



Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth Butchart Grand Master 2007-2008

MW Bro. Kenneth Butchart was born in South Shields County, Durham, England on August 13th, 1938. Ken served an indentured apprenticeship at the Middle Docks and Engineering Co. Ltd. in England from 1953 until 1959, as a Boilermaker.

At the completion of his apprenticeship, he traveled to live and work in Oxford where he met his future wife Mary. They were married in Oxford on March 24th, 1962. He has been married to Mary for 45 years, and they have two children, Michelle (Husband Gerald) and Jason (Wife Tracy). They also have six beautiful grandchildren, Andrew (18) Joni (12) Breigh (11) Rachel (9) and twin boys Reece and Rylan who are 8 years old.

Ken emigrated to Winnipeg on May 28th, 1967. His wife Mary and their one year old daughter Michelle followed on September 1st, 1967. Their son Jason was born 11 months later on Ken's birthday, Aug. 13th. (What a birthday present!)

On June 20th, 1967, Ken started his working life in Winnipeg at the Canadian National Railway as a Boilermaker, and for 28 years enjoyed his work. Retiring from the C.N.R. as a Supervisor in August of 1994, he began working as a Welding Inspector for the Canadian Welding Bureau as a part-time classification representative and where he still works the odd few days a week.

Ken's as well as Mary's social life outside of Freemasonry is varied. They both like to spend as much time as possible at their cottage at Belair which they have enjoyed since having it built in 1986. Both of them were involved with the Winnipeg Irish Association, which they joined shortly after arriving in Winnipeg. It is interesting to note that many members of the Winnipeg Irish Association are Freemasons and Shriners.

A big part of Ken's time with the Winnipeg Irish Club was being a member of the Club's Celtic Group which was called "The Irish Tavern Singers", a toe tapping group of 14 men and one lady. It is interesting that of the 14 men, nine were members of the Masonic Order. They were a tight knit group and being together for 23 years, Ken looked on this as a big part of his life in Winnipeg. Sadly this came to an end when the Irish Club closed in 1986. Ken is also a 20 year member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #7 in Transcona.



Mary and Ken have both traveled to many different countries, and while in these countries Ken attended many different Masonic Lodge meetings in places such as England, Australia, Cuba and the U.S.A. . In all of these travels they have both made many lasting friendships.

Ken's Masonic journey began with his initiation into Transcona Masonic Lodge No. 123 in February 1973. After being raised to the degree of a Master Mason he progressed through the chairs to become the Master of that Lodge in January 1981. After the successful amalgamation of Kildonan No. 131 and Transcona No. 123, the new Lodge became Kilcona No. 183. Ken felt proud to become Master of that Lodge in 2004/05.

Five years as a Shriner from 1981 to 1986 when railroad shift work stopped Ken participating in parades and meetings with the Drum and Bugle Corp.

Ken was the District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District for 2001 and 2002. He was appointed to the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2002 and elected as Director of Ceremonies for 2003 - 2004.

Ken was elected as the Junior Grand Warden in 2004, the Senior Grand Warden in 2005 and as the Deputy Grand Master in 2006.

He now assumes the Chair of King Solomon as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Ken is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland

"Being a Freemason is an honour and a privilege. My pledge to you all is that I will do my utmost to serve you in our great Fraternity and endeavour to keep us moving forward to meet the challenges that await us all."

The Grand Masters' Message

My Brothers,

A Grand Master is so fortunate to have a collection of Freemasons in our Grand Lodge who are available to be called upon for counsel and advice. I am finding out that the duties of the Grand Master are many and require the wisdom of King Solomon to deal with. To those brethren who offered help in many ways, I most sincerely thank you. Added thanks also to MW Bro. Steve Kane and his installation team for their professional ability. The feedback that was received from the non-Masonic attendees at this open installation made me proud to be a member of this great fraternity. In this present role, besides being an honour it is an absolute pleasure. This, together with the assistance of the Grand Line, makes it an enjoyable experience.

