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The Grand Master's Message

Change is the fundamental essence of all existence. Having said that, Freemasonry has evolved over the past 1,200 years, from the operative masons and guilds of medieval times to where we are today, through change. Sometimes those changes were dramatic or radical, but, more often than not, were subtle. The difficulties facing us today include, but are not limited to the decline of our numbers over the past forty plus years. Indeed, other difficulties such as conflicts between brethren, lack of participation in lodge endeavours, outside distractions, breaches of the civil law and criminal code, morality indiscretions, financial pressures, to name just a few, have been contributors to the concerns of many jurisdictions in the Masonic Community. To ignore them or to turn a blind eye to them does not remedy the situation. They must be addressed and overcome, and it may require changes, both subtle and/or radical. This is not to say to change for the sake of change, but to re-evaluate and initiate modifications to provide contemporary solutions that are satisfactory to our needs and are generally acceptable. Brethren, the challenges lie before us.

I would challenge each of you to re-read your ritual and seek an inner understanding of what those words really mean. You were charged "to make daily advancement in Masonic knowledge." Have you? When

called upon, do you "aid your fellow man without self interest?"

The charge in the Entered Apprentice Degree talks about the duties you owe "to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself." If these words mean anything to a Mason - and they should - then this is possibly all that is required to fulfill and enhance your life as a Freemason. In any event, it is a good place to start, and maybe then some of the difficulties we face as a Fraternity can be eliminated. We all recognize the problems, but we fail to search for lasting and meaningful solutions. The place to start is within yourself and in the lodge. There is a misconception that membership development means getting more members, but it also means developing the members we already have through education, renewal and involvement in lodge activities. Rejuvenation of our Fraternity and your Lodge begins with YOU. If you aren't involved in your lodge, ask how you can get involved and make a difference.

With the Grand Communication only three months or so away, I would remind those wishing to become involved in Grand Lodge to get their nomination papers in by March 15th. Contact the Grand Secretary for information on this procedure, or better still, take a look at your Constitution.

- Clayton Munz, Grand Master

Grand Master's Itinerary

Any Master Mason may accompany the Grand Master on Official Lodge visits.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
MARCH 2003				
3	Job's Daughters Bethel No. 6	Brandon Temple		
4	Vermillion No. 68	Dauphin Temple	8:00 pm	OV
5	Patricia No. 25	Sperling MB	7:30 pm	OV
7	Capitol No. 36	Windsor Temple	7:45 pm	OV
8	7th Masonic District Annual Meeting	Brandon Temple	9:30 am	OV
11	Cornerstone No. 179	Charleswood Temple	8:00 pm	OV
17	Ancient Landmark No. 3	MMT	8:00 pm	OV
18				
22	8th Masonic District Annual Meeting	TBA	TBA	OV
26	Masonic Study Group	MMT	6:00 pm	
29	2nd Masonic District Annual Meeting	Carberry Temple	12:00 pm	OV
APRIL 2003				
3 to 5	All Canada Conference	Viscount Gort, Wpg.		
3	Norwood No. 119	MMT	7:45 pm	
15	The Dormer No. 151	Kimberly Temple	7:30 pm	OV
16	Shiloh No. 70	Roland Temple	8:00 pm	OV
17	Fenwick No. 158	Brandon Temple	8:00 pm	OV
19	10th Masonic District Annual Meeting	Kimberly Temple	10:00 am	OV
24	Mound No. 118	Pilot Mound Temple	8:00 pm	OV
25	Pequonga No. 414 (Ontario)	Kenora ON	4:40 pm	
29	Membership Development Open House	MMT	7:00 pm	

GRAND LIBRARIAN RETIRES

As R.W. Bro. Charles Merrick, the Grand Librarian for the last 20 years, has indicated his intent to retire at the conclusion of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in June, we face the difficult task of trying to find a successor.

While the Grand Librarian is not expected to attend the Library on a daily basis, he would be expected to work with the assistant librarians to keep the Library open, Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The incumbent would become a member of the Board of General Purposes as well as the Editorial and Library Committee.

Section 26 (2) of the currently printed Constitution requires that the Grand Librarian be a Past Master, a Member of Grand Lodge and a resident within Manitoba.

If you are interested in applying for this position and meet the requirements, please submit a résumé to M.W. Bro. Steve Kane, Chairman, Editorial and Library Committee c/o Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 420 Corydon Ave, Winnipeg, R3L 0N8.

UNION HISTORICAL LODGE No. 108

Thanks to the following for the help at the Thresherman's Reunion last July: John Windsor, Barry Brooker, Ron Turnbull, David Shaw, Les & Kerri Barclay, Stan & Donna Barclay, Ted Jones, Wally Roth & Anne Kelly. Looking for help for 2003, phone Roy McMillan at 857-6900 if you can help.

