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## Most Worshipful Brother Brian John Bailie Grand Master 2006-2007

MW Bro. Brian J. Bailie was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba September 19, 1954. His early childhood years were spent in Prince Arthur - Fort William, now known as Thunder Bay, and Brandon before once more returning to Winnipeg in 1966 where he attended school in St. James at Allard, Sansome and Westwood Collegiate. He graduated in 1972 and has lived most of his life in the west side of the city. After a short stint in university he entered the work force joining the Ambulance Service, becoming an Emergency Medical Technician then progressing to advance to



Senior Paramedic/Firefighter. Through subsequent mergers of the fire and EMS departments what is now known as the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service was born. He became one of the original dual-trained Paramedic Firefighters in the service. After serving the citizens of Winnipeg admirably for 30 years and 4 months he elected to retire in January 2004. He was awarded the Exemplary Services Medal by the Governor General in 1995 in an awards ceremony held in Winnipeg.

He is blessed with a wonderful wife Marie and both have enjoyed the privilege of representing Grand Lodge to date at the various duties and functions required of office.

They moved to the bedroom community of St. Francois Xavier prior to his retirement where he has given freely of his time, knowledge and experience to the Fire Department and is dedicated to helping improve its members lives through advanced training and improvements to equipment, procedures and operations. Since retiring he has kept active in the field, becoming a Fire Service Instructor and qualifying in Fire Department Management. He has, in addition, completed numerous courses through the Office of the Fire Commissioner Manitoba. He has just recently been appointed Deputy Chief of Operations with the Department and will continue to foster and promote the Fire Service mission *Everyone Goes Home*.

MW Bro. Bailie joined Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145 in September 1985 proceeding through the officer chairs becoming Worshipful Master in 1992. He was first elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1993 serving until present on many committees. He was elected and served as the District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District in 1997-1998. He was elected and installed as the 51st President of the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education in 2000, which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba hosted. He was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden in 2003 thus beginning the journey to the Grand East.

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The Grand Master's Masonic Family involvement consists of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Winnipeg, Prince Rupert Chapter Royal Arch Masons, a past member of the Khartum Shrine Sport Car and Arabian Horse Guard units, presently a member at large, St. James Chapter 25 Order of Eastern Star and is a DeMolay Dad. He's a Past President of the Khartum Shrine Past Masters Club, serving that office in 2002. He was active for many years in the Shrine Stop Burn Injury program.

MW Bro. Bailie was a Masons Care driver for 12 years prior to starting on the Grand Line. He was instrumental in promoting, acquiring and integrating the current two-way communications equipment we use in our four Masons Care vans. He is very committed to our ongoing oncology patient transport program and was actively involved in our present graphics and logo on our vans. This is a far cry from the small magnetic signs in use when he started.

Community involvement activities have included serving as an Auxiliary member of the RCMP for the past 11 years at Headingley Rural Detachment. He recently received a 10-year award of recognition from the Attorney General and D Division Commanding Officer for his dedication to community policing initiatives and the ongoing safety and welfare of his fellow citizens.

When he is not involved in the provision of Emergency Services he and his lady Marie deliver holiday or emergency hampers on behalf of the Christmas Cheer Board and the White Horse Plains Hamper fund in addition to lending time and support to other worthwhile charitable causes. In his limited spare time he enjoys IPSC combat shooting, an occasional round of golf, a wee bit of curling, old timers hockey and slow pitch baseball. Finally and most importantly they enjoy their beautiful rural property appropriately named Cedar Acres along the peaceful Assiniboine River nestled amongst the many trees, wildlife and mother nature at her best.

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## THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



reetings to all. As I write this initial message I cannot help but think what a terrific summer we all have had. The continuing sunshine and extremely warm weather has certainly accounted for much happier people. It has been a long time since I can remember no mosquitoes being a nuisance. As we all know if we are being blessed with such fine weather, others are paying a nasty price, so we extend our sympathies. As the craft lodges are gearing up to get back to their trestle boards much has happened at the top level.

