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## **Most Worshipful Brother Donald Wayne Beattie Grand Master 2004-2005**

Donald Wayne Beattie was born in St. Boniface on July 6, 1941. He grew up on the family farm in Oakbank and was educated there. Don joined the RCAF in 1962 and served as a pilot. Following training he flew the Argus aircraft at Greenwood NS, engaged in anti-submarine warfare. Later at Portage la Prairie he served two tours as a flying instructor on both single and multi-engine aircraft. In 1963 he married Judy Colwell. They have two children, Gregory and Heather.

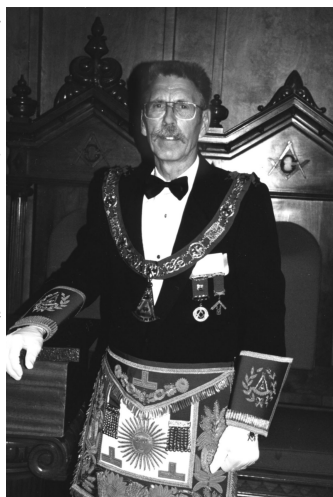
Don and Judy bought rural property in Portage la Prairie and enjoy country living. They also raised and showed German Shepherd dogs in both obedience and confirmation classes. Don has been active in both trail riding and endurance riding and has both Morgan and Arabian horses.

Following an early release from the RCAF he pursued a career as a carpenter with considerable success, receiving the Lieutenant Governor's medal for contributing to school spirit during his first year of his apprenticeship. In the fourth year he won the provincial competition and went on to a first place finish in International Carpentry Competition held in Philadelphia in 1978, competing against 40 states and 5 provinces. A love of teaching led him to pursue a professional certificate. His 4.0 grade point average and the Top Teacher Award were rewards for a year of hard work at Red River College. This led to teaching a Building Construction vocational program at Portage Collegiate Institute. He retired in 2000.

He was recruited to command the local Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, the "Tenacious" Terriers (575). He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer of the prestigious National Senior Leaders Course, a six week Air Cadet summer camp at CFB Cold Lake AB in 1983.

He served his profession on the Vocational Teachers Association at all levels and still continues to promote the trades and technologies as a charter member of Skills Canada - Manitoba where he served as Secretary and is currently the Treasurer. He has been the chairman for the provincial carpentry and cabinet trade competitions for the past seven years and is involved in hosting the National Skills Competition in Winnipeg in 2004.

M.W. Bro. Don was Initiated into Freemasonry in Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 on August 17, 1987, Passed and Raised (by his father) that fall. He began his progression through the chairs as Inner Guard in 1989 and was elected WM in 1993. He was a charter member of Union Historical Lodge No. 108, serving as their first Junior Warden and as WM for the 1998-2000 term. He was appointed JRC Evans lecturer for 1995-96, was elected DDGM for the Second Masonic District in 1997-98 and was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1998. Bro. Don served Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 for many years as Secretary/Treasurer. He began volunteering as a Masons Care driver in 2000. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 2001 and thus began his succession through the Grand Line.



## The Grand Masters' Message

Life is a journey from birth to death. What we accomplish while on this journey is what life is all about. Our aims, our dreams, those things we consider important often change as we grow and mature. Those of us who have had the good fortune to join the Craft, if we heed the lessons presented, have a valuable tool to assist us on this journey. Certainly we learn that 'having the most toys' is not what life is all about!

Our journey through Freemasonry is as varied as our individual lives. Freemasonry is a very 'individual oriented' business - everything is presented in the singular. The ritual is only an outline, to understand what it really means we must progress beyond that level. Our installation Charge explains that the object of the rulers of the Craft is to assist each of us to penetrate that veil behind which the mysteries are concealed.

I must express my gratitude for having been given the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master and to lead a team of talented men dedicated to the task at hand. The 'executive' have already met several times and have regular meetings scheduled. As we move ahead it is critical that the succeeding Grand Masters and indeed the Board and ultimately every Lodge and its membership be on the same page and share the same vision for our near and distant future..

At this time I am unable to comment on the success of our first Strategic Planning Session which will be (or was) held on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Developing a plan (what a novel thought!) is the first step toward working together and ensuring

that all our energies are focused on, and complement our vision of the future.