Next meeting of Union Historical Lodge 108 will be May 30, 2003 at 8: 00 pm. R. W. Bro. Don McQuarrie, D.D.G.M. of the Second Masonic will present a short paper at this meeting.

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**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:
STEVE KANE, PIPE MAJOR AT 837-4996
KELLY ELDRIDGE, PRESIDENT AT 989-7075**

M.M.T. SEAT SALE

Individuals or Lodges or Chapters have an opportunity to both assist the Masonic Memorial Temple and produce a permanent memento. Seats in the three Lodge rooms will be "sold" for \$50.00 each. Each seat you "buy" will have a name tag produced and permanently attached to the arm of the chair. Many are already in place but there are still lots left. Proceeds will be used for building improvements. To Purchase a chair please contact R.W. Bro. Norm Wolk at 334-1161

DORIC LODGE No. 36

On August 17, 2002, (L to R) W. Bro. Ralph Whitfield, W. Bro. Eldon Kempthorne and Bro. Lorne McMillin were presented with 50-Year Jewels by R.W. Bro. Ernie Cameron (R), D. D.G.M. of the 7th Masonic District, and M.W. Bro. Bob McMillan (not shown.) The presentations were made at a social dinner with Ladies at the Table in the Boissevain Red Coat Inn.



MASONIC FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

"Let Awareness Be The Key In Two Thousand and Three"

Regretfully, to date, we have not been inundated with names to invite to the upcoming Open House on April 29th, 2003. Your Membership Development Committee is putting a great deal of effort in bring awareness of our Fraternity to the general public, but they can not do it alone. We need the help of each and every member of our Order to pitch in and give a little assistance. All we ask is that you submit a name or two of possible potential candidates so that we can send them an invitation to the Open House. We will take over from there. If we do not receive a good response to this function we will have no other alternative but to cancel it and come out looking a bit foolish to those Brethren who have already submitted some names. We have a great product to offer and we want to make it available to everyone to enjoy. The closing date for receiving names is March 31, 2003. You can submit those names by contacting your lodge secretary, the Grand Lodge Office or myself at (204) 663-6770 or by email at 4zley@mts.net.

Remember, you are doing this so that we can continue to enjoy our Fraternity for many years to come.

"IF IT IS TO BE IT IS UP TO ME"

- George J. Forzley, Chairman Membership Development

NEWS FROM THE GRAND LODGE ARCHIVES

If any of the brethren or Lodges have lodge histories which might not be on file with the Grand Lodge Library would you please forward them to the Library c/o Al Brock for filing there and in the Archives. Inquiries are being received regarding various Lodges and we are attempting to develop a database of information for use in answering those inquiries.

Are you interested in the history of the Craft in the Prairie provinces? Do you have some spare time on your hands? Have you ever enjoyed the thrill of making a discovery of importance? If so, your help would be much appreciated in developing the Grand Lodge of Manitoba archival collection. There are thousands of items on hand which have yet to be accessioned (catalogued) and we would welcome a few new partners on this project. Training will be provided. The rewards are incredible. For more information please contact the Grand Lodge office or Al Brock at (204) 832-6062 (Winnipeg) or by e-mail at rkiv@shaw.ca.

Grand Lodge Proceedings which are surplus or no longer of interest would be greatly appreciated by the archivist. The years in question are: 1949 - 1958 inclusive, 1963 - 1964 and 1967. The Proceedings are frequently used for research and documentation purposes.

MANITOBA MASONIC RETREAT 2003

Advance registrations for 2003 are being accepted now. The registration fee will be \$135.00 (shared accommodations based on double occupancy – 2 bed motel rooms) includes room and all meals (5). This year’s Retreat will be changed back to a Spring flavour and is to be held at the *Falcon Lake Resort* in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. The Retreat starts off with registration and “Meet and Greet” from 3:00 pm, May 2, 2003. The initial plans are to confer the three degrees E.A., F.C. and M.M. by the 11th District, Prince Hall (North Dakota), and Ancient Landmark Lodges (regalia will be required.) A Table Lodge will follow. You are encouraged to submit registration along with payment early to avoid disappointment, as the facility has limited accommodations. Please don’t leave it to the last moment!

Bring a friend and encourage your lodge to promote this event.

MAY 2nd to 4th, 2003

FALCON LAKE RESORT, FALCON LAKE
SOUTH WHITESHELL HWY #1 EAST

Brother: _____
Surname Given Name

Street Address City Postal Code

Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Lodge Name & Number
 SHARED ROOM, ALL INCLUSIVE \$ 135.00 SHARE ROOM WITH: _____

Please mail cheque and registration to:
MANITOBA MASONIC RETREAT, c/o UNIT 11 - 915 McLEOD AVE. , WINNIPEG MB R2G 0Y4

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