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MW Bro. Ted Jones, Grand Master 2008 - 2009

Ted Jones grew up in Austin, Portage la Prairie and later Winnipeg where he attended General Wolfe and Daniel McIntyre Collegiate. He then joined the RCAF and set off to see the world. He saw a good portion of it, enjoying a career which saw him promoted to Chief Warrant Officer, which is the highest rank a non-commissioned officer can hold and culminated with the investiture as a member of the 'Order of Military Merit.' Other highlights included a stint with the 'Golden Centennaires', our 1967 Centennial Aerobatic Team.

Ted was always involved in sports, either actively or as a supporter. He was named Executive Director of Skate Canada and served in that capacity for ten years.

Masonically, MW Bro. Jones was initiated into Freemasonry in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 in 1992 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1999. He decided to join the Scottish Rite and received his 32nd degree in 1994. About the same time he was initiated into Khartum Shrine, joining the Khartum Komediens in 1995. In 2006 he was invited to join the Royal Order of Scotland. He was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2002 and in 2004 was presented with the GM's Meritorious Service Award. The following year he was elected Junior Grand Warden and began his progression to his present position.

Ted and Shirley celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2007. Their family includes Gay-Lynne (Texas) and Joy-Anne, Mrs. Wayne Boudreau and their two sons; Colten and Brett.

Bro. Ted brings a unique combination of 'farm boy ingenuity', military 'know how' and business 'savvy', all of which will serve him and the fraternity well as he leads us for the next year.

THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

We trust that you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the coming fall activities.

To begin, my very sincere thank you to all the Masons of Manitoba for granting me the honour and privilege of serving as your Grand Master. I know that those who have been elected as Grand Lodge Officers, D.D.G.M.'s and Members of the Board look forward to working with you as we "Strive to Make a Difference".

Since our Grand Lodge Communication the Grand Lodge Officers have had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge Communications of Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the Yukon, North Dakota and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. It has provided us with opportunities to gain a broader understanding of Masonry and to gain insight into the workings of other jurisdictions as well as to promote the basic Masonic principle of brotherhood.

By the time you read this, the Grand Lodge Officers will have attended parades along with many of our Shrine Nobles in Selkirk, Dauphin, Gimli and Morden. We are pleased to have the Cancer Care Vans in all the parades with the exception of Dauphin as this provides a great opportunity to promote both our Masonic Charity and the Canadian Cancer Society - Manitoba Division.

The Grand Lodge Officers were pleased to accept an invitation to attend the June 26th Stated Meeting of Khartum Temple. My sincere thanks to Illustrious Sir, Morley Kabernick for honouring me with the presentation of a Khartum Grand Master's Fez.

It is well known that maintaining membership is one our major problems and methods of "retention" should be a focus in all our activities. Most often we are concerned with those who are not in lodge rather than being concerned with those who are. It is more important now than ever to listen to our members, be open to suggestions and to be constructive in our consideration of these.

As well, in some cases, due to unfortunate circumstances, we have lost a number of members who were a credit to our Craft. These same members, if the right approach were used might be open to renewing their membership in our Lodges. For my term as Grand Master, during the year 2008 and 2009, we are proposing Amnesty to those Brothers who have been members of the Craft.

We hope to have a number of you join us on the Grand Master's Northern Trip, September 4th to 7th. It promises to be a wonderful few days full of shared activities and friendship.

As well, we hope you will plan to attend the Grand Master's Divine Church Service to be held at Knox United Church on September 21st at 11:00am with refreshments to follow. This service will include music by the choir and soloist V.W.Bro. Gordon Fardoe along with the wonderful pipe organ and Shrine Pipe Band.

In closing, thank you my Brethren for placing your trust in the Brothers elected to lead and govern our jurisdiction for the upcoming year.

We look forward to visiting with you during the coming months.

Fraternally,
Ted

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY				
SEPTEMBER 2008				
4 to 7	GM's Northern Trip			OV
8	Millennium Lodge No. 182	MMC	7:30 pm	OV
10	Lodge Of Renewal No. 185	MMC	7:45 pm	OV
13	Masonic Family Meeting	MMC	10:00 am	
15	Assiniboine Lodge No. 7	Portage la Prairie	7:30 pm	OV
19	Board of General Purposes	MMC	7:00 pm	
21	Divine Service	Knox United	11:00 am	
26	Union Historical Lodge No. 108	Austin	8:00 pm	OV
27	Wardens' Workshop	MMC	7:00 pm	
29	MMC Meeting	MMC	7:00 pm	

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 133rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA A.F.& A.M.**

The Annual meeting was held in the City of Winnipeg on June 6 and 7, 2008 under the leadership of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth Butchart.

