



# MASONRY IN MANITOBA



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FROM THE EDITOR : MW BRO. DONALD W. BEATTIE

If you wish to know the results for last issue's photo quiz let me know. I do not wish to take up space here publishing the answers - until.....people start submitting. We value your comments, feedback, input. Please address items for inclusion to: The Editor c/o The Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

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*Brethren, I hope you are enjoying your new version of Masonry in Manitoba. As it develops it will become more refined and we do our best to iron out any of the wrinkles. Autumn is almost upon us and as most of us resume after the summer months; I would like to share this thought with you:*

**ALWAYS HELE**

In our several obligations we pledge to 'always hele' the secrets of the Craft. There are also 'heling signs', probably designed to remind us of that duty. However the exact meaning of this old English work has been lost over time.

Being used in conjunction with 'ever conceal and never reveal' it was assumed that its meaning was similar. Derivatives of the word still are used in a gardening context. Bare root plants which cannot be immediately planted have their roots placed in a shallow trench and covered with soil. This is referred to as 'heling in'. It is done to keep the plant's roots moist and prevent them from drying out for if they did the plant would die. Therefore when we promise to 'ever hele' we are really saying that we will protect those secrets, preserve them, keep them alive, because Freemasonry is meant to be an active study of those symbols and allegories which conceal its true meaning. Let us all renew our promise to hele those secrets, to study and understand the message Freemasonry was designed to convey and keep it alive and vital for tomorrow's young man.

Sincerely and fraternally, Don.



## THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

### The Freemason's Belief

There is one God, the Father of all men.  
The Holy Bible is the guiding light, the rule and guide for faith and practice.

Man is immortal, character determines destiny.

Love of man, is next to love of God, man's first duty.

Prayer, communion with God, is helpful.

Recognizing the impossibility of confining the Teachings of Freemasonry, to any fixed form of expression, yet acknowledging the value of authoritative statements of fundamental principles is essential. For me the fall season is a very special time of the year. It is a time when we can take time to look at the harvest. To see the benefits of our work and to plan for the planting for the coming year. Sometimes we are so busy with our lives, that we forget to ask through prayer, communion with God, for advice. If the Holy Bible is our guiding light, the rule and guide for faith and practice, do we take enough time each day to seek His guidance through His word?

Take time to count your blessings name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

Let us Pray! (Please pray for me and the Grand Line)

#### *Quote of the Month*

*"God Loves You!" – The Holy Bible*

#### *Book of the Month:*

*The Book of James – The Holy Bible*

### GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

Oct. 3 - Condition of Free Masonry: Carberry: 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 10 - Empire Lodge Pig Roast - 6pm

Oct. 14,15, & 16 - Canmore Conference: Canmore, AB.

Oct. 24 - Vermillion Lodge Ladies Night - Dauphin

Oct. 26 - Millennium Lodge No.182 - P.M. Night - MMC 6:00pm - O.V.

Oct. 28 - Forum - discussion re: New Lodges - MMC

Oct. 31 - Hands Across the Border: Yorkton, Sask.

Nov. 4 - Beaver Ionic Lodge No.25 - MMC - 7:00 p.m. OV

Nov. 6 & 7 - Masonic Retreat - Gimli, MB

Nov 14 - Eastern Star Supper - Sturgeon Creek United Church

Nov. 18 - Finance Meeting - MMC - 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 20 - Board of General Purposes - MMC - 7pm

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***"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."***

***Mark Twain, American writer and Freemason***

**Found on a cup in a Lodge in Ireland:**

**"OLD MASONS NEVER DIE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN TO FIND OUT WHY"**

*"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people." — Will Rogers, American humorist and Freemason.*

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## UNIVERSAL SPIRITUALITY - MW BRO. DONALD W. BEATTIE

The last time the doomsday clock inched toward high twelve the adversaries stared at each other across a political divide. Today as we once again creep ever closer to Armageddon it is religious ideals and fundamentalism which fuel our differences. This is made all the more bizarre when we realize that the opposing factions all claim a common patriarch and kneel before the same God.

Let's look back in history to the beginnings of these three religions. There is an interesting incident recorded in the Volume of the Sacred Law when God speaks to Abram, telling him that he will be the father of a great nation. God then changes his name to Abraham and his wife's name too is changed from Sari to Sarah. The addition of the letter 'H' is of great significance for that letter represents the 'divine breath of God'. The final command is to 'walk before Me and be perfect'.

