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Most Worshipful Brother George Joseph Forzley Grand Master 2005-2006

MW Bro. George Forzley was born in Winnipeg, March 15, 1935. He graduated from Daniel MacIntyre High School in 1952. After spending the summer as a counselor at YMCA Camp Manitou he started work with the City of Winnipeg. After 38½ years of service he retired in 1991 as Superintendent of Tax Collections.

George met Barbara Mitchell and they were married in September 1959 and celebrated 45 years in 2004. They were blessed with three children, Daniel, Gordon (Penney) and Dianne. They have a "wonderful" grandson, Michael.

M.W. Bro. Forzley joined Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 in 1958 and after proceeding through the Chairs, became Worshipful Master in 1968. He served as Lodge Secretary for five years and is the recipient of a Past Secretary's Jewel. He served as DDGM of the 12th Masonic District in 1999-2000, and was a member of the Board of General Purposes 2000-2002, serving on various committees.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 2002. George is a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Winnipeg, Khartum Shrine, Khartum Shriners Past Masters' Club, Past President of Khartum Komediens. He is a Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 9, International Order of Job's Daughters and Past Associate Grand Guardian of Manitoba, International Order of Job's Daughters. He is a former Cub Leader.

Bro. George volunteered as a driver for the Masonic Cancer Driver Program for six years, and volunteered at Winnipeg Harvest for two years.



The Grand Master's Message

Brethren;
As I sit down to pen my first message to you, I am already at a loss to know where and how to start. It seems like we just commenced our summer recess after a very memorable Communication, and suddenly we are being called back from refreshment to labour. However, I do hope that you all enjoyed a happy, healthy and safe summer and that there may still be a number of fine days left to add to our enjoyment.

At the outset it is imperative that my first duty be to thank each and every one of you for giving me the honour and privilege of serving you as your Grand

Master. I am nothing more than the coach of the team, and without you, the players, there is no way to win the game. As I have indicated on more than one occasion, to serve as an officer in any part of our Fraternity is a privilege and not a right. That privilege should not be abused or mistreated, but rather accepted with thanks, honor and humility. The Brethren having put their faith and trust in you, should at the very least be afforded the respect and thanks that is due them. We are all first and foremost Master Masons and the fancy aprons and collars are nothing more than an indication of a rank that has been achieved.

The Communication was memorable and heartwarming because of the attendance at the Installation. More and more chairs had to be brought in, and even at that a number of guests still had to stand. The DeMolay and Job's Daughters did us proud with their presentations and many thanks goes out to them and their guardians. If you weren't there you missed seeing something beautiful and meaningful. If you are aware of any young people who would qualify for these organizations, submit their names and we will see that they are directed accordingly. On that note, Brethren, as we find ourselves maturing we must give some thought to the strength and viability of our Fraternity. Therefore, the ideal situation would be for each of us to attempt to sign up two new members – one to replace us and the other as a bonus.

In the past few years we have worked to unite the Masonic Family into one cohesive unit with co-operation and strength to support each other. The Masonic Family Awareness Group continues to meet on a regular basis and the representatives of the various groups show enthusiasm as they exchange ideas and suggestion that may be mutually beneficial to all. The rejuvenation of DeMolay has been an exciting resurgence and is proof positive of what can be accomplished with determination and hard work. On September 24th, 2005 a ceremony of investiture and installation will take place at M.M.T., elevating the group from a club to a chapter.

My theme or motto for the year is what I have called the "4 F's", Family, Fraternity, Fun and Fellowship. With the "Family" I am referring to our own personal families. Taking each one of these individually or all of them

collectively you can easily see that they overlap each other. If we have more activities for the "Family" and they have an opportunity to meet the Brethren we associate with and see the "Fun and Fellowship" we enjoy, they may become more inspired to unite with us and thus aid the "Fraternity".

We all have concerns about the Fraternity but we still have strength within our numbers. We maybe fragile but we are far from broken or shattered. When you have an opportunity to attend the 100th Anniversary Supper of a Lodge and present two Brothers (siblings) with 60-year bars, there is strength there. When you attend the rededication of a church cornerstone that our Brethren laid 100 years ago, there is strength there. On September 23rd, 2005 Capitol Lodge will be conferring the Master Masons' Degree with the work being done by our Filipino Brethren. There is strength there. So, my Brothers, let us remember that "we may not have it all together, but together we have it all".

In concluding this first message to you, I would definitely be remiss if I did not thank my appointed officers who accepted the request without any hesitation what so ever. I would also like to congratulate and welcome the newly elected and appointed members to the Board. We look forward to your attendance and participation. Last, but by no means least, thanks to the Installing Officers for the fine job they did in putting us all into our respective places.

A thought for the month;

"It's nice to be important – but it's more important to be nice."

