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## THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

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**B**rethren all,

Now that the second half of my term as your Grand Master has started I pause and give reflection to all that is good about our beloved Craft. The fondest memories I have are the close personal and fraternal friendships I have developed on the journey to the Grand East. Recent events within this Grand Lodge have caused me concern and time for personal strength in bringing about a resolution short of ruling with Masonic Law. Events were set in motion two years ago that have now culminated in corrective action soon to be taken to reposition the Square. On another front we have brethren wishing to charge each other with offences which lie outside the mandate of Freemasonry yet seem it is their right to do so just because they are Freemasons. This I not only find distasteful but not in the spirit of why I am a proud Freemason. In some cases we have brethren who have totally disrespected this Office as well as the Grand Lodge Officers. I will no longer tolerate or entertain such behaviour. Brethren as Freemasons this has no place within our folds, and peace and harmony is expected at all times. If you feel you no longer may honour your Obligation, the Fraternity has no further use for you as a Brother. Please do the honourable action and request a Demit.

As the Grand Master in office at present I, alone, have the absolute power and authority to rule and govern. This power has been granted to me through election and having proved myself qualified to govern by my peers. I am bound by the Constitution to carry out such duties fairly and impartially however at present, I alone have the last word. To those Masons and you know whom you are, who feel it is okay to disregard the "establishment" please refer to your Obligations of a

Freemason where you gave your assent and promised to maintain and uphold the rules, regulations and edicts of this Grand Lodge, in act as well as word. You may feel you can do whatever you wish however such was never the case. Judgment day awaits.

February is the transition month for weather in our parts, however this year the entire winter up until the time this was written has been in transition. It remains to be seen if we will even get a traditional Winnipeg deep freeze this season. The Officers and the Grand Master have been extremely busy since our last address. On New Years Day we were the guests of Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable John Harvard at the Levee. In addition to the Chief and Assistant Rabban of Khartum Shrine I had the pleasure of the Queen of Sphinx Temple Daughters of the Nile, the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden of Acacia 111 attend the Levee. My personal thanks to the wives and Brethren who supported this event. Freemasons were the first official group to be presented. I have invited his Honour to the Annual Communication in June and will welcome his remarks. It was especially gratifying to be standing on the pool of the black star and taking the tour of the building post Hermetic Code. There was a palpable pulse within the walls and the way people looked at the Freemasons. A great day for the Craft.

I had an Official Visit to Ancient Landmark on the evening of their Open Installation of Officers as last stated in January. The Worshipful Master had invited Ms. Carolin Vesley, the reporter from the Free Press who actually wrote the Hermetic Code series. I called her to the altar and presented her with a small collection of pamphlets on the Masonic

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Family, Masonry in Manitoba and the Renewal of North America's series on How to Become, Who are the Freemasons, Your Family and the Craft. I presented an informal talk to address those in attendance on Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in particular. It was a great night for the Craft and those non Masons present were better informed with factual information about the Fraternity when they left.

On January 9th I was present at Kilcona where our Deputy Grand Masters son, Brother Jason Butchart was raised to the Master Masons degree. A great evening brethren and one more Brother Father, Brother Son duo. Brother Jason and I have a little history through work and I was most proud to be present for this occasion and to see him again, its been three years. Welcome Jay now your initial journey has been completed. To the Worshipful Master and the 10th District Degree team congratulations on a very fine portrayal of the work. Kilcona is one of the best examples we have for a unified amalgamation. Keep up the very commendable work brethren.

On January 13th we ventured out to Russell for the District Five Lodges Joint Installation of Officers under the direction of DDGM Jack Graham. We had a wonderful visit and I opened up the floor for general discussion, questions and answers any of the brethren may have. This was a two way interchange which proved beneficial to all. Thanks Bro. Jack for the hospitality.

Roblin 122 and Hiram 94 are now one after the ceremony of Amalgamation was conferred by the Grand Lodge line. Congratulations to all the members involved. We all wish you many more years in the Freemasonry. We will soon be taking a trip to Gladstone to complete the dedication of the Cornerstone laying last year. The Ceremonial bronze plaque is now ready to be presented and installed. We will once more join the Congregation for a combined Sunday service. Details to follow. Check the Website.

As I wrote this MW Bro. Kane and myself have just returned from the

Masonic Renewal of North America winter meeting in Tampa, Florida. This was hosted at the Imperial Shrine Headquarters and our chaperone was the Imperial Recorder Brother Jack Jones. This very dedicated Brother has been fulfilling this duty for some 28 years present. I was most impressed with our International facility and enjoyed the tour and the hospitality extended to the Grand Master of Manitoba. New programs and material will be shortly coming out. I have brought back a couple of CD's which will be used very shortly by the Grand Lodge Officers. M.W. Bro. Steven and I enjoyed a brief hour sitting in the Florida sunshine watching people fishing out in the bay. It was a nice diversion for the weekend before getting back on the planes.