At that time both Abraham and Sarah were relatively old, well beyond the normal reproductive years. The promised heir seemed to be denied so as was the custom, Abraham sired a son with an Egyptian handmaiden named Hagar and they named him Ishmael. Sometime later Abraham and Sarah had a son of their own who they named Isaac. Now Sarah ordered Hagar and Ishmael out. From Ishmael would come the followers of Mohammad, those who practice the Islamic faith, while from the offspring of Isaac would come the line of Boaz, David, Solomon and eventually Jesus Christ. Abraham therefore is the patriarch of the three great religions which acknowledge the same God as their Creator: Christian, Jew and Muslim.

It is thought that the original incident which divided this great family was the expulsion of Hagar and Ishmael and yet even today the followers of Mohammad celebrate God's mercy when he intervened, saving Isaac's life after ordering Abraham to sacrifice his son. The Jews are blamed for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, yet without this sacrifice Christianity would not have begun.

So we learn there is more to unite these religions than divide them, yet through ignorance the differences have assumed a prominent position. Freemasonry, with its claim of tolerance, is one place where men who hold differing religious beliefs can work together in peace and harmony. We profess to practice tolerance yet too often we are merely indifferent. Tolerance implies a knowledge of each other's religious views and respecting those beliefs. Without that knowledge we believe all the rumors and false claims that are made. Freemasonry claims to make the world a better place one man at a time and in that way also makes the world a better and safer place. Today when it is religious intolerance which threatens our future it is even more important that we understand and respect each other's religious beliefs.

This will be the theme of Retreat '09. Join us and discover the common bonds which exist within the three religions which have caused so much pain and suffering over our long history.

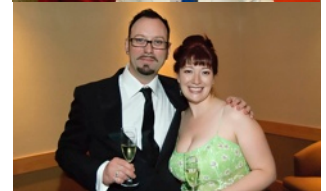
## A RIDDLE: WHAT IS MY NAME?

Five hundred begins it, five hundred ends it, five in the middle is seen; first of all figures, the first of all letters, take up their stations between.

Answers to: The Editor by 30th. September 2009

## FREEMASONS FESTIVITIES

Candid - out and about perspectives of Manitoba Masons. Can you name them?





## MASONIC FAMILY ROUNDUP

A Masonic Family Roundup, in the form of a family style picnic was held at the Khartum Shrine Temple 1155 Wilkes Avenue on August 29, 2009 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The concept for this Roundup came from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Love. Its intent was to bring all the members of the Masonic Family (the Concordant Bodies) together prior to resuming labours for the Fall meetings for the purposes of; strengthening and enhancing our understanding of one another, promoting cooperation between the various bodies and to provide an opportunity for prospective membership.

The planning period for this event was rather short. It was therefore very gratifying that when contacted every Concordant Body (without exception) willingly and eagerly embraced the concept and offered their participation and support. Besides having displays and informational tables with membership brochures the York Rite Bodies volunteered to look after bar-b-queing hamburgers and hot dogs, Scottish Rite took on tea, coffee and soft drinks, Eastern Star baked goods, Daughters of the Nile salads and their Klassy Klowns would do face painting, White Shrine pop corn, Job's Daughters would run carnival type games for the kids and the Shrine provided the facility and entertainment from the Komedians, Pipes and Drums and the Oriental Band.

Again given the short planning time and the lack of any formalized advertising we had hoped that this event would attract about 100 persons for a first time effort. We were extremely pleased that over 200 were in attendance. The event can certainly be classified as a success, and this success is attributable to the wonderful participation and support of the Concordant Bodies. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted

Allan Hadley, Junior Grand Warden





## SPOTLIGHT: ON THE SHRINE SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN - CANADA



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**Editor's Note:**

*Each month we will plan to  
 "SPOTLIGHT" a concordant body  
 and/or member of the Masonic  
 Family. Your ideas and contributions  
 are welcomed.*