By the time this message is printed the Grand Line will have been to Grand Lodge Communications in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia & Yukon and the Grand Lodge of Canada in The Province of Ontario, and we in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba wish all of the new Grand Masters good health in

their term of office. Unfortunately we all lost to the Grand Lodge above, MW Bro. Bob Drury, who was only installed as Grand Master of Alberta on June 9th. He was a dear friend and Brother who will be missed by all.

On May 28th, as The Grand Master elect, the Potentate of Khartum Shrine, Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper, invited myself and the Grand Line to attend a stated meeting at Shrine House. The idea was to provide an update on what we at Grand Lodge have in our plans for the coming year, while at the same time introduce the Grand Line to the Nobles. This we did and we also had time to socialize with our Shrine Brothers.

The Northern Trip is being planned for September 6th to 9th with visits to The Pas Lodge No. 124, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 and Mystery Lodge No. 174. We also extend an invitation to all Nobles of Khartum Temple and their wives to join with us should they so desire for this weekend of fellowship and fun. Please call the Grand Secretary for more information at 453-7410.

All lodges will now be very busy with many activities that September in

Freemasonry brings. We in the Grand Line have six official visitations to attend, and we are looking forward to each and every one of them with much enthusiasm. One of the highlights in the fall is the Fish Night at Viking Lodge No. 175 on October 4th. Brethren, on all of the Grand Master's Official Visits I invite each and every Brother to attend with me.

When the Deputy Grand Master and I attended the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan on June 13th, we witnessed something very unique - a live tele-video link from the United Kingdom. The U.K. side featured Dr. Robert Lomas, a scholar and author of Freemasonry of such books as "The Hiram Key" and many, many more books that delve into Freemasonry. His presentation was very informative lasting just short of two hours with a question and answer period included. If any lodge is interested in having a presentation such as this please contact myself for the Grand Secretary for further information.

Brethren, may I suggest that if any of your individual lodges or districts have any special presentations or projects either within the Lodge room or at outside locations to please have photographs and pertinent information sent to MW Bro. Steve Kane (453-7410)

who will assist in having them inserted into Masonry in Manitoba.

To our many Brethren of the Jewish faith let us remember Rosh Hashanah (New Year) on Sept 13 & 14 and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) on Sept. 22nd.

The Grand Master's Divine Service will be held at the Transcona Memorial United Church, 209 Yale Ave. West, on Sept. 23 at 11:15 am. Regalia to be worn. Lunch will follow in the church basement. Brethren it would be nice to see you and your family at the Divine Service. While at this service let us remember the men and women of our Armed Forces who are in harm's way. Although Canada Day on July 1st has passed, I would be remiss if I did not recognize its importance. As one of the many immigrants that make up this melting pot of cultures, let us give thanks to this haven we call home. I feel privileged to have arrived in Canada on its Centennial in 1967, and so grateful for the life that my family and myself have been able to achieve. Although it hardly seems adequate I want to say:

THANK YOU CANADA!!!

Keep safe, and to each and everyone, enjoy the rest of the summer.

Faternally,
Ken

Grand Master's Itinerary

Any Master Mason may accompany the Grand Master on Official Lodge visits.

SEPTEMBER 2007

6 - 9 Grand Master's Northern Trip

11	Kilcona Lodge No. 183	EK Masonic Temple	6:30 PM	OV
12	Lodge of Renewal No. 181	Empire Masonic Hall	TBA	OV
17	Assiniboine Lodge No. 7	Masonic Temple, Portage	TBA	OV
18	Lisgar Lodge No. 2	Masonic Temple, Selkirk	TBA	OV
19	Prince Hall Grand Lodge	Grand Forks ND		OV
21	Board of General Purposes	MMC	7:00 PM	
22	Job's Daughters Installation	Viscount Gort, Winnipeg	7:30 PM	
23	GM's Divine Service	Transcona Memorial United Church	11:00 AM	

OCTOBER 2007

4	Viking Lodge No. 175 - Fish Fry	Gimli Lutheran Church	TBA	
8 - 13	Canmore Conference	Canmore AB		
16	N.Light/PrRupert's No. 1	MMC	TBA	
24	Corinthian Lodge No. 178	MMC	8:00 PM	OV
27	Hands Across The Border	Moosomin SK		

