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The Grand Master's Message

My Brethren,

It just seems a short while ago I was preparing my first Masonry in Manitoba message to you all and here I am writing my final message. I am not going to spend a lot of time and space thanking all who make this monthly message to you all possible. They know who they are and I thank them all, but I will have a special mention for one person at the end of this message. My apologies in my last message for missing saying to you all "Have a Happy Easter" so I say it now. While on the topic of religious holidays, to all of our brethren and their families of the Jewish faith "I trust you all had a very peaceful and enjoyable Passover", Shalom.

Our Grand Lodge Communication is fast approaching (June 5, 6 & 7) at the Hilton Suites. Please be sure to book your rooms early to avoid disappointment, and please try to attend as this is where decisions are made. I am sure the Grand Master elect, RW Bro. Ted Jones would appreciate your support at his installation.

I am gratified by the number of brethren who have approached me at different Lodge meetings and expressed their pleasure in reading my messages in Masonry in Manitoba. I have always tried to keep my messages relatively short, to the point and interesting, and if I have succeeded in making the messages pleasant reading I feel happy about that and thank all those who approached me with their comments.

I have been asked by Jobs Daughters to participate in their "HIKE" fundraiser on May 24th at the Viscount Gort. Their theme is "Dancing with The Stars." I will be there performing, but who will I be dancing with? And what dance will I be doing? Buy a ticket to find the

answers to both questions!! (And don't forget your cameras.)

The Grand Line attended The All Canada Conference in Winnipeg on March 27, 28 and 29th at The Viscount Gort Hotel. A good start to the conference was Bro. Frank Albo giving our out-of-Province brethren a tour of our Manitoba Legislature together with his unique style of pointing out all the "secrets." This was very well received and we thank Bros. Frank Albo and Lynne Latozke for arranging this. This conference is where all the Grand Lodge jurisdictions in Canada meet to share ideas and outline some of the important programs they implement in their respective Grand Lodges. I gave an update on our Cancer Cars, COMELY Program, KIDS ID, the military dispensation issued on January 8th and of course included the Canadian Human Rights Museum.

As I finish this final message I offer my heartfelt thanks to Scott Howarth whose expertise I required a number of times in order for him and I to have you all receive Masonry In Manitoba at the correct time. For your labours, Scott, I thank you so very much. Lastly, to you all my Brothers, I thank each and every one of you for allowing me the honour and privilege to serve as your Grand Master for this past twelve months.

Thank you most sincerely and may the Most High be with you all.

Fraternally,
Ken



GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

MAY 2008

3	Unity District Meeting	Empire Masonic Hall	10:00 AM	
10	10th District Meeting	Kimberly Temple	10:00 AM	
11	Shrine Circus	Selkirk		
13	Kilcona Lodge No. 183	E.K. Masonic Centre	7:30 PM	OV
14	Starbuck Lodge No. 160	Masonic Centre, Starbuck	8:00 PM	OV
27	O.E.S. Installation			

JUNE 2008

5-7	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	The Hilton Suites, Winnipeg		
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WARDENS' WORKSHOP

Wherever you are on your ascension to the East in your Lodge the enormity of the challenge slowly grows as the years pass by. Each year as you progress to a higher chair the brethren congratulate you and wish you good luck. An early president of the USA, Thomas Jefferson, made this observation regarding luck: *"I'm a great believer in luck and I find that the harder I work the more of it I have."* The trick is not to work harder but to work smarter! Ok, how do we do that?

Your Grand Lodge has been presenting a Wardens' Workshop for a number of years. They continue to refine it, ensuring that it is relative to the needs of today's officers. They recognize that one does not learn to be a Worshipful Master in a year - it is a process that starts at Initiation and ends long after he has completed his term as the Immediate Past Master. This course speaks specifically to the duties of the Wardens, the Director of Ceremonies and the Worshipful Master. The earlier one begins to prepare himself, the more likely he is to respond to the needs of his brethren, thereby contributing to the well being of both his Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general.

This workshop will be presented at MMC on September 27th, 2008. Mark that date on your calendar. Further information will be forthcoming.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN LODGE OF FREEMASONS

The Annual meeting of the International Peace Garden Lodge will be held on Saturday, August 9 at the International Peace Garden.

- 11 am to noon - Registration for members.
- Noon to 2 pm - Luncheon at the Masonic Auditorium.
- 2 pm to 4 pm - meeting at the Burdick Building.