Fraternally,
George

DeMolay News

The Winnipeg Chapter of the Order of DeMolay will be instituted on Saturday, September 24th, 2005 at the Masonic Memorial Center, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. At that time, the members will receive the two degrees, and the elected officers installed. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Bruce Taylor, bvtay@shaw.ca or 663-5155.

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

September 2005

7	St. John's Lodge No. 4	MMC	7:30 PM	OV
8 - 11	Grand Master's Northern Trip			
12	Millennium Lodge No. 182	MMC	7:30 PM	OV
16	Board of General Purposes	MMC	7:00 PM	
19	Assiniboine Lodge No. 7	Portage la Prairie	7:30 PM	OV
23	Capitol Lodge No. 136	MMC	7:00 PM	OV
24	DeMolay Investiture & Installation	MMC	1:00 PM	
29	Masonic Family Group	MMC	7:30 PM	
30	Hands Across the Border	Kamsack SK		

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	Pelican Rapids MN		
	<i>(MW Bro. Munz will attend on behalf of the Grand Master)</i>			
18	Northern 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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 130TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA A.F. & A.M.

The 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg on June 4 and 5, 2005 under the leadership of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Donald Wayne Beattie.

The following principal **Grand Lodge Officers** were elected and installed:

Grand Master	MW Bro. George Forzley
Immediate Past Grand Master	MW Bro. Donald Beattie
Deputy Grand Master	RW Bro. Brian J. Bailie
Senior Grand Warden	RW Bro. Kenneth Butchart
Junior Grand Warden	RW Bro. Ted Jones
Grand Director of Ceremonies	RW Bro. Kevin J. Davis

The Grand Masters from the Grand Lodges of Alberta, North Dakota, and Saskatchewan and representatives of Minnesota and South Dakota were present.

The **Flag of the Canada** was presented by **MW Bro. John M. Reid** and the **Flag of the United States of America** was presented by **W Bro. Ed Mars** of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

A Memorial Service was held on behalf of our departed brethren.

Greetings from the Province of Manitoba was brought from the Honourable Member of the Manitoba Legislature for Portage la Prairie, Bro. David Faurschau, and from the Mayor of Portage la Prairie, Bro. Ian MacKenzie. Both are members of Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.

The Masonic Family was represented by the Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Rite, Grand Priory, Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Red Cross of Constantine, Khar-tum Shrine, Sphinx Temple - Daughters of the Nile, Order of the Eastern Star, Job's Daughters and the Order of DeMolay.

The brethren of this Jurisdiction unanimously approved as their **Special Charitable Projects** for 2005 the sum of \$36,546.00, to be distributed to: the **St. Boniface Hospital** for an electric bed for the Labour and Delivery Unit; **Rehabilitation Centre for**

Children (three items); **Masons Care** to assist in the purchase of vehicles in future

The **Benevolence Committee** received several requests for assistance for \$20,444.76 and we have dispersed the sum of \$2952.00 in the per-capita dues assessments. A further \$2500.00 may be committed for expenditures which could be called upon before the end of the year.

The **Masonic Enhancement Committee** approved grants in the amount of \$10,869.00 to assist Individual Lodges with their community projects.

An increase of **\$7.00** in the annual per capita assessment, as recommended by the **Finance and Administration Committee**, was approved. **Per-capita will be \$ 50.00 commencing January 2006.**

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal relations to the **Grand Loge du Burkina Faso** (Grand Lodge of Burkina Faso) and also to the **United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria**. Accordingly, we will exchange Grand Representatives.

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 William Gordon Greenaway** of St. John's Lodge No. 4 and will be presented to him at the first regular meeting of the Lodge in September this year.

The prestigious B. Stuart Parker Award was presented to **RW Bro. A. R. (Sandy) Tennant** of Millennium Lodge No. 182 for his service to the Craft .

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 the following members: **RW Bro. Bruce Taylor (136) and RW Bro. Scott Howarth (19).**

RECIPIENTS OF THE LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARD (*renamed from Lodge of the Year*) for the year **2004** were:

1. Assiniboine Lodge No. 7
2. Empire Lodge No. 127
3. Capitol Lodge No. 136
4. Kilcona No. 183
5. Keystone Lodge No. 185

The Grand Master's **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** for volunteer drivers of the Masons Care Program for 15 years of service: Bros. Blair Leger, Vern Sinclair and Joe Yaworski; for 10 years of service: Bros. R.E. Bob Davis and Cal R Johnston; for 5 years of service: MW Bro. Donald Beattie, VW Bro. Scotty Gillespie, Bros. Gordon Gerry and Tim Paddock.

The **SHORT TALK COMPETITION** was won by Bro. Jim McKendry of King Edward Lodge No. 93.

A Grand Lodge dinner and entertainment was held in the hotel on Friday, June 3rd and the ladies enjoyed a planned program prepared for them by the Grand Master's lady, Mrs. Judy Beattie.

