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The Grand Master's Message

"Where did our summer go?" It only seems a short while ago that we were opening our cottages for the summer, now here we are at the start of autumn, which I still think is a great time in Manitoba. I have no idea as to what the numbers were for the Shrine Extravaganza but there was lots of excitement and enthusiasm for the three and a half days it was showcased. It was gratifying to see Shriners and Grand Lodge brothers working together in such a great setting. Nobles Lorne Gregorish, Richard Bloom and Gord Pawling sure did a great job in organizing such an event, together with their ladies. It was good to see the Job's Daughters, the Order of The Eastern Star, the Daughters of The Nile and our membership committee with considerable representation at this event. Our own KIDS I.D. while very low in volunteers was made up for in enthusiasm. While reluctant to mention names I feel that without Bruce Koppers, Barry Jones, Brian Collingwood, and Evar Balodis we would not have been able to process 550 children over the three plus days and make this session a complete success, and thanks to each and everyone, including non-Freemasons who pitched in and helped at the appropriate time.

I guess now would be the time to give another plug to the KIDS I.D. program, who will be doing the same thing at Transcona Royal Canadian Legion Branch #7, on Sunday October 21st from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm., so if you did not have time to have your child/grandchild processed at the Shrine Ex, here is your second chance. Our Cancer Car had considerable exposure. This and driver Baldur Johnson handing out our new Driver Info Brochure to all that passed through our area made it a good reason

to have our vehicle on display. It looks like this Shrine Extravaganza could be an annual event.

The annual trip up north was a most enjoyable experience, with stops at The Pas Lodge No. 124, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 and Mystery Lodge No. 174. Each stop was a nice experience, with good food and camaraderie. Roast beef on the first two nights was excellent. The boat trip in Flin Flon unbeatable. It was all rounded off with a table lodge on the Saturday evening that was second to none. The feedback from our northern Brothers was one of gratitude to the brethren and their ladies from the southern area, in making the sojourn up north. A surprise on this trip was MW Bro. Steve Kane and myself being interviewed by a newspaper reporter and then by a radio reporter. Both Steve and I felt that we spread the word about Freemasonry because of this, thanks to RW Bro. Lyle Borgstrum, who arranged same. On behalf of all the brethren and their ladies that accompanied Mary and myself we say thank you to all the Worshipful Masters, officers and the brethren of the Central Manitoba lodges for their sincerity and courtesies shown to us all while on this visit, and Mary and I make no apology for dancing The Gay Gordons while the piper played "Scotland the Brave." We look forward with great enthusiasm to next year.

Kilcona Lodge No. 183 started their fall season in great fashion, with the Grand Master, The DDGM, RW Bro. Dean Hawes and Master, W Bro. Ian Macdonald presenting three 60-year bars, one 50-year medal and six 25-year pins. This, together with 60 brethren and 12 ladies present, made for a real enjoyable evening.

The Deputy Grand Master and myself attended The Prince Hall Grand Lodge Communication in Grand Forks N.D. on

September 19th. The Grand Secretary was also there, attending on both the 18th and 19th. It was a very interesting Communication and gave an insight to their charity work which was quite considerable. I gave greetings on your behalf brethren. I felt that we became closer because of our attendance and I indicated that I would do all I could to encourage both our jurisdiction and the Prince Hall jurisdiction to have closer ties with one another.

The membership meeting on September 22nd was well attended by most all of our concordant bodies. The interaction by everyone made for a very productive and interesting meeting. We feel sure that future meetings will endeavour to keep all of our Masonic Family well informed of upcoming events and at the

same time give each concordant body a say in our direction.

Positive feedback from a meeting of 14 brethren from six different lodges on September 25th has MW Bro. Steve Kane and RW Bro. Bruce Taylor planning a "Masonic Burns Night " for January 25th, 2008 (Robert Burns' birthday.) The wish is that we have upwards of 200 Freemasons, ladies and friends attend this formal evening filled with traditional Scottish fare, music and entertainment. Brethren, please give this gala event your full support. Further information will be forthcoming to lodge secretaries and in Masonry In Manitoba.

Till next time Brethren...