We, your Grand Lodge team have been very busy representing you since June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The line has traveled to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and to Saskatchewan, which just celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is our second daughter. We were received very well and a terrific time was had by all in Prince Albert. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary attended the Annual Communication of British Columbia and Yukon and I attended the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario in July. I brought greetings on behalf of the brethren and best wishes to each of our sister jurisdictions. Our District Deputies' School went very well and we all enjoyed the freshly made baked goods our Carberry brothers supplied. We have just returned from our annual Grand Master's Northern trip which saw 23 brethren and ladies safari express up to Thompson to help the brethren of Mystery Lodge No. 174 help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the city. I would personally like to thank all who attended with me and made it a very memorable weekend. We assisted the members of the Thompson Shrine Club in feeding some 2500 people at the free Pancake Breakfast held Saturday morning hosted by the City of Thompson. I thank the Grand Line and the majority of my guests for helping out. It was a lot of fun and we greeted a whole lot of people. The old saying many hands make light work certainly applied in this case. From the duties of flipping pancakes we then went to the Master Mason degree conferred by the officers and members of Mystery Lodge. An excellent portrayal of the ritual then ensued interspersed with some levity. Two brothers were raised after having proved up in an excellent manner.

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A wonderful time was had by all and in the course of the day I had the pleasure of presenting Bro. Tom Moody with his William Douglas Medal. It was an absolute delight to be able to do this extremely pleasant duty as this Brother was most deserving of this presentation and was an excellent choice. We then gave Grand Honours 3 times and our recipient was most gracious in his address to the lodge. I then had the most pleasant task of presenting my Honorary DDGM RW Bro. Lyle Borgstrom with his 100th Anniversary Saskatchewan Presentation Medal on behalf of the Grand Master of Saskatchewan. Lastly I was asked to present W Bro. Keith Lewis with his Past Master's jewel by the Worshipful Master, David Gray. What a terrific meeting. A Grand Master cannot ask for a better outcome on an annual visit than the fellowship we experienced on Saturday. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Master who is a tireless worker and very devoted to the Craft north of the 53<sup>rd</sup>. David, many thanks for all your hard work. Rest easy my friend. It all came off great.

The day finished off with a social gathering of the family members with the highlight being the pig roast with all the fixings. This was not without its own bit of drama but will be fondly remembered by all for many years to come. The fireworks at midnight was billed as the biggest ever in Thompson and INCO did not disappoint; it was indeed spectacular and well worth the money spent. We all met at the Roadhouse Sunday morning for a farewell breakfast then onto the bus and headed south to Winnipeg arriving just past 6 p.m.

With our joint ongoing partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society and the use of the Patient Transportation Service Care Vans supplied by the Freemasons of Manitoba we have been supporting the community fairs in and around the Capitol region attending the Selkirk Triple S fair parade as well as the Gimli Icelandic festival parade and will be taking in the Morden Corn and Apple Festival parade as well this year. This has been an excellent way of not only showcasing the Freemasons' commitment to the community but advertises that this very worthwhile service exists. Many favourable comments have been expressed to the Grand Lodge officers who have been traveling in them. I would like to express my thanks to our partners at Cancer Care Manitoba for not only considering my request but concurring with it as well to expand the use of the Masons Care vans for this purpose.

In closing, I have chosen seven points for my year. Please give these points your utmost consideration:

- Be Proud you are a Manitoba Freemason
- Take Pride in our past and embrace our Future
- Look at the glass as half full, not half empty
- Offer a Solution to a problem or concern, not another problem
- Be kind to one another, remember you are a Freemason, and uphold the obligations you have taken in act as well as word
- Remember always you are your Brother's keeper
- Brethren Freemasonry is vitally important in this world and we *DO* make a Difference

Fraternally,

MW Bro. Brian J. Bailie

### **GRAND MASTER'S FALL WORKSHOP**

The Grand Master is currently planning a one day workshop for all Manitoba Masons. It will be held in November at the Holiday Inn South, Winnipeg. The details are currently being finalized and will be sent to the lodges and posted on the Grand Lodge website ([www.grandlodge.mb.ca](http://www.grandlodge.mb.ca)) as soon as they are finalized. Please ask your lodge secretary for more information..

