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OUR VISION

Freemasonry in Manitoba will be the pre-eminent fraternal organization committed to improving good men through fellowship, leadership and education.

OUR MISSION

To teach and perpetuate a fraternal way of life of high moral standards through self-improvement, brotherhood, community involvement and benevolence.

THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

reetings Brethren,

We hope that by the time this May issue of Masonry in Manitoba is in your hands that spring will finally have arrived!

How quickly the months have passed since my term of office as the Grand Master began and how many wonderful experiences we have had an opportunity to be part of.

I have endeavoured to visit as many lodges as possible during my year of office and to have as many of the Grand Lodge Officers accompany me as possible so that the officers and members of the constituted lodges might be brought into closer contact with those whom they have elected to conduct the affairs of Grand Lodge. It is also our hope that through these visits the members of the constituted lodges have come to understand that together they are the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. I owe a great debt of gratitude to all my officers and many members of the Board who so faithfully supported me and I extend my thanks for their support.

Most importantly, Official Visits gave us wonderful opportunities to meet with so many brethren from across the jurisdiction. We have also been a part of many functions hosted by members of our concordant bodies which have given us opportunities to bring our family members closer together.

The All Canada Conference of Grand Masters, including a visit to the Royal Canadian Mint, organized by PGM, MW Bro. Steve Kane was held recently in Winnipeg and was a very successful

weekend with representation from all the jurisdictions across the country. A highlight of the weekend was the Raising of four brothers to the Master Mason Degree using the Philippine Masonic Ritual. Our thanks to RW Bro. Chibu Usen and the Master Mason degree team of the Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge UD. It is always heartwarming to realize how close a fraternity we are as we renew old acquaintances and make new friends. From reports we are often able to gain new ideas that can be considered and perhaps implemented in our own jurisdiction.

We were pleased in April, to have MW Bro. Bob Conley of the Grand Lodge of Michigan conduct a leadership seminar to a selected group whose tasks for the next three years will be to pass on 'The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership' to the upcoming leaders in our jurisdiction. John Maxwell's book makes for very interesting reading as every one of his laws is supported by success stories or failures as executives of well known companies have employed or disregarded the laws he expounds upon.

All cancer drivers recently had an opportunity to attend the Canadian Cancer Society "Daffodil Days" and "April As Cancer Awareness Month" proclamation ceremony held at the Manitoba Legislative Building with Premier Gary Doer making the proclamation. A reception hosted by His Honour, Lt. Governor John Harvard in the Members Dining Room followed.

It is important to note that the Grand
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Lodge of Manitoba has been designated as a Canadian Cancer Society - Manitoba Division Gold Sponsor and that we are being included in a number of their activities and in some of their promotional brochures.

Last year the Canadian Cancer Society provided all Cancer Care drivers with a T-Shirt, and this year with the financial assistance of Grand Lodge the drivers have all been presented with a winter jacket with the Masonic Logo and Gold Sponsor cresting.

Please make plans now to attend the 134th Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge of Manitoba being held June 4th, 5th and 6th at the Hilton Suites on Wellington Avenue in Winnipeg. Please make your arrangements early and plan to

participate in all the sessions and banquets. I know that Grand Master elect, RW Bro. David Love will be pleased to have your support as he assumes the mantle of Grand Master for the coming year.

In closing, I would like to thank you, my Brother, for all the guidance, support and genuine friendship that you extended to me during my term as Grand Master. All will be genuinely treasured and never forgotten.

It has been honour and privilege to serve as your Grand Master.

"Thanks for the Memories"

as we continue to

``Strive to Make a Difference``

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

MAY 2009

2	Templum Sion Lodge	MMC	10:00 am	OV
2	Acacia Lodge 100th Anniversary Dinner	Canad Inn, Club Re- gent		OV
8	Pine Falls Lodge	Pine Falls MB	8:00 pm	OV
9	District 10 Annual Meeting			
12	Kilcona Lodge	E.K. Masonic Temple	7:30 pm	OV
15	Shrine Circus	Selkirk Arena	5:00 & 8:00 pm	
21	Scottish Rite Installation of Officers	MMC		
23	Beaver Ionic Breakfast	MMC	9:00 am	OV
23	Manitoba Sovereign Consistory 125th Anniversary Dinner			
25	Order of the Eastern Star	Canad Inn Polo Park	7:00 pm	OV

JUNE 2009

2	Carberry Lodge	Carberry Temple	6:30 pm	OV
4 - 6	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	Hilton Suites, Winnipeg		

SOME INSIGHT INTO THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

On February 25th Keystone Lodge No. 185 held a special evening in which a degree team comprising a number of Past Grand Masters conferred the Fellowcraft Degree upon four Entered Apprentice Freemasons who had just proved their proficiency in an exemplary manner.