Fraternally,

Ken

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

NOVEMBER

8	Shrine Ex Meeting	Shrine House		
9	Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	Pine Falls	8:00 pm	OV
10	Town Hall Meeting for ALL LODGES	MMC	10:00 am	
14	Finance & Administration Mtg	GM & Comm. only		
16	Board of General Purposes	GM & Board		
17	Wardens' Workshop	MMC	9:00 am	
17	5th Masonic District Meeting	Foxwarren		
24	Membership Committee Meeting	MMC	10:00 am	

DECEMBER

1	Condition Of Freemasonry	GM & Comm. Only	10:00 am	
6	Viking Lodge No. 175	Gimli	7:00 pm	OV
8	E.A. Degree Seminar	MMC	10:00 am	
8	1st District Spring Meeting	Charleswood Temple	11:30 am	OV
10	Langdon ND	Depart MMC	3:00 pm	OV
12	Finance & Administration Mtg	GM & Comm. Only		
18	Doric Lodge No. 36	Boissevain		OV

Masonic Wardens' Workshop, November 16th and 17th, 2007

It is important to a Lodge that your future officers attend this workshop. This will be a workshop focused on leadership and organizational skills for future Lodge Officers. The registration is open to Wardens, Sr. Deacons, Masters, Directors of Ceremony, DDGM's and Past Masters who are or will be fulfilling those duties in 2007 – 2008.

Workshop Details:

- Date: Friday November 16th and 17th, 2007
- Time: (Hospitality) Friday 8 pm; (Seminar) Saturday 9 am to 3:00 pm
- Place: Masonic Memorial Centre, 420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg MB
- Cost: *Grand Lodge will be covering the entire cost*
- Registration: You must pre-register (registration form & phone Grand Secretary)
- Included: Warden's Masonic Workshop Information Package, handouts, and one night (Friday) accommodation for distant Brethren (subject to some restrictions)

* 1. Only those Brethren will be assured of receiving all the printed material that pre-register on or before Friday, November 9th.

2. Brethren who live more than one (1) hour driving time from Winnipeg will have a hotel room provided for Friday, November 16th to them, subject to them pre-registering with the Grand Secretary on or before Friday, November 9th.

Timetable:

- 8:00 pm to closing Hospitality room
- 8:00 am to 9:00 am Registration, coffee and conversation
- 9:00 am to 9:15 am Opening Remarks
- 9:15 am to 10:15 am **Session # 1**
- 10:15 am to 10:45 am..... Nutrition (Coffee) Break
- 10:45 am to 11:45 am..... **Session # 2**
- 11:45 am to 1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm..... **Session # 3**
- 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm Closing Remarks

The sessions will run concurrently and cover the same and different topics.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Must be returned to the Grand Secretary on or before Nov. 9th, 2007)

Please PRINT

Lodge No. sitting asofficer in lodge for 2008

Rank & Name:

Home address:

City: Postal Code:

Phone: (R)..... (B).....

(Cell)..... Fax.....

Email:

Do you live more than a one (1) hour drive from Winnipeg? Yes No

Do you require accommodation Friday, November 16th? Yes..... No.....

E.A. WORKSHOP—December 8, 2007

Imagine an institution whose teachings are veiled in allegory, yet never explains those hidden lessons to its students. It boasts of secrets and mysteries yet somehow fails to produce anything truly profound.

Whether you are a new Entered Apprentice or an old Master Mason still searching for answers to your questions, perhaps the E.A. Workshop will shed some light on your Masonic quest. Pencil December 8th into your schedule. Lodge secretaries will have registration forms and further information.

Together we will unravel the cloak of darkness and intrigue, and marvel at the magnificence of Freemasonry's teachings—"concealed in plain view."

CANCER CAR DRIVER'S MEDAL



On October 8, 2007 MW Bro. Ken Butchart presented RW Bro. Dick Blagdon with a Cancer Car Driver's Medal to reward his service as a volunteer driver. Pictured here are (left to right): Barry Brooker, DDGM, 1st District; Baldur Johnson, Chairman Cancer Car Drivers Committee; Garth Blagdon, Worshipful Master of Charleswood Red River Lodge No. 184; Dick Blagdon; Ted Jones, Deputy Grand Master; The Grand Master, MW Bro. Ken Butchart.

More drivers are always needed. If you have just a few hours to give, even just once a month, please contact the Grand Lodge office. Your help is always valuable and greatly appreciated!



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