## SHRINE - MEMBERSHIP

Summer has arrived and so has the parade season. I would encourage every Noble to come out and support your Shrine. Parades are one of our best ways to get exposure and show any young prospects in the crowd how much fun we have and hopefully it will rub off on them to want to be a part of this. Another venue taking place is the MSA Summer session in Rochester, MN. For the first time there will be a Ceremonial done and all new Nobles that have only had a Mini-Ceremonial, or any Master Masons are welcome to take part. Each new Noble will receive Honourary Membership Certificates signed by each of the M.S.A. Temple Potentates. Quite an honour! We have at least one candidate from Khartum attending. We attended the Khartum Golf Tournament and are inviting a number of the attendees to a Rush Event that we will be having in September. This event will be an informal event with a "fun" atmosphere which will hopefully generate interest from the attendees to want to become a member of this great organization. We also have a number of invites being sent out. This event will include their Ladies and we are encouraging all of the invited guests to bring along a friend or two. We had one previous "Rush Party" in March, and due to the success and feedback, we are planning the next to be bigger, and more fun. If you know of any young men that are non-Freemasons or Master Masons, please don't hesitate.. submit their name and contact info to any of the Membership Committee at your earliest convenience, so we may invite them to join in this upcoming Rush Party on Friday Sept 11. We welcome them! Our Sheikhs will be the hosts again.

We were invited to attend and give a short Presentation about the Shrine at the Filcan Cabletow Lodge in June. This was the second invite from them within a year and we thank them for that. We ask that you talk to all the new Brothers from Lodge; tell them about our great philanthropy and how they too can be a part of it and have fun while helping kids. The Membership committee can not do this alone. It's up to each and every Noble. If any material or assistance is needed, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Incentives for 2009 are:

1. Any noble that is the top line signer of three new nobles will receive a membership jacket.
2. If the same noble is a top line signer for 2 more nobles, he will have his 2010 dues waived.
3. Also any noble that has demitted and decides to return, will only have to show his current Lodge Card and pay the current years Shrine dues to be reinstated.
4. Grand Lodge also has an Amnesty program similar to ours, which means that any Brother/Noble that had also demitted or was suspended from Lodge will only have to pay the current year Lodge dues to be reinstated.

Remember! We are asking each and every one of you to bring in just "1" new Noble into Khartum, for 2009. If any brochures or assistance is needed, please don't hesitate to ask us. Thank you!

Sincerely in the Faith,

Noble Ken Galaschuk/Chair & Nobles David Lapp, David Love/Co-Chairs Shrine Membership



## RW BRO. VICTOR POPOW - ART EXHIBITION

On the 29th. of October 2009 at 7pm RW Bro. Victor Popow - IPM Templum Sion; will be one of three Winnipeg Artists showing their work at the Cre8ery

Gallery on 125 Adelaide Street in the Exchange District. All Brethren and their loved ones are most welcome to attend.

LRG

## W. BRO LUDOLF GROLLÉ - ART EXHIBITION



DGM Kris Goodmanson and his wife Rita, with RW Lynn Latozke

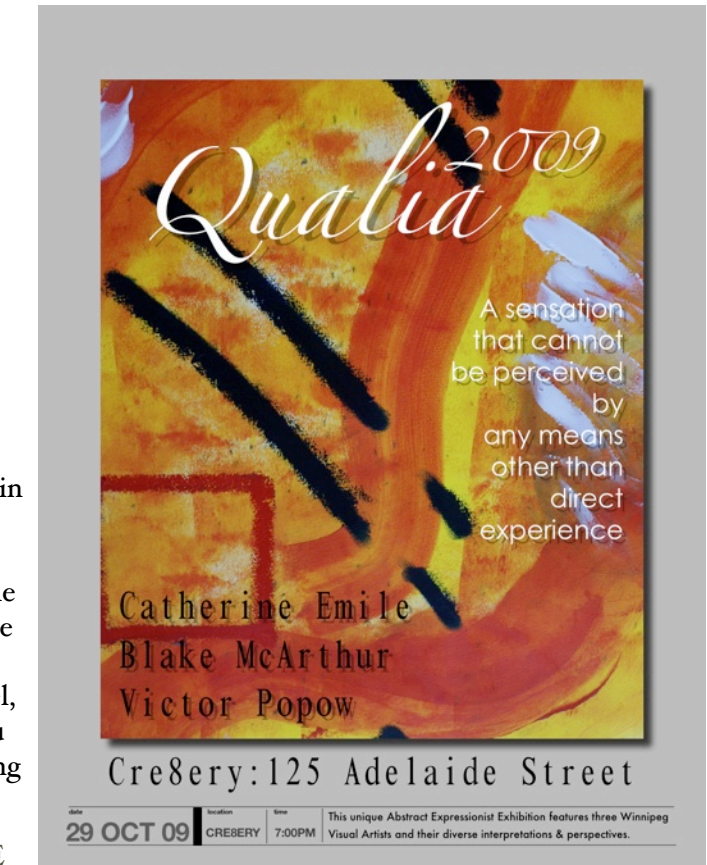
On the 27th. of August 2009 at 7pm W. Bro. Ludolf's

