means The Name. If you hold your hand in front of your mouth while pronouncing this letter you will notice a distinct puff of wind during the 'ch' syllable which is often referred to as the divine breath of God and refers to the scriptural writings in which God gathers a handful of clay, or in another version sends his angels to the four corners of the world to gather dust, forms this clay or dust into the shape of a man and with his divine breath breathes life into man and makes him a living soul!

When God established a covenant with Abram he changed his name from Abram to Abraham, adding the sacred letter 'H' to his name as an indication of this agreement and sealing the bond between God and his chosen people. Sari too has her name changed, becoming Sarah and from their union would come the tribes and nation of Israel. However, Abraham's first born would not be with Sarah, but with Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian hand maiden and this child, named Ishmael would be the founder of the Arab nation whose primary religion, Islam, outlines the will of Allah as revealed to the prophet Mohammad and recorded in the Torah. Abraham and Sarah's first born was Isaac and Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son to God was an indication of his devotion.

Jeptha, the victorious general whose exploits on the field of battle and at the passages of the Jordan lead us to uncover the source of the password of the degree, made a similar promise to God, however there was no divine intervention in this case. An agreement made with God was to be kept, regardless of the consequences, and so having God as a witness to a contract in biblical times, or to an obligation made today, makes it a very special and sacred agreement, one which must be lived up to regardless of the consequences! :.

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ack in the mists of antiquity people would observe the ever decreasing strength of the sun and the resulting plunge in temperature with some alarm

until finally the receding sun would reverse its direction and begin to gain strength, heralding the eventual return to summer and promising yet another year. This time was marked by celebrations and festivities. Organized religion would plan their various events to coincide with this celestial event which we today know as the winter solstice. The list of celebrations and festivals observed at this special time of year is impressive, embracing virtually all of our different cultures and despite some marked variations, almost all include family gatherings, feasts, and gift sharing.

The Jewish festival of *Hanukkah* is held in accordance with the Hebrew calendar and so it ranges between late November and late December on the Gregorian calendar. It marks a temporary victory of the Jews over their Roman masters and the rededication of the Temple, which had been defiled. According to tradition during the rededication ceremony, they found themselves with only one day's worth of oil for the Menorah but miraculously it stayed lit for all eight days, by which time a new supply of oil had been manufactured. This year it began on November 28th. It lasts for 8 days.

To Buddhists December 8th is a holiday commemorating the day that Siddartha Gautama, the historical Buddha, achieved enlightenment. This day, Bodhi Day, is celebrated by meditation, chanting, or performing acts of kindness

A Slavic pagan festival beginning on the winter solstice is known as Koleda when families would light a fire in their hearth and worship their personal gods. Children would don disguises and go singing from door to door in the village, for which they would receive treats and gifts.

Yule was a midwinter festival conducted by Germanic tribes. As Christianity spread to Germany their yule was absorbed into their Christmas traditions, such as the burning of a yule log. The tradition of a Christmas ham possibly originates from their sacrifice and feast of the yule boar and even Christmas carolling may have originated from their Yule festival as well.

The Hopi people are a native American people who reside on a reservation in northeastern Arizona. Their spiritual beliefs include a total reverence and respect for all living things, to be at peace with all things and to live in accordance with the instructions of Maasaw, the Creator of earth. On December 21st they celebrate Soyal a ceremony which lasts for nine days and marks the arrival of benevolent spirits which will remain with the group for the next six months. During the ceremony adults will dress up as Kachinas, those benevolent spirits, and give gifts to the children.

On December 21st the Chinese celebrate the *Dongzhi* festival which marks the winter solstice, marking the beginning of winter. Throughout China this festival is a time for family get-togethers during which tangyuan, brightly coloured balls made from rice flour are served.

The Persians mark the solstice with Yalda, traditionally a celebration of the birth of Mithra, a sun god, which is echoed by the sun beginning its northerly journey and the beginning of a new year. Like many ancient Persian traditions, Yalda has lost its religious significance but remains popular as a cultural tradition. It provides the opportunity for family and friends to reunite and hold a feast, staying up past midnight. The foods served often have magical implications. For example watermelon ensures good health during the coming summer, garlic soothes joint pains and pomegranate protects against scorpions.