*The only things we can take beyond this lifetime are our Faith in God and Morality.*

- Author unknown -

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 131<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA A.F. & A.M.

The 131st Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F.& A.M held in the City of Winnipeg on June 3 and 4, 2006 under the leadership of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother George Joseph Forzley.

The following principal Grand Lodge Officers were elected and installed:

Grand Master.....	MW Bro. Brian J. Bailie
Immediate Past Grand Master.....	MW Bro. George Forzley
Deputy Grand Master.....	RW Bro. Kenneth Butchart
Senior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro. Ted Jones
Junior Grand Warden.....	RW Bro. David Love
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	RW Bro. Bernie Gross

Members of the Board of General Purposes that were elected are:

RW Bro. James Little (1)	RW Bro. Phil Zubrycki (127)
RW Bro. Kris Goodmanson (136)	RW Bro. Constante (Chibu) Uson (136)
RW Bro. Benjamin Kushner (175)	RW Bro. Baldur Johnson (184)
RW Bro. John N.C. Campbell (185)	RW Bro. William (Bill) Evans (185)

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

The Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable John Harvard was received with the proper Royal protocol and escorted to the East. He brought a great message to those in attendance .

The Flag of England was presented by MW Bro. Stuart Allen, the Flag of 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. The piper was VW Bro. Ron McFarlane of Ancient Landmark (3).

A memorial Service was held on behalf of those departed brethren under the capable direction of the Grand Chaplain, RW Bro. David Love. There was special note of the loss of MW Bro. Frederick John Robertson, GM 1975, MW Bro. Neil Clarke, GM 1987 and RW Bro. Gary Morley Connor , DDGM District No 5.

Greetings were brought from the Province of Manitoba by Brother, The Honorable Chris Aglugub and Councilor Donald Benham from the City of Winnipeg

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

The Masonic Foundation has received \$44,019.19 which was raised from contributions during the annual fundraising campaign, exceeding the target figure of \$36,546.00 which included administration costs. This has been distributed to the following: St Boniface Hospital Research Fund (\$6,000.00); Rehabilitation Centre for Children (\$8,510.00); Grand Lodge of Manitoba (\$3,180.00.) 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 their Special Charitable Projects for 2006. The sum of \$36,546 will be distributed to the purchase of a van (\$25,000) and to support KidsID purchase of burners for the laptop computers ,to produce the CD versions of the discs for the parents (\$5000.) In addition, \$4,000 is designated for the Dycom Production and mail-out, plus the management fee of \$2,200 for Grand Lodge administrative costs. The total the funding commitment for 2006 will be \$36,200.

The Benevolence Committee received several requests for assistance. We have, to date, expended \$14,268 this past year which includes per capita dues assistance waiver of \$3,268 for 76 of our Brethren on benevolence grounds, and anticipate that an additional \$3,500 may be called upon before December 31st of this year. The Masonic Enhancement Committee approved grants in the amount of \$10,992 to assist individual lodges with their community projects.

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During 2005 Cancer Care drivers made 14,194 trips transporting 488 patients to and from their homes to the hospital for treatment. Of these, Mason drivers made 7945 trips. Currently there are 44 active drivers in Winnipeg. Brandon, with a total of 17 drivers, made 240 return trips from Brandon to Winnipeg, transporting approximately 75 patients. Brandon also has four drivers who transport patients only within Brandon.

There will be no increase in the annual per capita assessment for 2007 as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee. We must be diligent in our expenditures but because of the loss of many members to death, suspensions and demits, there was an \$ 8000.00 budget cut to the Grand Lodge funds to hold the line on the per capita. Per capita will remain at \$50.00 for 2007. Be prepared for an increase in 2008.