An **Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers** was conducted by MW Bro. Steve Kane, assisted by Past Grand Masters on Saturday, June 4th. A reception in honour of the newly installed Grand Master, MW Bro. George Joseph Forzley, followed.

The constitutional amendment that was approved was the creation of the Office of the Grand Archivist. **RW Bro. Allan Brock (145)** was appointed to this office by the Deputy Grand Master George Forzley. The Constitution and Regulations will be amended as required. RW Bro. Brock was accorded Grand Honours for the work that he has accomplished over these last years .

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

The **131st Annual Communication** of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be held in the **City of Winnipeg on Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd, 2006.**

I wish to express my thanks to RW Bros. Barry Jones and Barrie Thorsteinson for their assistance in compiling this summary.

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

Meet Our Newly Elected Junior Grand Warden
- RW Bro. Ted Jones -

I spent my early years at Austin, Manitoba, and my teen years in Winnipeg. Upon leaving school, I joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and was transferred and worked in many parts of Canada as well as living one year in Belgium and three years in France. Highlights of my career were spending eighteen months with the Golden Centennaires aerobatic team, and serving with the Canadian Army at 1 Service Battalion in Calgary. I ended up back in Winnipeg at Air Command headquarters as a Chief Warrant Officer and retired after 36 years. Prior to my retirement the Governor General of Canada invested me as a member of the Order of Military Merit.



I was always involved in the affairs of the communities in which I resided. I am a past-president of a curling club, minor softball and

figure skating and also served on a city recreation commission. However, it was figure skating where I would spend the next 30 years volunteering and serving on various boards at club, provincial and national levels. I retired from the military one day, and the next I was named Executive Director of the Canadian Figure Skating Association-Manitoba, working for Sport Manitoba. This was a job that I thoroughly enjoyed for the next 10 years.

I was initiated into Masonry on March 30, 1992, at Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 in Winnipeg.

I was elected Tyler of that lodge in December, 1993 and the following years progressed through the chairs, becoming Worshipful Master in December, 1999. Through those years in lodge I chaired the Junior Deacon's Night, Ladies' Night, Education, Sick and Visiting, Instruction and Investments and Charity committees. I have been a member of the Visitation Committee on numerous occasions. While I was Worshipful Master in 2000 I initiated our Lodge Benevolence Project with the St. Boniface Research Foundation to furnish a palliative care room at a cost of \$10,000. Lodge members raised the money through various activities over a two-year period and the initiative continues today with a different project.

I graduated from the Scottish Rite in the 32^o on October 1, 1994.

I was initiated into the Khartum Shrine October 20, 1994 and became a member of the Khartum Komediants in October 1995. Over the past nine years I have served on many committees of the Khartum Komediants and was elected President in 2003. In 2002 I attended an International Clown Association Convention and Competition. Clowns from all over North America competed in this competition where I was placed fifth overall and first in the Mid-West in the Auguste Clown category. In any given year I clown at approximately 25 events including parades, Christmas parties and the Shrine Circus.

In 2001-2002 I was appointed to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Masons Care Committee.

In 2002-2003 I was appointed to the Board of General Purposes and thereby placed as a member of the Masons Care, Constitution and Renewal committees.

In 2003-2004 I was elected to the Board of General Purposes and named Chairman of the Education Committee and a member of Masons Care, Renewal/Strategic Planning and Constitution committees. In March 2004 I was named chairman of Masons Care.

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In 2004-2005 I was elected as the Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. As a member of the Board of General Purposes I was named Vice-Chair of Masons Care and a member of the Renewal/Strategic Planning Committees.

In 2004, I was the recipient of the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award.

I have been married to my wife, Shirley, for 48 years. We have two daughters, Gay-Lynne, living in Beaumont, Texas; and Joy (Wayne), who have two young sons, Colten and Brett.

BEARS ON BROADWAY

The Bears on Broadway project includes a program dealing with risk reduction through a healthy lifestyle. These Five Steps will reduce your cancer risk by 50%:

1. *Be Smoke Free!*

Be a non smoker and avoid second-hand smoke.

2. *Eat Well!*

Eat healthy every day and maintain a healthy weight.

3. *Shape Up!*

Be physically active on a regular basis.

4. *Cover Up!*

Protect yourself and your family from the sun and check your skin regularly for any changes.

5. *Check Up!*

Follow cancer screening guidelines and report any health changes to your doctor or dentist.

This project is enjoying tremendous popularity. Thanks to everyone who supported it in any way! For further information go to www.cancercare.mb.ca.

Cancer Care Manitoba, responding to the overwhelming popularity of their (our) Bears on Broadway are considering T-shirts. They will cost \$15 each and will feature our own Brother Bear. We hope that there will be time to order them after you receive your Sept. Summons, however at this time plans are still somewhat tentative. They will be available in both adult and kid sizes. A great Christmas gift for your grandkids! Call the Grand Lodge office to place your order as soon as possible.



*Brother Bear says:
"Help us win the
battle!"*



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