

Fraternal Tidings

Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador

December 2002

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

MW Bro. James Tulk



I am pleased, on behalf of Sandra and myself, to extend best wishes for the Christmas season to all Brethren and their families. May the coming New Year be one of health and happiness for all.

The 5th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in St. John's on October 26th. I want to thank all those who helped in any way to make this event successful.

I want to congratulate the Editor of Fraternal Tidings, VW Bro. James T. Fitzgerald, and his committee for their promptness in having this issue available so soon after the Annual Communication. We look forward to the regular issue of the Fraternal Tidings throughout 2003.

I have chosen "Caring & Sharing" as the theme for my term of office. It is my belief that as Masons we must demonstrate in our daily lives the great principles we are taught in our Lodges. We must be compassionate, understanding, and willing to help, not only our Brothers and family members, but also all members of society. I would encourage all Masons to take an active role in their community and show by your actions what it means to be a Freemason.

2002 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Master	TULK, James
Deputy Grand Master	NEWELL, Donald W.
District Deputy Grand Master – District 1	COOK, Clarence W.
District Deputy Grand Master – District 2	SMITH, Donald N.
District Deputy Grand Master – District 3	BATT, Harold T.
District Deputy Grand Master – District 4	SPURRELL, Gerald
District Deputy Grand Master - District 5	SQUIRES, Maxwell J.
Grand Senior Warden	VOKEY, W. Donald
Grand Junior Warden	VOKEY, Harry F.
Grand Chaplain	STICKLAND, Samuel P.
Grand Treasurer	VOKEY, Glendon R.
Grand Secretary	GRANDY, Larry B.
Grand Registrar	HUDSON, Robert E.
Grand Senior Deacon	ROSE, Samuel G.
Grand Junior Deacon	DODD, Arthur A.
Grand Superintendent of Works	AVERY, Bertram E.
Grand Director of Ceremonies	CARMICHAEL, T.E. David
Assistant Grand Secretary	DYKE, Carl H.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	COLTON, C. David
Grand Sword Bearer	BENNETT, Walter L.

Grand Organist	AITKEN, Robert P.
Grand Pursuivant	WEBSTER, Derek H.
Grand Steward	BRAYE, L. John
Grand Steward	PARROTT, Robert C.
Grand Steward	DUNPHY, Joseph M.
Grand Standard Bearer	FORSEY, Reginald B.
Grand Tyler	BATTEN, Roy
Grand Historian	WARREN, John E.E.

2003 BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Elected	BARNES, Robert S.	2002-2003
	DOMINAUX, Glynn A.	2002-2003
	FITZGERALD, James T.	2002-2003
	SCEVIOUR, Maxwell C.	2002-2003
	PIERCEY, Lloyd G.	2003-2004
	MOORES, Wayne	2003-2004
Appointed	MOSS, Lawrence	2003-2004
	WARREN, Lorne R.	2003-2004
	NEVILLE, George	2002-2003
	NORRIS, Lorne C.	2002-2003
	YETMAN, H. Sheridan	2002-2003
	WARREN, John E. E.	2002-2003
	CARMICHAEL, T.E. David	2003-2004
	DROVER, Gordon	2003-2004
	DYKE, Carl H.	2003-2004
	LAMBERT, Donald E.	2003-2004

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MASTERS

SMITH, Randolph William. Avalon. 2002/11/05
 JOHNSON, Keith Crawford. Landfall. 2002/06/14
 BUTT, Christopher Wayne. Canam. 2002/09/28
 STUCKLESS, Ellis. Mic-Mac. 2002/09/23
 ENGLAND, Junior Henry. Notre Dame. 2002/09/21
 TULK, Maurice Eli. Lomond. 2002/09/27
 JEANS, Joseph William. Cabot. 2002/09/24
 SABBAGH, Latif (Leo). West Gate. 2002/09/26
 VINCENT, Wilson Harry. Corner Brook. 2002/09/25
 JOSEPH, George William. Airways. 2002/05/10
 BURFORD, Alfred Roy. Nor. Lights. 2002/06/08
 PERRY, Chris Arthur George. St. George's. 2002/04/16
 EDISON, Jack Alva. Lewisporte. 2002/05/15
 TULK, Paul James. Polaris. 2002/06/08
 JONES, Gordon Ford. Twillingate. 2002/05/18
 RADFORD, Keith Arthur Saint John's 2002/01/09
 BUTLER, John Robert. Botwood. 2002/05/16
 BURDEN, Frederick Selwyn. Unity. 2002/05/11
 WAREHAM, Douglas Wayne Gander 2002/05/09
 CRANE, Calvin. McLeod. 2002/04/20
 FORWARD, Paul Gregory. Westmoorland. 2002/03/09
 SNIPPEN, Harlow Irving. Neptune. 2002/02/09
 MERCER, Leslie T. Whiteway. 2002/04/01

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning to relocate, particularly if you are leaving the area from which you're currently reside, please advise your Lodge Secretary of your new address. Lodge Secretaries are reminded that they should then inform the Grand Secretary of the change.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!