Those of the Hindu faith also hold a festival from December 21st until the 25th called *Pancha Ganapati*. It focuses upon Lord Ganesha who is easily identified by his elephant's head. He is widely revered as the patron of the arts and sciences and the diva of intellect and wisdom. Each of the five days focuses on creating love and harmony in relationships. Each morning, children dress a statue of Lord Ganesha in a different colour and are given gifts. They place these in front of the statue and on the fifth day are allowed to open them.

The Twelve Days of Christmas, also known as Christmastide are the 12 feast days beginning on December 25th and ending before the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th which commemorates the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus. In medieval England this was a period of continuous feasting and revelry.

Kwanzaa is a celebration which honours the African heritage in the African-American culture. The festivities extend from December 26 through January 1st with each of the seven days of celebration focussing on one of seven principles: Unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Hogmanay is the Scottish new year's celebration. A popular custom was to be the first to cross a friend's threshold at midnight and he would bear a gift to the homeowner, as a way of ensuring good luck for the upcoming year. The most familiar export of this celebration is sung the world around on New Year's Eve, Auld Lang Syne!

New Year's Eve, the last day of the year is celebrated by many cultures throughout the world, including parties, music, fireworks and a count down to midnight. This is a time for resolutions, a list of personal self improvements which will be observed in the coming months and are all too often broken. :.

The Order of the Eastern Star

By Sis. Nancy Drewniak



he Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women

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may belong. The Order was created by Rob Morris in 1850 when, while con-

fined by illness, he set down the principles of the order in his Rosary of the Eastern Star. By 1855, he had organized a "Supreme Constellation" in New York, which chartered chapters throughout the United States.

In 1866, Dr. Morris started working with Robert Macoy, and handed the order over to him while Morris was traveling in the Holy Land. Macoy organized the current system of chapters, and modified Dr. Morris' Rosary into

The "General Grand Chapter" was formed in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 6, 1876. Committees formed at that time created the ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star in more or less its current form.

Its members are comprised of men who are master masons and women with specific Masonic relationship. Originally, a woman would have to be the daughter, widow, wife, sister, or mother of a master mason, but the Order now allows other relatives as well as allowing Job's Daughters to join when of age.

The degrees of the order are based around five biblical women Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa. Sis. Nancy Drewniak Worthy Grand Matron and Bro. James Finlayson Worthy Grand Patron and a new slate of officers were installed in May 2013. There are five chapters in Winnipeg. They meet at MMC, East Kildonan and at the Eastern Star Chalet. There is one in Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Minnedosa, and The Pas. All the chapters have official visits and are decorated with the emblems of the worthy grand matron and worthy grand patron which are maple leaves, hearts, border collie, and wrens. Funds are raised annually within its membership for numerous projects which benefit mankind. This year we are supporting our Eastern Star Chalet, a 55+ seniors independent living residence, the Masonic Foundation's "Masons Care" drivers program. We have an ESTARL scholarship "Eastern Star Training for Religious Leadership" which is given out at our grand session in May, and we encourage anyone taking theology to apply. All chapters collect coins for the Breakfast Program for School Children.

This September twelve members drove to South Dakota, and nineteen members drove to Missouri to attend their grand sessions. In May we get a bus to take us to St.

Cloud, Minnesota to attend their grand session. We all enjoy a shopping spree. In August our members went to the Peace Gardens were the Eastern Star has a Chapel and Picnic Grounds. Every three years the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Parton come on a "pilgrimage" to the Peace Gardens and this would include all North American Eastern Star members. This will happen August 8th, 9th,

The chapters have fund raisers such as: selling perogies, holding luncheons, tea and dessert parties, soup and sandwich lunches, turkey dinners, fashion shows, Halloween luncheons, bud spud and steak events, and many more fun times.

and 10th, 2014.

Our grand session will be held on May 25th-28th, 2014. The grand master and his suite along with other dignitaries are invited to the opening of the session on Monday evening and anyone may attend. A new slate of grand officers will be installed on Wednesday evening 7:00 pm at the Polo Park CanadInn and it is open to the public.

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Snowflake Appeal

By R.W. Bro. Gord Fardoe



snowflake can be very special. In its own unique way it can bring happiness to so many people. As Freemasons we are always trying to make the

world a little nicer place to live in and bring happiness to our community in our unique way.

It is in this tradition we hope you will please support our Snowflake Appeal for Masonic charities.