## "IMPRIMATURA"

Exhibition of Abstract Art opened at the Inn at the Forks. Many brothers were in attendance. The exhibition continues at the hotel in Ludolf Grollé Gallery of The Current Restaurant until the 27th. of September. The Executive Chef of the Hotel, has prepared a special menu to experience "Dining among the Art"

## MYSTICAL EAST - MW BRO. DONALD W. BEATTIE

Probably the first time a Freemason hears the word East is in the Junior Warden's lecture where he learns that regardless of the physical layout of the Lodge, it always symbolically faces the East and he learns that there are three reasons assigned. First the sun, the Glory of the Lord, rises in the East. There are many references to the sun throughout the ritual, probably dating back to Egypt. He is also told that learning originated in the East which may allude to the ancient civilizations of China and India. Finally Moses' Tabernacle in the wilderness and Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem were so oriented. He was also placed in the Northeast angle of the Lodge figuratively to represent the cornerstone of the new structure he began building that evening. It is also interesting that the Temple in our ritual is unique in that it was not designed as a place to worship God as most Churches and Temples are but was built as the earthly dwelling place for the Jewish God Jahweh. The Northeast is the bridge between the darkness and ignorance of the North and the enlightenment of the East. In the Final Charge at the Installation of Officers we hear of 'the lessons of virtue which proceed from the East like the rays of brilliant light from the rising sun....'. In an old ritual which is no longer in use this



catechism can be found. The Worshipful Master, referring to knowledge, asks the Junior Warden "Where do you hope to find it?" The response is: "In the East." Another question: "Why does he expect it there?" yields this response: "Because man was there created in the image of his Maker; there also the Holy Gospel originated; knowledge and learning were there promulgated and arts and sciences flourished." The Entered Apprentice Tracing Board is complete with cardinal directions and shows us where we expect to be, in the West, facing the East and the rising sun.

However while opening a Master Mason's Lodge the Worshipful Master asks: "Brother Junior Warden, whence come you?" The response is a surprising: "From the East, Worshipful Master." Something wonderful has happened to us between the time we first entered the Lodge and the time that we were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason!

If you attended the Master Mason's Workshop or the Retreat last November you will know for sure. If you have done a lot of reading and study you may have figured it out for yourself. If you attend 'Retreat 09' this question will undoubtedly be dealt with.

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The largest Master's chair is in Ophir Lodge #33 Murphys, CA. It is 15 feet long and can seat the Master, living Past Masters, and visiting dignitaries.

On August 23, 1879, Lodge #239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a brother was initiated.

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Brethren, the Education and Training Committee of Grand Lodge will, once again, provide you with the opportunity to increase your Masonic knowledge by offering a number of workshops and educational activities designed specifically for that purpose and will enable you to enhance your understanding of the Craft. The dates, times and costs of the workshops are as follows:

**Workshops**

Lodge Officers:

November 28, 2009

*Includes sessions for L.E.O's, Wardens, and Chaplains (New). Junior officers are encouraged to attend this workshop.*

***Sessions will run concurrently.***

The Chaplains workshop is also applicable to Brethren who are responsible for sick visiting.

E.A.: January 23, 2010

F.C.: February 20, 2010

M.M.: March 20, 2010

Masonic Book Review Group: Dates and times to be established. Information will be made available when details are finalized.

Workshops will be held at the M.M.C. in Winnipeg. The cost of the workshops will be \$30.00 each.

Registration will be between 9:00am and 9:30am, with workshops starting at 10:00am. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon with sessions resuming at 1:00pm. Sessions will finish at 3:00pm approximately.

For further information about the workshops contact R.W. Bro. Bernie Gross at 237-4763, Cell 293-1502 or by email to: [berniegross@shaw.ca](mailto:berniegross@shaw.ca)

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