Brethren, this is your newsletter and we need your help and input. We welcome any newsworthy item from your lodge, simply e-mail the Editor at: jim.fitzgerald@nfld.net

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

MILLS, Jason Roy. Botwood. 2002/09/09.
 BRINSON, Owen Franklyn. Lewisporte. 2002/01/28.
 TUCKER, Kenneth Valen. Lewisporte. 2001/10/22.
 HARRIS, Richard William. Neptune. 2002/03/20.
 WOOD, James Christopher. Whiteway. 2002/10/14.
 MURRAY, Robert Paul. Whiteway. 2002/10/14.
 BURSEY, Neil. Mic-Mac. 2002/06/12.
 WELLS, Varrick Victor. Mic-Mac. 2002/05/20.
 FILLIER, Graham. Clift. 2002/06/24.
 LAWRENCE, Paul William. Clift. 2001/10/05.
 PIKE, Barry Arthur. Corner Brook. 2002/05/30.
 SETHI, Kanwal Jit Singh. Whiteway. 2002/05/13.
 BOWERING, Lester. Wesley Union. 2002/04/27.
 PIERCEY, Wilson Charles. Hiram. 2002/04/02.
 ABBOTT, Chesley Raymond. Hiram. 2002/04/02.
 MERCER, Bruce. Mic-Mac. 2002/03/20.
 TROAKE, Hardy Wayne. Twillingate. 2002/04/04.
 BANFIELD, Derek Willis James. Westmoorland. 2002/04/24.
 MERCER, Todd Dean. Notre Dame. 2002/04/08.
 MCKIM, Allan Keith. Nor. Lights. 2001/10/23.
 BURFORD, Alfred Roy. Nor. Lights. 2001/10/09.
 HODDER, Donald French. Westmoorland. 2001/11/28.
 HIGHMORE, Fred. Clift. 2002/03/01.
 HUGHES, Adlore. West Gate. 2002/02/20.
 CANNING, Hayward Glenn. Twillingate. 2001/09/06.
 PIERCEY, Arthur James. Westmoorland. 1983/09/28.

Masonic Humour (Submitted by: VW Bro. Wm. Earle)

A Mason was having trouble with his ritual, and was telling a fellow Mason about his difficulties while in a pub one day. His friend said, "I know a bloke down the road who sells Parrots, who know the ritual and will prompt you if you have any trouble."

So, the next day off he went to the shop, and the storeowner said "Yes, I have three such parrots." He pulled a curtain across and there were 3 parrots, one with a masters apron, one with a mm apron on and one with a Grand Lodge apron on.

The Mason asked, "How much is the one with the master's apron on?" "\$2000," was the reply, "and he knows all the ritual including the inner workings, and will always prompt you when you get stuck."

"No", said the Mason. "Too expensive." "What about the one with the mm apron on?"

"Well, that one is \$1,000 and he knows all of the ritual, but not the inner workings, however, he will always prompt you when you are learning it."

"No, too much, what about the one with the Grand Lodge apron on?"

The owner replied, "You can have him for \$10."

"Why so cheap, he must know all the ritual and the inner workings?"

"Oh yes, he knows all the ritual, but when you make a mistake all he does is sit there and go, tut! tut! tut!!

Congratulations To New Board of Masonic Park

The Annual Meeting of Masonic Park was held on November 28th. The members of the Executive and Board are –

David Jones	President
Scott Bartlett	Vice-President
Mark Bradbury	Treasurer
David Bowering	Secretary
James Tulk	
W. Rex Cotter	
W. Donald Vokey	
Ralph Cole	
George Moore	
Harry Mercer	
James Tucker	

Congratulations to all members of the Board and we trust that your term of office will be both rewarding and fruitful.

Grand Lodge Benevolence Committee Report

In 1999 we initiated the "Nickel-A-Day" campaign on behalf of Grand Lodge. We are now pleased to report that the pledges to date total just under \$26,000. This campaign was planned as a five year program and we are now approaching the fifth and final year. Many Brethren have contributed more that was suggested, while others are nearing the final payment of the amount pledged. We are in the process of winding down this campaign and we would encourage Brethren in the latter category to complete their commitment, if circumstances permit. We wish to sincerely thank all Brethren who participated in this campaign for their generosity and look forward to your continued support for Benevolence.

FROM THE EDITOR

A good friend and fraternal brother of mine died this year. My friend knew what it was like to "have it all", and then to "lose it all". At one of the lowest points in his life he found himself in a bar in Halifax, lamenting the fact that he did not even have the means to visit his dying Mother back in St. John's. Suddenly, a group of fellows from home appeared in the bar, and after some pleasant exchanges of: how long since they had seen each other, one chap asked my friend how he was doing. My friend almost lied, but told his friends his true situation. Several minutes later, one fellow who my friend did not know, or had never met excused himself to go to the washroom. When he returned he told my friend there was a plane ticket in his name at the airport; he shook hands with my friend and left a 100-dollar bill in his hand, and told him to go see his mother. My friend returned to St. John's in time to hold his Mother, tell her he loved her before she died. My friend told me the man who did this was a Mason. An example brethren of pure brotherly love. A blessed and peace filled Christmas to you and yours.

ORDERING NEW REGALIA?

Grand Lodge can fill all your regalia needs through its distributorship arrangements with Dominion Regalia. For further information contact R. W. Bro. Max Sceviour, 368-8757 or e-mail: msceviou@avint.net