Again this year we will focus on education, as that is the key to unlocking the deeper consciousness of life, and to attempt to comprehend that divine wisdom to which mankind aspires. The newly opened Masonic Resource Centre offers an incredible number of books on a variety of new and interesting topics. Not all are strictly Masonic but vitally interesting in our study for self improvement. The education of each new Freemason needs to be more complete than the traditional proficiency, which fails to address the most critical lessons presented. The Counselor Program, currently in use will be complemented, in part, by a course of study prepared by the Education and Training Committee and should be available later this fall.

The Kids ID Program offers a tremendous potential not only to assist in the safe and expeditious return of 'lost' kids but as a public relations tool. The committee has refined the process and it is now ready for individual lodges to take to their communities. The ball is in your court!

In conclusion a quick word regarding the Lodge Excellence Award. This program acknowledges and rewards those Lodges who operate a well-rounded program which offers rewards to a wide variety of individuals. The opportunities are there, the challenge is made; be one of the Lodges who are making Freemasonry meaningful to its membership and an asset to its community.

- Fraternally, Don

### GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

#### September 2004

1	St. John's No. 4	MMT	OV
2	Prince of Wales No. 14	Minnedosa MB	
9-12	Grand Master's Northern Trip		OV
13	Millennium No. 182	MMT	OV
17	Board of General Purposes	MMT	
20	Assiniboine No. 7	Portage la Prairie	OV
21-22	Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota		

#### October 2004

13-15	Western Canada Conference	Canmore AB	
30	Hands Across the Border	Brandon	OV

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 129<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA A.F. & A.M.**

The 129th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg on June 4 and 5, 2004 under the leadership of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother I. Kenneth Thomas.

The following principal Grand Lodge Officers were elected and installed:

Grand Master .....M.W. Bro. Don Beattie  
Immediate Past Grand Master.....M.W. Bro. Ken Thomas  
Deputy Grand Master.....R.W. Bro. George Forzley  
Senior Grand Warden .....R.W. Bro. Brian Bailie  
Junior Grand Warden .....R.W. Bro. Kenneth Butchart

The Grand Masters or their representatives from the Grand Lodges of Alberta Saskatchewan, Minnesota, Canada in Ontario, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota Inc., Nova Scotia, Nevada, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, and South Dakota were present.

The Flag of the Canada was presented by M.W. Bro. John M. Reid and the Flag of the United States of America was presented by M.W. Bro. Gerald Rhodes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

A Memorial Service was held on behalf of those departed brethren namely the following: R.W. Bro George Feltham, DDGM Dist No. 8 - 1997-98 and Member of BGP; R.W. Bro. James McNaught, DDGM District No. 1 - 1979-80, Member BGP; R.W. Bro Lawrence Quinn, Member of BGP; V.W. Bro George Corbett, Past Grand Tyler - 2001-02; V.W. Bro Harry Snyder, Senior Grand Steward - 1995-96.

The brethren of this Jurisdiction unanimously approved as their Special Charitable Projects for 2003 the sum of \$39,887.00, to be distributed to the Minnedosa Personal Care Home for a Stretcher Tub, Riverview Health Centre for a Bladder Scanner, The Rehabilitation Centre for Children Foundation [four items] and Masons Care to assist in the purchase of vehicles in future

The Benevolence Committee received several requests for assistance for \$15,092.70 and dispersed the sum of \$2492.00 in the per-capita dues assessments, \$5985.00 to needy individuals and a further \$7320.00 was committed for expenditure which could be called upon before the end of the year. The sum of \$1329.00 was sent for disaster relief. The Masonic Enhancement Committee approved grants in the amount of \$134,270.00 to assist Individual Lodges with their community projects.

An increase of \$2.00 in the annual per capita assessment, as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee, was approved. Per capita will be \$43.00 commencing January 2005.

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal relations to The Gran Logia de estado "Baja California" and The Grande Loge du Niger.

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 not awarded as there were no nominations this year.

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 the following members: , R.W. Bro Ted Jones ( 3 ), R.W. Bro. Phil Zubrycki ( 127 ) and R.W. Bro. Greg Yeo (127).

RECIPIENTS OF THE LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARD, (*renamed from Lodge of the Year*) for the year 2003 were: St. James No. 121, Empire No. 127, Capitol No. 136, Three Pillars No. 169, Lodge of Renewal No. 181 and Kilcoma No. 183.

The Grand Master's CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION for volunteer drivers of the Masons Care Program with 15 years of service ; M.W. Bro. Ron Hart, R.W.