The following **Grand Lodge Officers** were elected / appointed and installed:

Grand Master.....	MW Bro. E.H. (Ted) Jones (3)
Immediate Past Grand Master.....	MW Bro. Ken Butchart (183)
Deputy Grand Master.....	RW Bro. David G.Love (188)
Senior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro. Kris Goodmanson (136)
Junior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro. Constante (Chibu) Uson (136)
Grand Treasurer.....	RW Bro. Earl Gliner (167)
Grand Secretary.....	MW Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilsone (182)
Grand Chaplain.....	RW Bro. Norman Pohl (Phoenix U.D.)
Grand Historian.....	RW Bro. Jesus "Junn" Manalang (136)
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	RW Bro. Bernie Gross (136)
Grand Librarian.....	RW Bro. Brian Rountree (174)
Grand Archivist.....	RW Bro. Al Brock (145)
Senior Grand Deacon.....	VW Bro. Walter Fast (3)
Junior Grand Deacon.....	VW Bro. Steve Urias (111)
Grand Organist.....	VW Bro. Gordon Fardoe (3)
Senior Grand Steward.....	VW Bro. Rick Laronde (68)
Junior Grand Steward.....	VW Bro. Thor Weidenbacher (3)
Grand Pursuivant.....	VW Bro. Brad Lowe (25)
Grand Tyler.....	VW Bro. John Machowski (2)
Grand Standard Bearer.....	VW Bro. Stanley Barclay (4)

District Deputy Grand Masters

First Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Geoffrey Stewart (160)
Fifth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Frederick Alexander Jackson (14)
Ninth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. F.D. (Rick) Zaplityny (68)
Tenth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Randy Puchacz (2)
Thirteenth Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Douglas A. Aitken (178)
Assiniboine Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Craig A. Barwick (36)
Unity Masonic District.....	RW Bro. Terrence Stubbs (185)
Grand Master's Area.....	RW Bro. Lyle Borgstrom (153)

Members of the Board of General Purposes that were elected for a three year term are:

RW Bro. Rudy Weidenbacher (3)
RW Bro. Jack Hooper (111)
RW Bro. Douglas Webster (111)
RW Bro. Brian Segal (127)
RW Bro. Brian Langtry (180)
RW Bro. Brent Gillespie (182)
RW Bro. Stano Spina (185)
RW Bro. Dean Hawes (188)

Elected the following for a two year term:

RW Bro. Emad N. Bisharat (3)
RW Bro. Dr. Nassif H. Moharib (136)
RW Bro. Richard Blagden (184)
RW Bro. Jack M. Goods (Phoenix Lodge U.D.)

Elected the following for a one year term:

RW Bro. John Windsor. (4)

RW Bro. Edward F. (Ted) Sherbrook (175).

RW Bro. Nico Velthuys (185)

The Grand Masters (or their representatives) from the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and the Yukon, Alberta, Minnesota, North Dakota, Saskatchewan were present. The Masonic Family was represented by the Royal Arch Masons, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Khartum Shrine, Sphinx Temple - Daughters of the Nile, Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Khartum Ladies Auxiliary, Job's Daughters and the Order of Demolay.

The Flag of Canada was presented by MW Bro. Brian J. Bailie, the Flag of the United States of America was presented by MW Bro. Tom Jackson of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the Union Jack was presented by MW Bro. Stuart Allen.

A Memorial Service was held on behalf of those departed brethren under the capable direction of the Grand Chaplain, RW Bro. Junn Manalang. Special note of the loss of MW Bro. Dr. J. Lewis Beckstead and MW Bro. John M. Reid, Past Grand Masters of Manitoba.

A petition to form a new lodge to be called Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge to meet at the E. K. Masonic Temple, 205 Kimberly Avenue, Winnipeg was approved by the Board of General Purposes on November 16th 2007. An Emergent meeting was held on February 22nd 2008 in the City of Winnipeg to Institute Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge U.D. Lodge to meet at the E.K. Masonic Temple, 205 Kimberly Avenue, Winnipeg.

A Petition for a Charter to approve a Motorcycle Club to be called "The Widows Sons" was presented to the Board of General Purposes on March 14th 2008 and was regularly moved and passed at the Grand Lodge Communications June 7, 2008. A Petition for Charter was presented by Phoenix Lodge U.D. at the April 18th Board of General Purposes meeting and approved - MW Bro. Jones has set the date of November 13, 2008 for the Consecration.

The Masonic Foundation has received \$48,874.35 which was raised from contributions during the annual fund-raising campaign, exceeding the target figure of \$37,200.00 which included administration costs. This has been distributed to the following for Masons Care Program - Vehicle Fund, Rehab for Children and KidsID - It is regretted that there is still only a very small proportion of our membership that contribute to this annual charitable project. The brethren of this Jurisdiction unanimously approved as their Special Charitable Projects for 2008 the sum of \$42,200.00, to be distributed to the purchase of a Masons Care van \$30,000.00, and to support the Rehabilitation Centre for Children the sum of \$6,000.00 and the administration costs for mail out and handling of the program.

The Benevolence Committee received several requests for assistance. We have to date expended \$21,300.00 this past year which includes per capita dues assistance waiver of \$3,550.00 for 71 of our Brethren on benevolence grounds, and anticipate that an additional \$3,500.00 may be called upon before December 31st of this year.

The Masonic Enhancement Committee approved grants in the amount of \$18,778.00 to assist the Disaster Relief, Youth and Individual Lodges with their community projects.