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 132nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA A.F.& A.M.**

The annual meeting was held in the City of Winnipeg on June 1 and 2, 2007 under the leadership of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Brian John Bailie. The following Grand Lodge Officers were elected and installed:

Grand Master.....	MW Bro. Kenneth Butchart
Immediate Past Grand Master.....	MW Bro. Brian J. Bailie
Deputy Grand Master.....	RW Bro. E.H. (Ted) Jones
Senior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro. David George Love
Junior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro. Kris Goodmanson
Grand Treasurer.....	RW Bro. Earl Gliner
Grand Secretary.....	MW Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilson
Grand Chaplain.....	RW Bro. Jesus “Junn” Manalang
Grand Historian.....	MW Bro. John Michael Reid
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	RW Bro. Bernie Gross
Grand Librarian.....	RW Bro. Brian Rountree
Grand Archivist.....	RW Bro. Al Brock

Members of the Board of General Purposes that were elected are:

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

Appointed were the following for a one year term

RW Bro. Scott Howarth.....	Brandon Lodge No. 19
RW Bro. Baldur Nelson.....	Viking Lodge No. 175
RW Bro. Douglas Webster.....	Acacia Lodge No. 111
RW Bro. Lynn Latozke.....	Templum Sion Lodge No. 186

The Grand Masters from the Grand Lodges of Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon, Minnesota, Minnesota Prince Hall, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and representatives from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska were present.

The Masonic Family was represented by the Royal Arch Masons, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Khartum Shrine, Sphinx Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Job's Daughters and the Order of Demolay.

The Flag of Canada was presented by MW Bro. C.R. Haldane-Wilson and the flag of the United States of America was presented by MW Bro. Stan Browning of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

A memorial service was held on behalf of those departed brethren under the capable direction of the Grand Chaplain, RW Bro. Junn Manalang. Special note of the loss of MW Bro. George Joseph Forzley, GM 2006 and RW Bro. Barry Thorsteinson, Past Grand Secretary of Manitoba.

A petition to form a new lodge to be called Phoenix Lodge, to meet at Shrine House, 1155 Wilkes Blvd. Winnipeg, was approved by the Board of General Purposes on November 18th, 2006

An emergent meeting was held on March 22nd, 2007 in the city of Winnipeg to institute Phoenix Lodge UD, to meet at the Shrine House, 1155 Wilkes Boulevard , Winnipeg.

An emergent meeting by the Grand Master was held on April 2nd 2007 in the city of Winnipeg Manitoba for the purposes of consecrating Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 and presenting the Charter.

An emergent meeting by the Grand Master was held on May 19th 2007 in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba for the purposes of consecrating Templum Sion Lodge No. 186 and presenting the Charter.

An emergent meeting was held on May 26th 2007 in the city of Winnipeg to present a plaque dedicating the cornerstone of Khartum Shrine House, 1155 Wilkes Boulevard, Winnipeg.

An emergent meeting was held on May 27th 2007 in the town of Gladstone to present the plaque dedicating the rededication of the Cornerstone laying of the Anglican Church by MW Bro. George Joseph Forzley on July 9th, 2005.

The Masonic Foundation has received \$45,215.11, raised from contributions during the annual fundraising campaign, exceeding the target figure of \$36,200.00 which included administration costs. This has been distributed to the following: Masons Care Program Vehicle Fund, and to KidsID to update existing laptops to external drives and to purchase 3" CD discs for data encoding and protection of images. It is regretted that there is still only a very small proportion of our membership that contribute to this annual charitable project.

The brethren of this jurisdiction unanimously approved as their Special Charitable Projects for 2007 the sum of \$ 37,200.00 to be distributed to: the purchase of a Masons Care van (\$25,000.00), and to support the Rehabilitation Centre for Children (\$6,000.00) and the administration costs for mail out and handling of the program.

The Benevolence Committee received several requests for assistance. We have to date expended \$21,300.00 this past year which includes per capita dues assistance waiver of \$3,550.00 for 71 of our Brethren on benevolence grounds, and anticipate that an additional \$3,500.00 may be called upon before December 31st of this year.