With each \$20 donation, a personalized snowflake will be placed in the Masonic Memorial Centre over the holiday season.

> Each snowflake will bear the name of your lodge, a special individual, a Masonic mentor or loved one.

Why not start a new holiday tradition and send a snowflake from your family to convey your warmest holiday greetings?

Your generous gift will enhance our tradition of Masonic charity, and brighten the holidays with a sky of snowflakes in the lobby of the Masonic Memorial Centre.

Please complete the form (found on this issue of Masonry in Manitoba's flysheet) and send it, phone, or drop it off into the Masonic Foundation of Manitoba at the grand lodge office. Every contribution helps and all donations will be issued receipts for income tax purposes.

Please help us create a tradition in the spirit of the holiday season. Thank you for your generous support of the 2013 Snowflake Appeal. :.

Foundation Report

By R.W. Bro. Bill Evans



he following is the report of the Masonic Foundation of Manitoba Inc. to the Board of General Purposes on November 22, 2013.

Our annual appeal is well underway and funds continue to arrive almost daily, to date we have received some \$26,506.28.

We are currently \$13,493.72 short of our special projects goal of \$40,000.00.

Our current assets are \$128,522.13, which includes investments and cash on hand.

With the Christmas season approaching we undertake a special Christmas appeal, which has been sent out to the

lodge secretaries and membership at large including the Masonic family.

It will be our intention to disperse the following funds prior to year end as follows:

To the Manitoba Neurofibromatosis Support Group c/o Mrs. Lindsay Willms 555-21st Street, Brandon the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), which will be presented by M.W. Bro. Rick Porter

To the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800), which will be forwarded to Ms. C. Shellenberg 633 Wellington Crescent, Winnipeg.

I have instructed the foundation treasurer M.W. Bro. Steve Kane to draw up each cheque, which was completed by R.W. Bro. Dave English.

We are trying to finalize the amount owning to the Capital Lodge Milk Program, which is presently estimated at just over \$3,000.

We have committed to a new five year contract with the Canadian Cancer Society, Manitoba Division in the amount of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000). This contract will be signed by the grand master in April, 2014. We have one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) set aside in term deposits – (included in above figures) and intend to have the remaining twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in place prior to April 2014.

I am pleased to advise that the by-law changes, while still in the process of being finalized, should be in place shortly.

We have held our annual meeting and it was recommended the directors and members at large remain the same, pending the by-law changes, at which time they will meet again and change accordingly. Directors: R.W. Bro. Bill Evans, R.W. Bro. Gord Fardoe, M.W. Bro. Dave Love, M.W. Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilsone. Members: M.W. Bro. Ken Thomas, M.W. Bro. Clay Munz, M.W. Bro. Rick Porter, M.W. Bro. Steve Kane, R.W. Bro. John Campbell.

At this time we are looking for new members and directors who are interested in working on the foundation and have advised the grand master accordingly.

This report is for your information only, please share the report with your lodge brethren when soliciting their support for the foundation. :.



ublic awareness is one of the mandates that M.W. Bro. Webster has set for this year and indeed it has an important place in our ongoing

strategic plan. To that end the Masonic family participates in several of the community parades which take place each summer. The Daughters of the Nile have gone the extra step with a proclamation issued by the provincial government declaring October 30th as Daughters of the Nile day in recognition of their 100 years of service to and their love of children. Of course their close ties to the Shrine Hospitals also gave a good deal of publicity to them as well.

We honour our brethren who have maintained their involvement with the Craft for virtually a lifetime. Recently Bro. Ronald Williams of Acacia Lodge No. 111 received a 70 year bar to his long service medal. He resides in Abbotsford and so the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon was asked to make the presentation on our behalf. Imagine his surprise when the local D.D.G.M. and twenty brethren from Abbottsford [sic] Lodge No. 70 showed up not only with a medal but refreshments, including a nicely decorated cake.

