



## The Grand Master's Message

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Brethren,  
Since my last message to you, your Grand Lodge Officers have been kept rather busy. In mid-August we attended the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Coralville, Ohio and the Morden Corn & Apple Festival parade. We had a good number of representatives of the Masonic Family riding on the trailer in the parade.

On the Labour Day weekend I was busy with my own lodge hosting a visitation from our sister lodge in St. Paul, Minnesota, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5. Then there was a visit to St. Johns Lodge No. 4 to present the William Douglas Medal, followed the next day by the commencement of our Northern Trip.

As we head into the month of October we find there are fewer daylight hours for our activities, and the morning and evening air starts to get a little nip to it so that we require a sweater or jacket when going out. October also affords us an opportunity to enjoy a couple of special events, Thanksgiving and Halloween. Halloween, of course, is for the enjoyment of the children, who tum into witches and goblins looking for treats. Some of us take advantage of that when we go out shopping for the treats. We make sure there is sufficient to give away, but also that there is ample left over for up to nibble on for a few days thereafter.

Thanksgiving, a more serious holiday, is a time for reflection and meditation. It is a time when we should show and express our appreciation for the many bountiful things we have, when we see what is happening in other parts of the world. Too often we take many things for granted when we should, in fact, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in our lives today.

Below are a few items that came to my attention that may perhaps give us a better appreciation of what Thanksgiving is all about:

- If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.
- Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.
- Should you despair over a relationship or friendship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return.
- Should you grieve the passing of another weekend or your vacation, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.
- Should your car breakdown, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.
- Should you notice a new gray hair when looking into the mirror; think of the cancer patients in chemo who wished they had hair to examine.
- Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about and what is my purpose, be thankful, as there are those who did not live long enough to get that opportunity.
- Should you find yourself the victim of other peoples' bitterness, ignorance or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them.

Please take a moment, on that special day, from the turkey, ham and pumpkin pie to offer a word of thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings we have that are taken for granted. At the same time ask his blessing on our Fraternity so that we may remain strong and vibrant, able to continue the

work of our Order.

*A thought for the month*

Because you're able to do it and because you have the right to do it, doesn't mean it's right to do it.

Fraternally,  
George

## GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

### October 2005

3	Beaver Ionic Lodge No. 25	MMC	7:30 PM OV
6	Viking Lodge No. 175	Gimli	8:00 PM OV
12 - 14	Western Canada Conference	Canmore AB	
15	Britannia Lodge No. 18	Ponoka AB	
17	Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	MMC	7:30 PM OV
17	Intern'l Masonic Friendship Night <i>(MW Bro. Munz will attend on behalf of the Grand Master)</i>	Pelican Rapids MN	
18	Northem Light/Prince Rupert's No. 1	MMC	7:30 PM OV
29	Condition of Freemasonry		

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



## HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF



The Grand Lodge of Manitoba is now accepting donations from our brethren to assist the victims of the devastating Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Grand Lodge will forward all donations received for this appeal to the Masonic Service Association of North America. Please designate your contributions (to Grand Lodge of Manitoba) accordingly, indicating that it is for "Katrina Relief Efforts."

**PLEASE HELP IF YOU ARE ABLE**

- MW Bro. A. E. Packer, Chairman, Masonic Relief

## DEACONS & WARDENS WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop for Wardens and Deacons on Saturday, November 5th. This is a workshop focused on leadership and organizational skills for future lodge officers. It will be a benefit to both York Rite and Canadian Work lodges. It is important to the lodge that your future officers attend this workshop. Registration forms will be forwarded to lodge secretaries. The workshop will be held in Portage la Prairie from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided and the registration cost will be \$30.00. The emphasis on the exchange of information and fellowship will be an inspiration to a future Worshipful Master. Hope to see you there.

- RW Bro. Phil Zubrycki

## **M.o.M & K.I.D.s I.D. PROGRAM**

Brethren, we are "Calling All Masons."

The M.o.M & K.I.D.S (Masons of Manitoba and Kids IDentification Service) program needs your support and participation. The program vision is; "The M.o.M. & K.I.D.S." program will highlight the commitment to the public good and enhance the visibility of the Freemasons of Manitoba." This program is for you and your lodge to develop a presence and visibility in your community.

To make this program a success lodge teams are needed. The training is ready to go at your convenience. So GET A GROUP TOGETHER and lets get going! For further details and booking of equipment or training please contact the Grand Lodge Office.

- RW Bro. Phil Zubrycki

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND ARCHIVIST**

I have been unofficially informed that the Masonic Memorial Temple Board is about to begin considering a possible expansion for our building at 420 Corydon Avenue. In order to assist them in this phase of their work it will be necessary for me to develop a proposal regarding long-term space requirements for the Manitoba Masonic Archives.