Bro. Robert Robinson, Bros. Ray Ogston and William Taylor; 10 years of Service - R.W. Bro. Norman Wolk; 5 years of Service - R.W. Bro John Russell , W. Bros. Ronn Anderson, William Evans, David Shepard, Bros. Ron Johnson and Alvin Taft.

The SHORT TALK COMPETITION was won again by R.W. Bro. Donald Beattie of Assiniboine No 7.

A Grand Lodge dinner and entertainment was held in the hotel ball room on Thursday, June 3rd. The ladies enjoyed a well-planned program prepared for them by the Grand Master's lady, Ms. Jackie Garrett.

An Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers was conducted by M.W. Bro. Morley McKay assisted by Past Grand Masters on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. A reception in honour of the newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Donald W. Beattie followed.

Some of the constitutional amendments that were approved in particular are important.

We wish to pay our compliments to R.W. 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 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be held in the city of Portage la Prairie on Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th, 2005.

I wish to express my thanks to R.W. Bro. Barry Thorsteinson for his assistance in compiling this summary.

- M.W. Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilsone, Grand Secretary

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#### MEET OUR NEWLY-INSTALLED JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

My name is Ken Butchart. I wish to convey my thanks to all the Brethren who voted for me at the Grand Lodge Communication in June. I was honoured to be elected as Junior Grand Warden in our jurisdiction, and I will serve to the best of my ability.

A brief bio of myself: I was born in South Shields County, Durham, England in 1938 and served my trade apprenticeship in the ship repair yards on the River Tyne. I emigrated to Winnipeg in 1967 with my wife Mary and our 12 month old daughter Michelle. Our son Jason was born in 1968. Both of our children are married; Michelle to Gerald, and Jason to Tracy. I have six wonderful grandchildren: Andrew, Joni, Breigh, Rachel and twin boys, Reece and Ryland.

I was employed with the C.N.R. from 1967 until retirement in 1994. Now semi-retired, I am employed by the Canadian Welding Bureau as a welding inspector, a job I truly love. I was made a Mason in Transcona Lodge No. 123 in 1973 and became Master of the same Lodge in 1981. I was DDGM of the 10th District in 2001-2002 and Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Lodge 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. I am the Master of Kilcona No. 183 for 2004.



Brethren, I plan to add some pieces to Masonry In Manitoba that will reflect my thoughts and feelings as I travel around Manitoba and other jurisdictions with the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Don Beattie.

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### 2004-2005 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

Grand Master.....	M.W. Bro. Don Beattie
Immediate Past G.M.....	M.W. Bro. I. Ken Thomas
Deputy Grand Master.....	R.W. Bro. George Forzley
Senior Grand Warden.....	R.W. Bro. Brian J. Bailie
Junior Grand Warden.....	R.W. Bro. Ken Butchart
Grand Treasurer.....	R.W. Bro. Earl Gliner
Grand Secretary.....	M.W. Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilson
Grand Chaplain.....	R.W. Bro. Brian Rountree
Grand Historian.....	R.W. Bro. Greg Yeo
Grand Dir of Ceremonies.....	R.W. Bro. Ted Jones
Grand Librarian.....	Duties tasked to R.W. Bro. Victor Popow
Senior Grand Deacon.....	V.W. Bro. Kenneth Penman
Junior Grand Deacon.....	V.W. Bro. John Nesbitt
Grand Organist.....	V.W. Bro. Robert Greentree
Senior Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. William Evans
Junior Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. Spencer Martin
Grand Pursuivant.....	R.W. Bro. Andrew Shishinski
Grand Tyler.....	V.W. Bro. Leif Hansen

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 2004-2005

First Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. Victor Popow
Fifth Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. Kenneth Mayor
Eighth Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. William Blackbum
Ninth Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. Wayne Lang
Tenth Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. Grant Ryckman
Eleventh Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. Len Ebertz
Twelfth Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. Brian Langtry
Thirteenth Masonic District.....	R.W. Bro. Douglas Webster
Assiniboine District.....	R.W. Bro. Randal Vandermeulen

### BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES MEMBER ELECTED 2004-2007

R. W. Bro. John Jaman (3)	R.W. Bro. Robert Hunter (12)
R.W. Bro. Scott Howarth (19)	R.W. Bro. Greg Balla (93)
R.W. Bro. Bruce Taylor (136)	R.W. Bro. Barry Thorsteinson (136)
R.W. Bro. David Love (151)	R.W. Bro. Lynn Latozke (184)