The meeting is open to all Masons, O.E.S. members and their families. TICKETS FOR LUNCHEON are \$12.00 each (U.S. or CAD) and are available from:

Scotty Gillespie, 63 Falcon Crescent, Brandon, MB, R7B 3Z9

or

Bob Leonard, P.O. Box 67 Dunseith, ND 58329 (SORRY- NO PHONE ORDERS)

For further information please contact Scotty Gillespie at 204-727-2939

THE WILLIAM DOUGLAS MEDAL

"Most, but not all of you are aware of the highly coveted William Douglas Medal which may be awarded annually to a deserving brother. If you have knowledge of someone in your Lodge (not a Past Master) whose name should be submitted in nomination for this medal in (year), please send the necessary details to the Grand Lodge office. Complete contact information can be found on the last page of this month's Masonry In Manitoba. (See Section R-43.8 of the Constitution)."

RETREAT '08

Many years ago our grandfathers guarded the secrets of Freemasonry so zealously that their wives may not even have known they were members of the Craft. Our fathers were nearly as tight lipped. Several years ago Grand Lodge issued a statement giving us permission to initiate a conversation regarding our little known fraternity. But what to say? Recent efforts to 'market' the Craft have fallen flat because, frankly, a majority of our members do not truly understand what it is all about. They have some ideas but are not sufficiently confident to go beyond the obvious; "*a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.*" Are we merely a service club with ritual? Is improving the morals and social graces of our members our underlying goal? Or perhaps, is there concealed within our story a profound lesson regarding the spiritual nature of mankind which will change the way you view the world and mankind's role within it? Our Retreat this fall will address that last question. It will 'Awaken your Soul' and just might be a life changing experience! Don't you dare miss it!!

WEBSITE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Over the coming summer we will be implementing a change to the format of the *Events Calendar* page on the Grand Lodge website. This change will allow our lodges to publicize information about their meetings and special events and will hopefully lead to more fraternal visiting and increased attendance at social functions and fundraisers etc.

We ask that each lodge designate one brother to take responsibility for adding and updating their information. He needn't be particularly web-savvy. The calendar function is provided by *Google* and doesn't require knowledge of the 'secrets' of website coding. A computer connected to the internet and a reasonable command of language, spelling and grammar are all that's needed.

We encourage you to select a volunteer and forward his name and email address to MW Bro. Steve Kane (sec@grandlodge.mb.ca) as soon as possible. We will send that person a link to the site where the information can be inserted. The results will be embedded into a non-public 'practice' page on the Grand Lodge website immediately. When the participants are comfortable with the process we will create a permanent, 'public' page, accessible by anyone who browses our site.

Please note that Grand Lodge is not in a position to offer technical support for this process. We ask that you designate your representative soon so that he may familiarize himself with the ins and outs of using this system. Since the public will not have access to the resulting web page until the fall (the volunteer contributors will, of course) now is the time to experiment and make mistakes! Please take advantage of this opportunity to let others know what we're doing.



ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba - June 5, 6 & 7, 2008
The Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport

NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2008 - 2009

Grand Master.....	RW Bro. E. H. (Ted) Jones... No. 3
Immediate Past Grand Master...	MW Bro. Ken Butchart No. 183
Deputy Grand Master.....	RW Bro. David G.Love..... No. 188
Senior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro Kris Goodmanson... Capitol No. 136
Junior Grand Warden	THREE nominations (see pg.5)
Grand Treasurer.....	RW Bro. Earl Glinger Mehorah No. 167
Grand Secretary.....	MW Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilson.. Millennium No. 182
Grand Chaplain.....	V W Bro. Norman Pohl..... Phoenix U.D.
Grand Historian.....	RW Bro. Junn Manalang Capitol No. 136
Grand Archivist.....	RW Bro. Allan Brock Sturgeon Creek No.145
Grand Director of Ceremonies..	RW Bro. Bernie Gross..... Capitol No. 136
Grand Librarian.....	RW Bro. Brian Rountree Mystery No. 174

NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

BISHARAT, Emad N., Ancient Landmark No. 3, age 51; Business owner of Delta Cleaners, WM 2005.

WEIDENBACHER, Rudy, Ancient Landmark No. 3, age 66; Retired, WM 1990, Grand Organist 2001-02, BGP 2005-2008.

WINDSOR, John A., St. John's No. 4, age 85; Retired, W.M. of Cornerstone No. 179 in 1994-95, DDGM First Masonic District in 2000, BGP 1999-2008.

WEBSTER, Doug, Acacia No. 111, age 52; Deputy Chief of Police, WM 1998, DDGM Thirteenth Masonic District in 2004-05, Appointed BGP 2007-08

HOOPER, Jack, Kilcona Lodge No. 183, age 59; Retired, W.M. of Transcona Lodge No. 123 in 1987, Grand Pursuivant 1993-94, BGP 1994 -2000.