Those of us who are working with the collection are familiar with the size of our present location and the amount of material on hand. The unknown element at this point, however, is the amount of material which might be brought in during the next five years or more.

I realize that unforeseen events occur but if your lodge is contemplating the transfer of records or other material to the Archives would you please inform us accordingly at an early date.

As members of this Grand Lodge this is your archives. Your assistance is and will be greatly appreciated.

- RW Bro. Al Brock, Grand Archivist

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## **CANCER CARE PROGRAM NOW OFFERING**

### **"BROTHER BEAR" T-SHIRTS**

Cancer Care Manitoba has produced t-shirts featuring the "Bears on Broadway" theme which has proved to be a great tourist attraction and has raised the public's awareness of the participants. Our Brother Bear has been voted as one of the 'favorites'. We have selected a slightly more expensive t-shirt which, in addition to the Bears on Broadway logo on the right breast, has a large picture of 'Brother Bear' on the back along with 'Freemasons of Manitoba'. They are available in S, M, L and XL in adult sizes and S, M and L in youth sizes.

The cost is only \$22 with no tax required.

Here is a chance to be a part of a winning operation! Order yours today from the Grand Lodge office.

- MW Bro. Don Beattie

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## **THE FOUNDATION OF FREEMASONRY**

By R. W. Bro. E. A. Davies, 1976

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Every entrant into Freemasonry is informed that 'no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests, the practice of every moral and social virtue.' These words, so full of meaning, should by their constant reiteration in our Lodges, grip the conscience and heart of each member and the result should be seen in increasing nobility of character, purity of life and unselfishness of service.

We are living today in an age of transition. This is practically a new age and thoughtful men everywhere are alive to it. Old institutions, old methods, old forms of procedure are being subjected to rigid scrutiny and only those survive which can be adapted to the changing times. The foundation of Masonry is so broad and firm that rightly conceived and ex-

pressed, Masonry cannot do other than win men, who come under its spell to the service of humanity.

Masonry teaches righteousness and morality and as this grips the thought of sincere men gathered together from all walks and occupations of life, eventually they feel how closely they are bound to one another by a common tie. This explains how Masonry comes to foster in its members self-respect and self-help qualities that enable a man to stand alone if need be and yet safeguard him from infringing on the rights and claims of others.

'The Practice of every moral and social virtue' is required of every man if this world is to be the world God meant it to be. Masonry, properly understood and interpreted, lays itself out to serve men regardless of race, rank, or creed and its main desire is to see that no man is denied the full inheritance of humanity. But Masonry will only achieve its full purpose when every member of the Craft comes to realize that he must individually and personally live out its principles and tenets in actual life.

An unworthy Mason, one who contravenes in his daily conduct the foundation principles of Masonry, who violates in word and spirit the obligation into which he has solemnly entered, does untold harm to one of the noblest institutions for promoting fraternity and goodwill in all classes and grades of society. The principles of Masonry never detrimentally affect any man and every man ought to be better for adopting them and allowing them to regulate his character and conduct. It therefore is the duty of all of us who have anything to do in promoting the maintenance and expansion of the Craft, to ceaselessly stress the solid foundation on which Freemasonry rests and the supreme importance individually of rigidly adhering to 'the practice of every moral and social virtue.' Human nature, if allowed to get out of control and is left undisciplined, will soon drag any man down. High character can only be maintained by the guidance and control of high principles and the maintenance of lofty ideals.

Built on a truly Masonic foundation, Freemasonry has a wonderful place in the world. It is remarkable how it binds men together in faith, freedom and friendship. This is because it rests upon spiritual realities. It organizes men in spiritual faith, moral purposes and eternal hope and cements them together by brotherly love and a common high endeavour. It has been declared that 'Masonry teaches the highest truth by the humblest emblems.'

Masonry leads those who sincerely come under its influence and teaching to see the difference between a materialistic and a spiritual reading of the meaning of life, and it stimulates them to an increased faith in God, in the life to come and in the final victory of good over evil. This is the basis of its strength, the beauty of its symbolism and the secret of its fellowship. As Masons, our trust is in God, that He who made us what we are will lead us finally to that which we ought to be. Life is brief as it is longest and broken at its best and the teaching of Masonry urges men to be careful to perform their allotted task while it is yet day, never to betray their trust, to practice outside the Lodge the truths they have been taught within and on all occasions to let their life be a living expression of the principles to which they have solemnly vowed their allegiance. Masonry has an abiding foundation. Its members, therefore, must be loyal and true and on that foundation individually 'raise a superstructure, perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder.' This will foster the principle and practice of brotherhood and thus the great fraternity.

*'Shall bind each heart and nation  
In one grand brotherhood of men  
And one high consecration.'*

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