When we celebrate let's copy their example and do it with gusto and enthusiasm and let the world know all about it! :.



ur most recent addition to the Masonic family, approved at the September meeting of the board of general purposes, is the Masonic Classic Car

Club. Their plan is to promote the Craft and classic cars by participating in various parades and other typical car club activities such as show and shine, tours, and picnics. If you have an antique or classic car and are interested in joining other brethren with similar interests you can contact Bro. Walter Fast at eastwind@mts.net. ::



DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE DAY OCTOBER 30th

WHEREAS, Daughters of the Nile is an International fraternal organization prospered as a social and charitable organization since 1913 and

WHEREAS, Daughters of the Nile members now total over 28,000 in 143 cities throughout the United States and Canada and

continuing support of Shriners Hospitals for Children® and

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WHEREAS, to this day, Daughters of the Nile remains true to its vision and give generously of their time and talents to the hospitals by providing more than 150,000 volunteer hours at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® and

WHEREAS, Daughters of the Nile are celebrating this contribution to society and children

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Chief, Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2013 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE DAY in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and acourage every woman, related to a Mason with a love of children to take the opportunity of embership in Daughters of the Nile.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Province of Manitoba at Winnipeg, Manitoba

ter of Children and Youth Opportunities



Long Service Awards



he regulations of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba state that a brother who has been a member in good standling for a period of fifty years shall be recognized by an

approved medal suspended on a blue ribbon. Bars are added for each subsequent five year period.

It is our intention to list all the brethren who in 2013 have received recognition for their long and distinguished service to their lodges in particular and to Freemasonry in general. These awards may already have been made or may be forthcoming, regardless may we here, on behalf of all the brethren in our jurisdiction, offer our most sincere congratulations!

A half a century is a long time! What was happening in 1963 when these men first knocked upon Freemasonry's door? Each generation has a date which will remain locked in their emotions for a life-time. For these brethren the most shocking news of 1963 was the assassination of U.S. president John F. Kennedy on November 22nd in Dallas.

Life was much simpler in 1963. An average home could be purchased for \$12,650 and an average wage was only \$5,807. Gas was an unbelievable \$0.29 per gallon. Movies were epic blockbusters with Cleopatra, The Longest Day and Lawrence of Arabia popular on the big screen. Beatle mania was full blown with "Please, please me" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand" amongst their first hits. They would appear on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1964 and by today's standards appeared quite presentable although they were outlandish back then. Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, and Jim Reeves were the big names in vinyl.

1963 had its share of natural disasters too with Hurricane Flora devastating Haiti and the Caribbean, there were earthquakes in Libya and also Skopje, Yugoslavia which destroyed 80% of the city. A tsunami in Bangladesh resulted in the loss of 22,000 souls.

England was rocked by the Profumo affair, Pope Paul VI died, and Prime Minister Lester Pearson, who would give us the peacekeepers and a national flag defeated John Diefenbaker who scrapped the Avro Arrow. The hot line was established between the White House and the Kremlin. The massive fleet of nuclear submarines, on both sides of the iron curtain, were shocked by the sinking of the U.S.S. Thresher.

Sabin oral polio vaccine was first administered, the notorious prison at Alcatraz, known as "The Rock" was closed and Martin Luther King made his famous "I have a dream" speech.

Those qualified for their 50 year medals are:

Lisgar Lodge No. 2

Bro. Fredrick Ian Brownlee

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

Bro. William Booth Balharry

Bro. Garfield Vernon Brickman

Bro. James Alexander Crooks

Bro. Wm. Robert Ireland

Bro. Gordon Thom

St. John's Lodge No. 4

Bro. Ruben Helman Bro. Alexander C. M. Mortimer

Bro. A. Keith Olafson

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14

Bro. James Thorne

Beaver Ionic Lodge No. 25

Bro. Mervyn E. Fitz

Bro. Reg G. Honeyborne

Bro. Gary T. Kochanski

Carberry Lodge No. 29

Bro. Ronald Reginald Calvert

Bro. Harry Neil McLean

Ophir Lodge No. 112

Bro. George Alexander Naismith

Capitol Lodge No. 136

Bro. William Lewis Taylor

Bro. Roy Edward Burmaster

Foxwarren Lodge No. 152

Bro. William F. McKerchar

Flin Flon Lodge No. 153

Bro. Bohdan J. Hyska

Fenwick Lodge No. 158

Bro. Ken J. Thornton

Menorah Lodge No. 167

Bro. Edward L. Hecht

Corinthian Lodge No. 178

Bro. Harry H. Meiklejohn

Millennium Lodge No. 182

Bro. William John Akins

Bro. Lawrence Simpson Hyde

Bro. Douglas H. Kaminsky

Kilcona Lodge No. 183

Bro. Herbert L. Hein

Keystone Lodge No. 185

Bro. Peter Frederick Campbell

Bro. Eric Anthony Thornhill

The following brethren were initiated into Freemasonry in 1958 and are eligible for a 55 year bar to their 50 year medal. Unfortunately in many cases we have no record of them ever receiving a 50 year medal. In addition to recognizing these brethren, it is hoped that we can rectify this situation; bring their records up to date if they have received a medal and have a medal prepared and presented in the unfortunate event that they have not.