The Masonic Enhancement Committee approved grants in the amount of \$19,902.00 to assist individual lodges with their community projects.

During 2006, Cancer Care drivers made 14,542 trips transporting 1412 patients to and from their homes to the hospital for treatment. Of these, Masonic drivers made 7853 trips. Currently, there are 39 active drivers in Winnipeg. Brandon, with a total of 10 drivers, made 1997 trips between Brandon and Winnipeg transporting approximately 255 patients. Brandon also has four drivers who transport 15 patients only in Brandon. There were also patients from Melita to Brandon and return.

Due to an increase in the number of cancer patients from Brandon requiring transportation to Winnipeg it was decided to purchase another van to be based in Brandon. The fleet will now be a total of five vans.

We face an ever-increasing pressure on per capita, in spite of reducing expenses, because of declining membership. Per capita is simply the cost of operating Grand Lodge, less interest and other income, divided by the number of members. Our initial budget for 2008 showed a deficit of nearly \$12,000. The Board debated at great length and looked at several options. After debate lasting over 15 hours it was recommended by the Board to recommend a \$5.00 increase, which is sufficient to cover the deficit. As approved at the annual communications the per capita assessment will be \$55.00 as of January 2008.

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal relations to the Grand Lodge of Croatia, the Grand Lodge of Macedonia and the Grand Lodge of Mauritius.

The WILLIAM DOUGLAS MEDAL for exceptional service to the Craft by a Mason of this Jurisdiction who has not attained the rank of Worshipful Master, was awarded to Brother Leslie Allan Edge of Sturgeon Creek Lodge No 145.

The GRAND MASTER'S AWARD FOR MERIT was presented to MW Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilson. The Grand Master's CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE for exceptional service to the Craft by a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, was awarded to Brother Donald A. Murray of Keystone Lodge No. 185. RECIPIENTS OF THE LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARD, for the year 2006

1. Empire Lodge No. 127
2. The Lodge of Renewal No. 181
3. Keystone Lodge No. 185

A special Masons Care Medal was struck to be called the J.E. Reesor Bingeman Medal "Cancer Driver Award" to be awarded annually for drivers with five years or more service.

MW Bro. Reesor Bingeman was accorded special recognition for his insight in the origination of this successful driver program for the Canadian Cancer Society. The Grand Master's CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION for volunteer drivers of the Masons Care Program was presented to MW Bro. Morley McKay (29) with 20 years of service and MW Bro. Richard A. Porter (19) with five years of service. More awards are to be presented to brethren at their home lodges.

The Short Talk Competition for best written paper was "The Three Steps of the Moveable Jewels." by Bro. Brian Demond from Wheat City Lodge No 158.

A Grand Lodge dinner and entertainment was held in the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre on Friday, June 1st and the ladies enjoyed a planned program prepared for them by the Grand Master's lady, Marie Bailie.

An altar cloth and banner were unveiled at Grand Lodge Communications and a ceremonial sword was donated to Grand Lodge by Rae and Kathy Haldane-Wilson.

The open installation of Grand Lodge Officers was conducted by MW Bro. Stephen Kane and assisted by Past Grand Masters on Saturday, June 2nd. A reception in honour of the newly installed Grand Master, MW Bro. Kenneth Butchart followed. We wish to pay our compliments to RW Bro. John N.C. Campbell and his assistants from the Reception and Arrangements Committee who organized all business and social events and saw that they all ran smoothly. The 133rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be held in the city of Winnipeg on Friday and Saturday, June 6th and 7th, 2008. I wish to express my thanks to MW Bro. Stephen F. Kane for his assistance in compiling this summary.

- MW Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilson,
Grand Secretary

ABOUT MASONIC EDUCATION

The Training and Education Committee is planning an exciting and extensive program of educational workshops and seminars. The workshops held to date have received very positive reviews by the participants and generated requests for more. So clear your calendars and keep these dates open for the Warden's Workshop/Seminar Friday and Saturday, November 16th & 17th, & the L.E.O.s Workshop/Seminar, Saturday October 20th 2007. More details to follow. We hope to see you there.

- RW Bro. Phil Zubrycki

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