During 2006 Cancer Care drivers made 15,517 trips transporting 618 patients to and from their homes to the hospital for treatment. Of these, Mason drivers made 8,701 trips. Currently, there are 38 active drivers in Winnipeg. Brandon, with a total of 17

drivers made 373 trips between Brandon and Winnipeg transporting approximately 138 patients. Due to an increase in the number of cancer patients from Brandon requiring transportation to Winnipeg it was decided to purchase another van to be based in Brandon. The fleet now has a total of five vans.

We face an ever increasing pressure on per capita, in spite of reducing expenses, because of declining membership. Per capita is simply the cost of operating Grand Lodge, less interest and other income, divided by the number of members. Our initial budget for 2009 showed a deficit of nearly \$12,000. The Board of General Purposes debated at great length an appropriate response and looked at several options. After a long debate it was recommended by the Board to recommend a \$5.00 increase, which is sufficient to cover the deficit. As approved at the Annual Communications the per-capita assessment will be \$60.00 as of January 2009.

The WILLIAM DOUGLAS MEDAL, for "Exceptional Service to the Craft" by a Mason of this Jurisdiction who has not attained the rank of Worshipful Master, was awarded to Brother Gordon Jule Christiaens of Capitol Lodge No. 136.

The GRAND MASTER'S AWARD FOR MERIT for contribution to the "Craft and Mankind" was presented to RW Bro A.R. (Sandy) Tennant of Millennium Lodge No. 182.

The Grand Master's CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE for "Exceptional Service to the Craft" by a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, was awarded to W Bro. Troy Walton of Brandon Lodge No. 19 presently serving with the military in Afghanistan.

RECIPIENTS OF THE LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARD, for the year 2007

1. Capitol Lodge No. 136; 2. Millennium Lodge No. 182; 3. Keystone Lodge No. 185

The special Mason Care Medal (J.E. Reesor Bingeman Medal "Cancer Driver Award") was presented to 24 members with 5 years or more service. There are a number of medals yet to be presented. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba was accorded special recognition for this successful driver program by Mr. Mark MacDonald, the CEO of the Canadian Cancer Society.

A Grand Lodge dinner and entertainment was held in the Hilton Hotel Airport Hotel on Friday, June 6th and the ladies enjoyed a planned program prepared for them by the Grand Master's lady, Mary Butchart.

The Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers was conducted by MW Bro. Stephen Kane and assisted by Past Grand Masters on Saturday, June 7th. A reception in honour of the newly installed Grand Master, MW Bro. E.H. (Ted) Jones followed.

We wish to pay our compliments to RW Bro. Rudy Weidenbacher and his assistants from the Reception and Arrangements Committee who organized all business and social events and saw that they all ran smoothly.

The 134th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be held in the city of Winnipeg on Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th, 2009.

I wish to express my thanks to MW Bro. Stephen F. Kane for his assistance in compiling this summary.

- MW Bro. C. Rae Haldane-Wilson Grand Secretary

WARDENS' WORKSHOP

The relatively quiet summer recess gives a person the opportunity to look ahead a few months and make plans for the upcoming events. Is there a promotion within the Lodge in your future? If so, are you completely prepared for the job that awaits you?

Grand Lodge realizes that retention is equally important to 'recruiting' in sustaining a workable membership. Young men joining today have a better idea of what Freemasonry is all about, indeed, they may be better informed than many of our members who have several years experience. Can your Lodge give these new, keen members the unique Masonic experience they expect?

If you will be progressing to one of the Principal Officer's positions you owe it to yourself and the fraternity to be as well prepared as possible. Each Worshipful Master is informed in the charge delivered from the NE of the Lodge that he will "*lay up for himself a crown of joy and rejoicing that will never fade away and will continue until time shall be no more.*" Beautiful words but without preparation and dedication that is all they are. Be prepared and experience that joy and rejoicing during your year in the East and afterwards.

The format of the Warden's Workshop has been developed over the past several years and addresses most of the needs of the Principal Officers. The Deacon's role in displaying 'good' ritual and in presenting meaningful degree work for the candidates is essential. So too is the Director of Ceremonies a key player in ensuring the work is done correctly. There will be sessions for both of these positions as well.

This seminar will be conducted at MMC on Saturday, September 27th. Lodge Secretaries will have complete details early in Sept.

THE RETREAT

The theme "Awaken My Soul" for our Retreat in November was prompted by an actual e-mail received from a young man who was contemplating and expressing his hopes for a possible future within the Craft. I have also talked to a young man who has struggled his way through '*The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*' by Manley P. Hall. He states in a letter:

"The principles of Freemasonry are, I believe, integral to living a life as a complete human being, in heart and in understanding. I need, as a man, what Freemasonry has to teach me."

As a fraternity we need brethren who understand the teachings of Freemasonry so we will be able to address the needs of these young men. It is indeed a quest for self discovery. Join un in Gimli on November 7th and 'Awaken your Soul!' Lodge Secretaries have further information and application forms.



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