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## The Grand Master's Message

It hardly seems possible that my term as your GM is almost over. It has been a whirlwind year and my adrenaline levels have been way up there for much of the time! As I write this the All Canada Conference is just over. One of the greatest opportunities I have had is to meet so many truly talented and dedicated men. Group dynamics work at every level of our great fraternity and together we can dream and accomplish so much more than working alone. That point was made at the conclusion of our meeting. True we have the technology to conduct video conferencing but the importance of personal contact and one on one interaction cannot be overemphasized.

A representative from the Asper Group which is promoting the Canadian Museum of Human Rights made a presentation to the Conference. It is interesting to note that there have been six major revolutions in recent history designed to give power to the people. They took place in the USA, France, Mexico, Italy, South America and Hungary. In every case the leaders were members of the Craft. While our Canadian story was not so chaotic, Freemasons have been involved in many aspects of our early development. The Aspers' vision and mission is rather unique, with an emphasis on interactive education rather than simply a display of artifacts. That creates a challenge to come up with the appropriate venue through which to tell our story. We do have some time to develop our plans and work with the museum to develop that strategy.

On the Friday evening the conference visited our MMC where our Archivist, RW Bro. Al Brock had a display and also relayed a touching story gleaned from the archives of a darkened lodge. We should be proud of our volunteers

who, through their example are encouraging greater activity in this important area of archival preservation. Our Masonic Resource Centre, with its wonderful selection of traditional and contemporary subjects, creates a special ambience. Two of the tall stained glass windows which were installed into Neepawa Lodge No. 24 in 1925 are now in the MRC. Thanks to Stonewall Lodge No. 12 for their kind donation. The tasteful modernization of the boardroom and foyer quietly reinforces 'class.' What a wonderful feeling to proudly show off our accomplishments in the archives and our beautiful facilities.

By the time you read this the death of Pope John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> will be old news, but I think it is important that we as Freemasons acknowledge his outstanding leadership in the Roman Catholic Church over the past 26 years. He demonstrated tremendous courage and integrity in modernizing where he thought it appropriate, in establishing a stronger relationship with other religious faiths and in standing firm on those principles which he considered non-negotiable. He certainly exemplified our ideal of living respected and dying regretted.

By now, lodges have been advised that we have adopted the 'Bears on Broadway' project. This is a special fundraiser for Cancer Care Manitoba, with the proceeds dedicated to research. Each lodge has been asked to support this endeavour. Private donations to our foundation marked "Bears on Broadway" will receive a tax-deductible receipt. This is a tangible way to demonstrate that 'Masons Care.' As well I have just signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with the Canadian Cancer Society whereby we commit to our Cancer Care Drivers Program for a further five years. My thanks and congratulations to every-

one who has in any way contributed to the success of these two programs.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> the Order of DeMolay was unofficially reactivated with the advisors receiving their mandatory briefings and 11 young men being initiated into the Order. DeMolay Canada made a presentation at the All Canada Conference and reported on the incredible success the order is experiencing worldwide. This program is open to boys between the ages of 12 and 21. They do not require a Masonic affiliation. The potential is awesome! The official reconstitution of Winnipeg Chapter No. 1 is tenta-

tively scheduled to take place on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

As this is my final message I would like to take this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to the Annual Communication in Portage la Prairie and to attend the Open Installation of Officers on the Saturday afternoon. Let's give RW Bro. George Forzley and his team a warm and inspiring launch for his year in the Grand East. It truly has been a wonderful year and Judy and I thank you all for the experiences.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Bro. Don

### *Recollections*

It's been a magic year but one I fear  
is quickly coming to an end.  
And when it's done, this widow's son  
will remember many a new friend.

One of my highlights was to allow a new Master  
when installed into Solomon's Chair  
To enjoy the opportunity to share the experience  
by having his friends and family there.

Leadership changes every year and our focus  
has changed with each and every new man.  
We now have a vision for our future with  
the mission delineated in a Strategic Plan.

Cancer strikes at random - to help we operate a  
fleet of vans, the best we can afford.  
Recognized as 'gold sponsors' by the Cancer Society  
and presented with a National Achievement Award.

Cancer will not be beaten by treatment,  
only research will show the way.  
We'll take our place amongst those who care  
exemplified by a giant 'Bear on Broadway'!

"I'd love to join but I'm too busy."  
"I just don't have the time" they say.  
So we bent the rules and in an impressive ceremony  
made them Master Masons in just one day.

Boys have heroes like knights of old  
and learn important lessons while they play.  
Our Masonic family has become complete with  
the reconstitution of the Order of DeMolay.

And now to Brother George I pass the torch.  
In his hand it will continue to shine,  
a mighty force for good, our brotherhood  
will continue 'til the end of time.

## GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

*Any Master Mason may accompany the Grand Master on official lodge visits.*

### MAY 2005

2	Beaver Ionic No. 25	MMT	8:00 PM	OV
3	Amalgamation - Glenboro No. 48 & Carberry No. 29	Carberry 8:00 PM		
5	Viking No. 175	Gimli	8:00 PM	
6	Capitol No. 136	EK Temple	7:45 PM	OV
7	10 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting	EK Temple		
11	St. James No. 121	Sturgeon Creek	7:30 PM	OV
16	Assiniboine No. 7	Portage Temple	7:30 PM	
17	Seven Stars No. 180	MMT	8:00 PM	
30	OES Grand Communication			

### Constitutional Amendments to be Presented at the Annual Communication in June 2005

The following amendments to the Constitution have been reviewed by the Jurisprudence Committee of the Board of General Purposes. These were found to be correct as to form and constitutionality and are eligible for presentation at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to be held in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on the 3rd and 4th of June in the year 2005.

1. Add to C - 5, insert, following "the Right Worshipful Grand Librarian", "**The Right Worshipful Grand Archivist**"

2. C - 39 to C - 42, inclusive: **renumber as C - 40, C - 41, C - 42, and C - 43, C - 43.1, and C - 43.2.**

3. Insert a new C - 39, "**The Grand Archivist shall formulate policies for the administration of the Manitoba Masonic Archives, maintain them in a current status and ensure that they are adhered to. He shall supervise the collection, classifications, cataloguing and storage of all documents and artifacts for research purposes and assist in the preparation of displays for educational events. He shall report to the Board of General Purposes annually through the Training, Resource and Archives Committee.**"

Several amendments to Regulations referring to the foregoing proposed constitutional amendments will be held in abeyance pending results of the vote at the Grand Communication.



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## Nominations for the 2005 - 2006 Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Grand Master .....	RW Bro. George J. Forzley (3)
Deputy Grand Master .....	RW Bro. Brian J. Bailie (145)
Senior Grand Warden .....	RW Bro. Kenneth Butchart (184)
Junior Grand Warden .....	RW Bro. Edward Henry (Ted) Jones (3)
Grand Treasurer .....	RW Bro. Earl Gliner (167)
Grand Chaplain .....	RW Bro. David G. Love (151)
Grand Historian .....	RW Bro. Gregg Yeo (127)
Grand Director of Ceremonies .....	W Bro. Bernard Gross (136)
	VW Bro. Kevin James Davis (182)

### District Deputy Grand Masters 2005-2006

First Masonic District .....	Neil McMillan (184)
Fifth Masonic District .....	Gary Conner (14)
Ninth Masonic District .....	Arthur D. Cooke (68)
Tenth Masonic District .....	William McKenzie (175)
Thirteenth Masonic District .....	Ian L. Stevenson (138)
Assiniboine Masonic District .....	James W. Hird (51)
Unity Masonic District .....	John N. C. Campbell (185)

### Appointed Officers

Grand Secretary .....	MW Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilsone (182)
Grand Librarian .....	RW Bro. Brian Rountree (174)

### Appointed by DGM for 2005-2006

Senior Grand Deacon .....	VW Bro. Thomas Matheson (3)
Junior Grand Deacon .....	VW Bro. Benjamin F. Harnish (138)
Grand Organist .....	VW Bro. Constante S. Uson (136)
Senior Grand Steward .....	VW Bro. Jeffery T. Chartrand (180)
Junior Grand Steward .....	VW Bro. Douglas A. Scott (111)
Grand Pursuivant .....	VW Bro. Alvin J. Taft (158)
Grand Tyler .....	VW Bro. Louis J. Harmel (185)

### Board of General Purposes (7 elected by acclamation)

**RW Bro. Rudy Weidenbacher**; Ancient Landmark No. 3; Age 64; Retired; WM 1993, Grand Organist 2001

**RW Bro. John A. Windsor**; St John's No. 4; Age 82; Retired; WM Cornerstone No. 179 - 1994 & 1995; DDGM First Masonic District 2000, Enhancement Committee last seven years

**RW Bro. Barrie Homeniuk**; Acacia No. 111; Age 57; Duffy's Taxi; WM Stonewall No. 12 - 1994

**RW Bro. Brian Segal**; Empire No. 127; Age 55; Manager Seal Carpets; WM 1994; BGP 2002-2005

**RW Bro. Barrie Jones**; Lodge of Renewal No. 181; Age 69; Retired; WM 1994, 1995 & 2001, JGD 1997; Executive Secretary, Grand Lodge

**RW Bro. Richard Blagden**; Charleswood Red River No. 184; Age 68; Retired; WM 163 - 1982; DDGM First District 2002; BGP 2002 - 2004

**RW Bro. Stano Spina**; Keystone No. 185; Age 62; Hairstylist; WM Fort Garry No. 30 - 1990; DDGM Twelfth District 2000; BGP 2002-2004