Following the degree portion of the meeting several speakers brought greetings from their various lodges and remarked upon the quality of the work performed. They were

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most charitable in their comments, choosing to overlook some of our shortcomings and instead focused upon the positive aspects of the evening.

During the 'good of the order' an impromptu explanation of some of the 'hidden' aspects of the degree were explained. The Square plays an important role in this degree. It is one of the Three Great Lights and is also part of the 'furniture' of the Lodge. In his lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree the Junior Warden explains that the Craft, obligated within the Square and consequently bound to act thereon. These new Fellowcraft Freemasons had just been obligated within the Square and so particular attention should be paid to that particular position; the left arm supported in the angle of the square. They later discovered that it is the hailing sign or the Sign of Supplication with one explanation being that it was the sign that Joshua used when asking God for an extension of daylight. A second use is touched on briefly and it is here that we learn the true import of the sign: "*And Moses too, when he came down from the mount...*", where God revealed His name to Moses. "*I Am That Which I Am*" is the generally accepted translation of *YHVH*, which the Jewish people considered the ineffable name of the Deity. Since the Hebrew language is read from right to left the letters 'H' can be translated into the word "I".

Let's go back briefly to the previous degree where in the prayer divine assistance is requested so that each of us will be enabled to display the beauty of true godliness. This led us to a portion of the scripture in which God told Abram to "*walk before me and be perfect.*" There was more involved in that conversation. At that time God changed Abram's name to Abraham and also his wife's name from Sari to Sarah. By adding the letter "H" to their names God was making them special for from their union would ensue His chosen people.

We whispered the letter "H" with our hands close to our lips and felt the puff of air with the 'ch' syllable. This is referred to as the 'divine breath of God' and harkens back to the time when God created mankind. This can be found in Genesis, Chapter 2, verse 7: "*The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.*"

Now the reason for the seemingly unrelated story of the biblical battle between the Ephraimites and Jephtha becomes more apparent. The Ephraimites' inability to correctly pronounce the test word involved this letter "H". This special word then reminds us of an important truth, that all of mankind is created in the image of God, is animated by His Divine Breath and we all carry within our being His immortal spirit.

Both the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees have directed us, step by step, along a path whose destination will provide us with a fuller understanding of the great mystery of our very essence. I think many previously considered the Fellowcraft Degree as being relatively unimportant but we now see how it sets the stage for the ultimate revelation which will become apparent upon being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

There is a lesser known story about General Jephtha. On the eve of a particularly dangerous battle he prayed to God for a victory and as we often do, he made a deal with God. He promised that if he were granted victory he would sacrifice to God the first thing he saw when he returned home. Victory was his but his euphoria was short lived for upon his return his daughter rushed out to greet him. A promise to God could not be ignored and although it broke his heart, that promise was carried out. The brother who delivered the Final Charge had lost his daughter very recently. One could see the pain and grief etched into the lines of his face as he struggled to maintain his composure while impressing on the new Fellowcraft Freemasons the nature of their engagement as Craftsmen.

There is a special bond which exists between a man and his daughter. Several years ago one of my brothers in Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 lost his daughter in a tragic highway accident just before the Christmas holiday. I can't explain how that affected me but I

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was prompted to write a few lines which were published last year in a collection of new Canadian poetry. I hope that the teachings of our gentle Craft and my few amateurish words will give some comfort to everyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one.

