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The Grand Master's Message

When I started to consider this message I was occupying a bed in Concordia Hospital. Things are on the mend, but I still have some strength to regain. I was able to procure a day pass to attend the installation of officers of Sphinx Temple No. 116, Daughters of the Nile and bring greetings on your behalf.

When the Brethren of Vermillion Lodge became aware of the fact that I was not feeling up to par they decided to postpone my visit to them until May. A very considerate gesture, but not a surprising one as this is the kind of consideration I have been afforded all year.

As the end of my term as your Grand Master draws near, I came across the following that has the best message I can ever relay to you.

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. YESTERDAY has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. YESTERDAY is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. TOMORROW is also beyond our immediate control.

TOMORROW'S sun will rise, either in splendour or behind a mask of clouds - but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in TOMORROW, for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day - TODAY - any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities - YESTERDAY and TOMORROW that we break down.

It is not the experience of TODAY that drives men mad - it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened YESTERDAY and the dread of what TOMORROW may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time.

My thought for the month is a little different this time, but I am sure you can all figure it out.

2 Y's U R

2 Y's U B

I C U R

2 Y's 4 M E

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue his blessing on you, your families and our Great Fraternity.

Fraternally,
George

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

MAY 2006

7	District 13 Divine Service	TBA	
13	District 10 Annual Meeting	E.K. Masonic Temple	10:00 AM OV
29	OES Grand Chapter	Canad Inn Polo Park	7:00 PM OV

Any Master Mason may accompany the Grand Master on his Official Visits

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge

Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations pursuant to the amendment, in June, 2005, of Article C-5 including the Right Worshipful Grand Archivist in the list of Grand Lodge Officers and the passage of the new constitutional Article C-39 dealing with the duties of the Grand Archivist.

Amend Article C-22: By replacing the words "or Grand Librarian" with the words
" , Grand Librarian or Grand Archivist."

The Constitutional amendment is eligible for presentation at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to be held in the city of Winnipeg on the 2nd and 3rd of June in the year 2006.

I, MW Bro. R. A. Porter, Chairman, move adoption of this seconded by MW Bro. Stuart Allen.

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 have generated requests for more. This is a list of those events planned for 2006-07. So clear your calendars and keep these dates open.

Nov. 3 & 4, 2006 - MB Masonic Workshop "Awakening Our Masonic Essence"

Nov. 18, 2006 - Wardens Workshop

Jan. 20, 2007 - E.A. Seminar

Feb. 17, 2007 - F.C. Seminar

March 17, 2007 - L.E.O.'s M.M. Seminar

More details will follow. We hope to see you there.

-RW Bro. Phil Zubrycki

MANITOBA MASONIC WORKSHOP

The Manitoba Masonic Workshop is scheduled for Nov 3, 4 and 5th. It will be held on the shores of Lake Winnipeg at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Centre in Gimli. The agenda is undergoing some revisions and will be forwarded to all lodge secretaries prior to the summer recess.

Mark these dates on your calendar and make this commitment to the future of our Craft, the vitality of your Lodge as well as your personal growth and development.

See you in Gimli!

MANITOBA MASONIC STUDY GROUP

With the popularity today of the esoteric wisdom of the ages one would suspect that this group should be riding high on the crest of this enthusiasm. The next big wave will hit the MMC on Wednesday, May 31st where one brother's interpretation of the concealed challenges within the E.A. Working Tools lecture will be discussed. Good fellowship, inspiring discussions and a chance to win one of today's best selling Masonic titles are all good reasons to attend. See you there!

UNION HISTORICAL LODGE MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Union Historical Lodge No. 108 will take place in the Lodge Building on the grounds of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum, Austin MB commencing at 8: 00 p.m. May 26, 2006. Plan to attend.

Volunteers required for the Thresherman's Reunion July 26 through July 29. If you wish to help please call MW Bro. Roy McMillan at (204) 857-6900.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba - June 1, 2 & 3, 2006
The Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2006 – 2007

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NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

(Eight to be elected)

RW Bro. John N. C. Campbell	Keystone No. 185
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W Bro. Walter Wolfson	Capitol Lodge No. 136
RW Bro. Phil Zubrycki.....	Empire Lodge No. 127
W Bro. Jimm Simon	Stonewall Lodge No. 12
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RW Bro. Jim Little.....	Northern Light Prince Rupert’s No. 1
W Bro. Baldur Johnson	Charleswood Red River Lodge No. 184
VW Bro. William Evans	Keystone Lodge No. 185
RW Bro. Kris Goodmanson	Capitol Lodge No. 136
W Bro. Benjamin Kushner	Viking Lodge No. 175

THE WEEKEND TO END BREAST CANCER

I've been training for over a month now and the enormity of this 60 km walk is really starting to sink in. It's a really *loong* way! Don't let me do all this for naught. Please make a contribution to help in the battle against cancer. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for all donations over \$10.00. Your support *will* make a difference. Our efforts *can* beat cancer! Please see the website for this worthy cause at www.endcancer.ca, or call (204) 256-WALK to donate.

- MW Bro. Don Beattie



NEWS FROM THE GRAND ARCHIVIST

Some time ago the Board of General Purposes approved a motion to the effect that Lodges and Districts could forward material more than seven years old and which were not required for the day-to-day operation of the Lodge or District to the Heritage Center (Archives).

At this time of the year some Lodge and District officers may be doing spring house-cleaning and considering sending material in for safekeeping in the Heritage Center. As Grand Archivist I would caution all to be extremely careful in terms of what you plan to consign to the trash bin. On March 23rd, while working through a box of material which, of first glance, appeared to be of little value, I found an item loosely wrapped in brown paper. On examination the item was a Master Mason's Certificate issued by Lodge No. 12 of the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada and dated **'15 Feb'y 1817'** to a Caleb Cook. The certificate is complete with a blue ribbon interwoven through cuts in the left side and an incomplete wax seal.

It would have been very easy to overlook this item which is now the oldest document in our collection.

The only items which should **NOT** be sent in to the Heritage Center are cancelled cheques, bank deposit slips and statements and outdated dues cards. Please leave the determination as to what should be discarded up to the Archives staff. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

As archivist for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba I have been blessed with the contribution of a small metal trunk full of membership records. Unfortunately they are all relative to the Loyal Order of Orange, for which collection I have no mandate.

I have spoken to the Order's Toronto office and have been informed (several months ago) that they would have someone contact me but to date I have had no contact. As an archivist I hate to throw this material in the dumpster but must get rid of it.

If any of the brethren have contact with members of the Orange who would be interested in these records would you please have them contact me through the Grand Lodge office. Thanks for your help.

- RW Bro. Al Brock, Grand Archivist

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