Northern Light Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1

Bro. Terry F. James

St. John's Lodge No. 4

Bro. William Torrence Ramage



Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14

Bro. Thomas T. Waithe

Brandon Lodge No. 19

Bro. Charles Daniel Duguid

Beaver Ionic Lodge No. 25

Bro. G. Wilson Fraser

Bro. Lloyd Johnston

Bro. O. James McNaughton

Carberry Lodge No. 29

Bro. William J. Graham

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105

Bro. Alphonse Schuweiler

Bro. Ronald Schuweiler

Acacia Lodge No. 111

Bro. Halfur Hastaniegaard

Bro. Robert F. Whitlaw

Mound Lodge No. 118

Bro. John David Wilken

The Pas Lodge No. 124

Bro. K. B. Jackson

Bro. William R. Martin

Capitol Lodge No. 136

Bro. R. R. Engel

Bro. Alexander Fenton

Bro. Ronald Vaughan

Flin Flon Lodge No. 153

Bro. Graham Allan Craig

Bro. Raymond Hickin

Menorah Lodge No. 167

Bro. Saul H. Guttman

Corinthian Lodge No. 178

Bro. Ronald Blair Ledger

Bro. Norman Wolk

Millennium Lodge No. 182

Bro. James Clark

Kilcona Lodge No. 183

Bro. Don Edgar

Phoenix Lodge No. 187

Bro. Bruce Barton

The Dormer Mount Sinai Lodge No. 188

Bro. David R. Hunt

Bro. Lorne Sharfe

The following brethren are eligible for their 60 year bars and again our records are painfully lacking.

Northern Light Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1

Bro. F. Melvin Orestes

Bro. William B. Parrish

Bro. Robert P. Spear

Bro. William R. Smith

Carberry Lodge No. 29

Bro. Hal G. Pallister

Bro. Jack A. Roscoe

St. James Lodge No. 121

Bro. Raymond Goodman

Capitol Lodge No. 136

Bro. Robert Hampton

Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145

Bro. Robert T. Grogan

Foxwarren Lodge No. 152

Box Allan S. Murray

Starbuck Lodge No. 160

Bro. Ernest B Smith

Millennium Lodge No. 182

Bro. Donald Eric Preston

Kilcona Lodge No. 183

Bro. John Arthur Zdan

Phoenix Lodge No. 187

Bro. Donald Allan Graham

The following brethren are eligible for their 65 year bars:

Stony Mountain Stonewall Lodge No. 12

Bro. Robert F. Galbraith

Carberry Lodge No. 29

Bro. James Kenneth Cory

Empire Lodge No. 127

Bro. Roy Taylor

Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145

Bro. Lloyd K. Penwarden

Fenwick Lodge No. 158

Bro. William G. Kilpatrick

Wheat City Lodge No. 168

Bro. S. W. Hembroff

Bro. W. E. McAuley

Viking Lodge No. 175

Bro. Sigmunder J. Johnson

The Dormer Mount Sinai Lodge No. 188

Bro. Sidney Stroller

The following brethren are eligible to receive a 70 year bar to their 50 year medals:

Acacia Lodge No. 111

Bro. Ronald Williams

Capitol Lodge No. 136

Bro. John H. Bowack



Sara is from Ethiopia, and was adopted as a beautiful 17 month old toddler. Just before Spring Break of grade 5, Sara was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. Her tumour was in an abdominal lymph node and went undetected for a few months. Burkitt's Lymphoma is treated with 8 rounds of chemotherapy - she was in hospital for 3 months straight for the toughest rounds, then was able to be an outpatient and return to school in grade six. Her treatments resulted in extremely low blood counts and required blood transfusions every time, somewhere around 25 in total.

Come rally around Sara at 777 William Ave on Dec 26th 8am-4pm as we hope to collect the 25 blood donations that Sara needed from the Freemasons of Manitoba.

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