### GREAT ATTENDANCE FOR UNION HISTORICAL LODGE TOURS

The Annual Thresherman's Reunion for 2004 is now past, and once again several hundred visitors walked through the doors of Union Historical Lodge at Austin, Manitoba. Thanks to the volunteers who so generously gave of their time: David Shaw, Ron Turnbull of Treherne, Jack Windsor, Barry Brooker of Winnipeg, Len Eckstrand, Jack Oliver of Gladstone, Ruth and Morley McKay and Hugh Ross of Brandon. Congratulations on a job well done. The next meeting of Union Historical Lodge No. 108 will take place Friday, September 24, 2004, commencing at 8: 00 p.m. If his schedule will allow, W. Bro. David McDonald will deliver the J.R.C. Evans lecture. Plan to attend, it is always a pleasant Masonic gathering.

- M.W. Bro. Roy M. McMillan

*"The privilege we enjoy in the beginning of another Masonic season is, we hope, appreciated by us all. To think that we can unite freely, bathed in the light of liberty, and soothed in the warm glory of brotherly love, is to think a precious thought in these days when gaunt shadows of despotism and threatening infamies are reaching across our sky. Let us all realize that the torch is ours to hold aloft; and that if there ever has been a time when mere ritualistic phraseology was not enough, it is today. Let us, therefore, resolve to DO all we can to further those ideals we profess to admire."*

- L.J. Humphrey, Nanaimo Lodge No. 110, September 1940 -

### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

We trust everyone is having an enjoyable summer. Hopefully there will still be some nice weather for us to enjoy for a little while longer. But for now it's time to think about returning from our recess to our labours.

To that end the Membership Development Committee, in conjunction with Grand Lodge and the rest of the Masonic Family, invites you to a "BACK TO BUSINESS BARBECUE." This will give us the opportunity to get together for a time of fun and fellowship, and to renew old acquaintances and hopefully form some new ones.

WHEN: Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

WHERE: Masonic Memorial Temple, 420 Corydon Ave.

COST: \$5.00 per person, which will entitle you to a hamburger, a hot dog, a bag of chips and a drink.

WHO CAN ATTEND: All members, their families, friends and neighbours. You are also encouraged to bring along any prospective candidates so that they too can enjoy the fun and fellowship of our great fraternity.

There are a couple of areas where we could use your help and co-operation:

1. We would appreciate the volunteering of some barbecues.
2. We would also appreciate members to take a turn at flipping a few hamburgers.
3. Here is where we really need your help. *You must tell us how many will be attending with you so that we can make sure there are sufficient groceries on hand.*

Feel free to call me at 663-6770 or email at 4zley@mts.net, or the Grand Lodge Office at 453-7410 or (toll-free) 1-800-665-2712 with the numbers and/or if you are willing to volunteer to help.

This is a new undertaking and we hope you, the membership, will give it your full and favourable support. The Grand Master and his Officers are behind it and we have the full co-operation of Bro. Roy Switzer, manager of MMT. After all, where else can you have an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food for \$5.00?

Get the word out and let's start this Masonic Year with a bang!

- R.W. Bro. George J. Forzley, D.G.M., Chairman, Membership Development

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### RESOURCE CENTRE UPDATE

While most Masons may have had a restful summer away from the Craft the Masonic Resource centre has been a hive of activity. First, much recognition must go to Bro's. Brian Rountree & Kevin Grummett who have been extremely active reclassifying and restocking the shelves in preparation for a new Masonic season. Many thanks must also go to Bro. Phil Zubyrcki who has manned the Resource Centre post on Saturdays with great results - over 100 books/DVD's/videos have been loaned over the summer (over 300 items have been loaned since its opening March 30th!) The Resource Centre looks forward to a new season supporting Saturday workshops & lectures, rotating displays, Legislature tours and procuring even more new books and articles for your convenience. We look forward to seeing you at the Centre which is open weekdays (10-1 pm), Saturdays (12 noon - 3 pm) and we are currently organizing to be open during Lodge Meeting nights at the MMT. We are still looking for evening and weeknight volunteers to step forward! The Centre can be reached by calling the MMT at 453-7410 ext. 3 or (toll-free) 1-800-665-2712.

- R.W. Bro. Victor G. Popow



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