~ Too Soon Goodbye ~

*Remember the first time you saw her
You loved her even before she was born.
And you love her today, tomorrow and forever
even though she is gone.*

*You gazed down with delight at her perfection
and counted ten fingers, ten little toes.
Who does she look like? maybe your eyes
but definitely Mom's cute little nose.*

*Dolls and Teddy Bears and nursery rhymes
and a story each night before bed.
Hugs and kisses and "Sleep tight sweetheart,
I love you" - the last thing that is said.*

*The joy of a Christmas morning with a stocking
and presents under the tree.
Birthday parties and picnics and other special times,
captured forever in your memory.*

*Too soon it's off to school and the excitement
and opportunities that it brings.
Dad's little girl is growing up far too quickly
is now involved with a myriad of other things.*

*Now after twelve years it's high school graduation
Many honours and awards she achieved.
Hopes and promises for an exciting life.
Anything is possible she believed.*

*Suddenly, tragically, it's all over - those hopes,
dreams and promises all dashed.
Now all you have left are your memories of
the life that you shared in the past.*

*The questions echo inside your head. Why? What if..??,
What else could I or should I have done?
We've each of us cheated death hundreds of times,
Unfortunately, this time death won.*

*Everything you do triggers memories
and you see her face again.
How many tears will it take
to wash away the pain?*

*After the rain stops, the rainbow appears
to remind us of God's love.
And we must continue down the path that is ours
until we too are summoned above.*

*Yes, you'll smile and laugh again,
and live despite the pain.
But you will always carry an ache in your heart
and will never be whole again.*

*As surely as God hears our prayers
she too can hear, although you're apart
So tell her every night like you used to,
"Sleep tight, I love you Sweetheart".*

- MW Bro. Don Beattie

**The 134th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba - June 4, 5 & 6, 2009**

I/We accept the Grand Master's personal invitation to attend:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Office Held: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Lady's Name: _____

Grand Master Jones' Formal Banquet

Thursday, June 4 6:00 pm Reception 7:00 pm Dinner

Dress: Gentlemen - White jacket or black tuxedo

Ladies - Cocktail dress or long gown. Choice of:

Prime Rib with Shiraz Reduction [1] [2] @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

OR *Oven Chicken Breast* [1] [2] @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

Luncheon Hosted by the Past Masters' Association

Friday, June 4 12:00 noon

[1] [2] @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Grand Lodge Dinner & Entertainment

Friday, June 5 6:00 pm Cocktails 7:00 pm Dinner

Dress: Gentlemen - Business suit Ladies - Cocktail dress. Choice of:

Herb Rubbed Pork Loin w/ Red Wine Reduction [1] [2] @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

OR *Breaded Pickerel w/ Citrus Beurre Blanc* [1] [2] @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

Mixed Luncheon Hosted by the Royal Arch Masons

Saturday, June 6 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

[1] [2] @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Grand Master Love's Reception

Hosted by Bethel No. 9, International Order of Job's Daughters

Saturday, June 6

No Charge

Ladies' Events

Friday, June 5 11:00 am ***Bus Excursion & Lunch***

Saturday, June 6 9:30 am ***"Breakfast with Shirley"***

[1] [2] @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please enclose a cheque for the appropriate amount
payable to Grand Lodge of Manitoba

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

Note: Reservations should be made before the hotel cut-off date of April 30, 2009

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba - June 4, 5 & 6, 2009
The Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport

NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

Grand Master	RW Bro. David Love...	The Dormer Mt. Sinai No. 188
Immediate Past Grand Master	MW Bro. Ted Jones	Ancient Landmark No. 3
Deputy Grand Master	RW Bro. Kris Goodmanson	Capitol No. 136
Senior Grand Warden	RW Bro. Chibu Uson	Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge
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Velthuys, Nico	Keystone Lodge No. 185
Cook, Ian	The Dormer Mt. Sinai No. 188
Heinricks, Fred	The Dormer Mt. Sinai No. 188

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN LODGE OF FREEMASONS

This year's meeting of the International Peace Garden Lodge will take place on August 8th. Registration will begin at 11:30 am at the Masonic Auditorium, followed by a luncheon at 12:00 noon, further registrations in the Burdick Building at 1:00 pm and the open meeting at 1:30 pm. This year, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, led by MW Bro. Rick Galloway will occupy the East. Plan to make the trip for a most enjoyable day with your family at the scenic Peace Garden on Highway 10 south.

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