My Lady Marie and I were guests of Khartum Shrine at their annual election and Installation of Officers for 2007. Congratulations to newly installed Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper, Potentate 2007 and Lady Faye. I consider Brother Jack a close personal friend, in the past we have traveled many miles together and I never forgot that we both are action people who can not only get the job done but have some fun at the same time. Best wishes for a very successful year my Brother. May you and your elected and appointed Divan be blessed with the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job in carrying out your duties. I look forward very much, to working with you in my second half of my term towards moving Freemasonry ahead.

The January COF and Board of General Purposes are completed. The Grand Master, Deputy and Grand Secretary will soon be off to Portland Oregon on the 17th for the annual Conference of Grand Masters/Grand Secretaries and I'll report on that in the March edition. Official visit requests are coming in that are not coinciding time wise with this publication. Refer to the Website for accurate times and dates. Thank you for your patience. This is not our Webmaster's fault. We are timed to dearth in preparation for publication and distribution of this medium. Stay Safe.

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### GM'S GUIDES

"A LANDMARK, TO BE A  
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Fraternally,

M.W. Bro. Brian J Bailie  
Grand Master

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### GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

The Grand Master's Official Itinerary was not available at the time of publication. The Grand Lodge website, [www.grandlodge.mb.ca](http://www.grandlodge.mb.ca), will be updated as visitation information becomes available.

### DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS COMING SOON!

The Grand Secretary reminds you that the deadline for nominations for Grand Lodge officers and members of the Board of General Purposes is March 15, 2007. If you know a worthy brother who would serve the Craft well please consider asking him to stand for election this year. The rules and procedure for the nomination process are printed below:

R-18.1 Eight members of the Board shall be elected for a three year term by ballot, at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Any additional vacancies that may exist among the elected members of the Board shall be filled by election for the unexpired term thereof, by ballot at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

C-19 Nominations for the elective offices of Grand Lodge and for the Board shall be made in writing by a member of Grand Lodge and received in the office of the Grand Secretary not later than the fifteenth day of March preceding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at which they are to be presented. Each nominee shall be a Past Master and a member in good standing of Grand Lodge, resident within the Province of Manitoba.

Forms are available from the Grand Lodge office. Contact information for the office can be found on the last page of this publication.

### SHORT TALK COMPETITION

Once again, the Masonic Training, Resource & Archives Committee is holding the Annual Short Talk Competition. You don't actually have to give a talk, just write one. It is open to all Masons of this jurisdiction.

You may select any Masonic subject you wish and prepare your short talk. It should be no more than 5 pages in length, typed and double-spaced with a one inch left margin. On a **separate sheet of paper** indicate your name, address and Lodge name. Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2007 so there is lots of time for creativity. The Masonic Library is open daily from 10am-1pm and on Saturday afternoon for research and reference.

Judging will be based on topic, content, style and presentation. A \$75 first prize gift certificate to the Grand Lodge "Store" will be awarded to the winner. If more than 5 talks are received, a second prize of a \$50 gift certificate will be awarded. Entries should be submitted to the Masonic Training, Resource & Archives Committee, 420 Corydon Ave, Winnipeg, R3L 0N8.



## NEW BOOKS AND MATERIALS AT THE MASONIC RESOURCE CENTRE

- Ritual for Subordinate Lodges of Knights Of Pythias [1924]
- For We Were Young and We Had Wings: A tribute to those who volunteered to restore peace in the world / by Harry McFee [2006]
- Treherne Masonic Lodge No. 51 A.F. & A.M. G.R.M. April 2, 1891 - September 6, 2006 [2006]
- The Freemasons : Unlocking the 1000-year Old Mysteries of the Brotherhood / by Jeremy Harwood [2006]
- "A System of Morality Veiled In Allegory" : The Private Rituals and Public Performances of Freemasons in Winnipeg, 1864-1900 / by Gillian Covernton [a MA thesis for the U of M in 2005]
- Material Culture of the American Freemasons / by John Hamilton [1994]
- York Mysteries Revealed (Understanding An old English Masonic Tradition) / by Nevill Barker Cryer [2006]
- Turning the Solomon Key : George Washington, the Bright Morning Star, and the Secrets of Masonic Astrology / by Robert Lomas [2006]
- Powerpoints : Secret Forces and Hidden Rulers in the Landscape, and the Lost Science of Measuring the Earth / by Robin Heath
- The Secrets of the Freemasons / by Pat Morgan [2006]
- Understanding Manhood in America: Freemasonry's Enduring Path to the Mature Masculine / by Robert G. Davis [2005]

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Any items we have in the collection can be signed out using one of these methods:

- (i) in-person browsing and signing out,
- (ii) out-of-town phone orders can be made. We'll be happy to ship your request with a mail-back label,
- (iii) Winnipeg and close-by people can phone and make a request for reserve, then pick up at your convenience,
- (iv) fax request through the Grand Lodge office, or
- (v) email the MRC: [mrc@grandlodge.mb.ca](mailto:mrc@grandlodge.mb.ca)

If you are not coming in to the MRC, please be sure to give us your full name, address and phone number as well as your Lodge number so that we can register you in our patron files. Please be as specific as you can about the item you wish to borrow. We will do our best to get your requests completed and on their way quickly.

-RW Bro. Brian Rountree,  
Grand Librarian

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