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal relations to the Grand Logia Andorra, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Estonia, the Grand Lodge of Niger, the Grande Logia de Marcecona de Estona de Rondonia (Brazil) and to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus. 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 Tomas Moody of Mystery Lodge No. 174 and was presented to him at the visit of the Grand Master at an Emergent meeting in August this year.

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 RW Bro. Norman Lyons of Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143.

RECIPIENTS OF THE LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARD, (renamed from Lodge of the Year) for the year 2005:

- Northern Light Prince Rupert's No. 1
- Assiniboine Lodge No. 7
- Empire Lodge No. 127
- Capitol Lodge No. 136
- Keystone Lodge No. 185

The Grand Master's CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION for volunteer drivers of the Masons Care Program with five years of service: W Bro. Donald McLaughlan (184), Bro. Terry Morrow (4), Bro. Cam Moore (19), Bro. Alan Parker (180) and Bro. Alan Vanderpont (3).

The Short Talk Competition for best written, "Anyone Can Memorize" was won by Bro. Nick Schoup of Acacia Lodge No. 111. Second prize for "Openings for the Volume of the Sacred Law" was awarded to W Bro. Barry Brooker of St. James Lodge No. 121.

A Grand Lodge dinner and entertainment was held in the Hilton Airport Suites on Friday, June 2nd and the ladies enjoyed a program prepared for them by the Grand Master's lady, Mrs. Barbara Forzley.

An Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers was conducted by MW Bro. Arnold Packer and assisted by Past Grand Masters, on Saturday, June 3rd. A reception in honour of the newly installed Grand Master, MW Bro. Brian J. Bailie followed.

The constitutional amendment that was approved, was the Constitutional and Regulations Sections to include the Office of the Grand Archivist.

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 132nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba will be held in the city of Winnipeg on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, 2007.

I wish to express my thanks to MW Bro. Robert T. Crossley for his assistance in compiling this summary.

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



## OUR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN - RW BRO. DAVID LOVE



RW Bro. David George Love was born August 12, 1945 in East St. Paul, Manitoba and educated in Winnipeg and Toronto. He was employed by the City of Winnipeg (East Kildonan Community) as a Police Officer for 12 years, and then by the Province of Manitoba as a Level 2 Supervisor at Seven Oaks Center for Youths for 5 years. He then joined the Salvation Army as a Pastor/ Executive Director of a Harbour Light Addiction Treatment Centre for 6 years. For the past 16 years he has been an owner/counselor at Clean & Sober, an Addiction & Relationship Counseling Service.

David is a Past President of the Manitoba Society of the Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals and twice Past President of the East Kalona Lions Club.

He has been married for 36 years to his wife, June, and is the father of two adult sons, Noel (a third generation Mason ) & Christian. He is a second generation Mason, joining his father's Lodge at 25 years of age. Presently a member of The Dormer Lodge No. 151 and associate

member of Kilcona Lodge No. 183.

David was initiated on March 17, 1970, passed April 21, 1970 and raised in May 1970. He has been a past Dad Advisor with the East Kildonan Chapter of DeMolay. He was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Dormer Lodge for two terms, 2001- 2003. He joined the Royal Arch Masons No. 1 Prince Rupert in April 2002 and then Knights Templar, Mount Carmel No. 44 in June 2002 David was the DDGM of District 10 in 2003-2004 and Grand Chaplain 2004-2006 He will be the JRC Evans Lecturer for 2006 and was elected and installed our Junior Grand Warden.

### TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE



BRETHREN: Here is an opportunity to be part of a team that makes life more normal for children who have had burn accidents or crippling orthopedic problems. Shriners are Masons who have taken upon themselves to make a child's life normal through the world's greatest philanthropy, the Shrine Hospitals. Remember, Shrine Masons, besides attending Lodge, choose to help children, but also enjoy a variety of fun activities with their own families and friends.

For membership information phone the Shrine House at (204) 925-1430 or contact a Shrine Lodge member. Help make a difference to a child's life, and have fun while doing it!

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