SEGAL, Brian, Empire No 127, age 52; Self Employed - Seel Cleaners Ltd, WM 1994, Grand Pursuivant 2002-3, B.G.P. 2002-2008, DDGM Unity District in 2007-08.

MOHARIB, Dr. Nassif, Capitol No. 136, age 77; Urologist, WM 2001-02.

SHERBROOK, Edward (Ted), Viking No. 175, age 74; Retired, WM 2007.

LANGTRY, J. Brian, Seven Stars No. 180, age 60; Accountant, WM 1995-96, BGP 1998-2003, DDGM Twelfth Masonic District 2004-05.

GILESPIE, Brent, Millennium No. 182, age 50; Police Officer, WM Friendship Lodge No. 165 in 1992 and 1995, Junior Grand Deacon 2006-2007.

BLAGDEN, Richard, Charleswood Red River No 184, age 71; Retired, WM Charleswood Lodge No. 163 in 1982, DDGM First Masonic District 2001-02, BGP 2002-2008.

SPINA, Stano, Keystone No. 185, age 64; WM Fort Garry No. 130 in 1990, Self Employed Hairstylist, DDGM Twelfth Masonic District 2001, BGP 2002-2008.

VELTHUYS, Nico, Keystone No. 185, age 47; Manager-General Accounting, WM Three Pillars Lodge No. 169 in 1999-2001.

HAWES, Dean Oakley, The Dormer Mount Sinai No. 188, age 53; Courier, WM Transcona No. 123 in 1998, 1999 & 2000, WM The Dormer in 2005, DDGM Tenth Masonic District in 2007-08.

GOODS, Jack Murray, Phoenix Lodge U.D., age 78; Owner of Westcan Dev. Inc., WM Cornerstone Lodge No. 170 in 1986, WM Phoenix Lodge U.D. 2007-08.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**



RW BRO. KEITH DAVIDSON; Kilcona Lodge No. 183, age 50; W.M. Kildonan Lodge No. 131 in 2002 & 2003, W.M. Kilcona Lodge in 2005, D.D.G.M. of Tenth Masonic District in 2007, Appointed Grand Sword Bearer for 2007-2008.



RW BRO. BARRY JOHN HOMENICK; Acacia Lodge No. 111, age 59; W.M. Stonewall Lodge No. 12 in 1994, BGP 2005-2008, Chairman of Membership Committee 2007-2008.



RW BRO. CONSTANTE (CHIBU) USÓN; Capitol Lodge No. 136 & Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge U.D., age 53; W.M. Capitol Lodge No. 136 in 2002, Grand Organist 2005-2006, B.G.P. 2006-present, Secretary of Capitol Lodge 2007-present, Sec-Treas. of Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge U.D. 2008.



ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Winnipeg, Manitoba - June 5, 6 & 7, 2008

Social Events

Grand Master Butchart's Formal Banquet

Thursday, June 5, Reception at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m..... \$45.00 per person

Grand Lodge Dinner and Entertainment

Friday, June 6, Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. \$35.00 per person

Grand Master Ted Jones' Reception

Saturday, June 7 *No charge*

Past Masters' Association Luncheon

Friday June 6, 12:00 noon \$20.00 per person

Mixed Luncheon

Saturday, June 7, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. \$20.00 per person

Ladies' Program

Bus Excursion and Luncheon

Friday, June 6, 12:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person

RESERVATIONS for accommodations should be made directly with:

The Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport

1800 Wellington Ave., Winnipeg MB R3H 1B2

Telephone: (204) 783-1700 or 1-800- HILTONS (445-8667)

Room Rate: Double Suite \$112.00 plus taxes; King Suite \$112.00 plus taxes;

When making reservations please indicate your association with Grand Lodge

I will attend the 133rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on June 5, 6 & 7, 2008

Yes ___ No ___

I/We plan to attend the following social events:

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Payable to Grand Lodge of Manitoba)

Thursday - Grand Master's Dinner.....	\$45.00	Yes	No
Friday - Past Masters' Luncheon.....	\$20.00	Yes	No
Friday - Ladies' Bus Excursion & Luncheon.....	\$25.00	Yes	No
Friday - Grand Lodge Dinner & Entertainment.....	\$35.00	Yes	No
Saturday - Mixed Luncheon.....	\$20.00	Yes	No
Saturday - Grand Master Jones' Reception.....	<i>No charge</i>	Yes	No

(Ticket prices shown above are per person)

Name: _____ Lady's name: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

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