

Fraternal Tidings

Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador

December 2003

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 6th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Gander on October 25th. I want to thank all those who helped in any way to make this event successful. Special thanks are extended to RW Bro Hayward Clarke, Chairman of the Annual Communications, and his team for handling the on site arrangements.

I want to congratulate the Editor of Fraternal Tidings, VW Bro. Austin G. Keeping 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 2004.

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 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.

2003-4 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, Harry F.
Grand Junior Warden	BARNES, Robert S.
Grand Chaplain	STICKLAND, Samuel P.
Grand Treasurer	VOKEY, Glendon R.
Grand Secretary	GRANDY, Larry B.
Grand Registrar	HUDSON, Robert E.
Grand Senior Deacon	BURT, Neville G.
Grand Junior Deacon	BOWERS, Reginald F.
Grand Superintendent of Works	AVERY, Bertram E.
Grand Director of Ceremonies	CARMICHAEL, T.E. David
Assistant Grand Secretary	WARREN, Lorne R.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	COLTON, C. David
Grand Sword Bearer	BRAYE, John W.C.

Grand Organist	AITKEN, Robert P.
Grand Pursuivant	ABBOTT, Gordon J.
Grand Steward	JEANS, Derek B.
Grand Steward	SHARPE, Walter C.
Grand Steward	COLBOURNE, Rexton
Grand Standard Bearer	MACDONALD, Wilfred
Grand Tyler	KEEPING, Austin G.
Grand Historian	WARREN, John E.E.

2003-4 BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Elected	PIERCEY, Lloyd G.	2003-2004
	MOORES, Wayne	2003-2004
	WARREN, Lorne R.	2003-2004
	MOSS, Lawrence	2003-2004
	SCEVIOUR, Maxwell C.	2004-2005
	VINCENT, Cluney W.	2004-2005
Appointed	VOKEY, W. Donald	2004-2005
	YETMAN, H. Sheridan	2004-2005
	LAMBERT, Donald E.	2003-2004
	DROVER, Gordon	2003-2004
	CARMICHAEL, T.E. David	2003-2004
	Warren, John E.E.	2003-2004
	COLE, Ralph	2004-2005
	KEEPING, Austin G.	2004-2005
LAWRENCE, Thomas F.	2004-2005	
VOKEY, Gerald N.	2004-2005	

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MASTERS

LAMBERT, Donald E., First Colony 2003/11/11
 BOWERING, David, Avalon 2003/11/04
 DALLEY, Terry Gerald, Notre Dame 2003/09/13
 HISCOCK, Derek Ivan, Mic-Mac 2003/09/15
 HILLIER, Brian, Cabot 2003/09/16
 ANDERSON, Clifford Myles, Canam 2003/09/17
 WARREN, Roy Derrick, Lomond 2003/09/18
 ELLIOTT, Robert Wendell, West Gate 2003/09/19
 ROSE, Samuel Glenn, Corner Brook 2003/09/20
 HUSSEY, John Edward, 2003/09/27
 MACVICAR, Kenneth Bruce, 2003/06/07
 UNDERHAY, John Boyd, Union, 2003/06/20
 JOHNSON, Keith Crawford, Landfall, 2003/06/21
 BATSON, Reginald Eric, Gander 2003/05/08
 BLANDFORD, Edgar George, Airways 2003/05/08
 BENOIT, John Matthew, Clarendville 2003/05/10
 CLARKE, Hayward Raymond, Unity 2003/05/10
 JONES, Gordon Ford, Twillingate, 2003/05/12
 BUDGELL, Ronald Wilfred, Botwood, 2003/05/29
 PENNEY, Leslie William, Lewisporte, 2003.05/30
 SHEPPARD, Anthony Hugh, Whiteway, 2003/04/01
 YETMAN, David Gerald, St. Georges, 2003/04/15
 KEEPING, Carl John, Westmoorland, 2003/03/01
 JONES, Stephen John, Neptune, 2003/02/14
 LAWRENCE, Thomas Fraizer, Saint John's, 2003/01/08

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

WARFORD, Edwin Lorne, Clarenville, 2003/01/28
 KEEPING, John James, Fidelity, 2003/01/30
 CREWS, Carl John, Fidelity, 2003/01/30
 GOOSE, Robert J., Gander, 2002/01/18
 HUSSEY, Raymond Thomas, Westmoorland, 2003/02/26
 PEARCEY, Kenneth Douglas, Saint John's, 2003/02/12
 WESOCOWSKI, Carl Adam, Saint John's, 2003/02/12
 CARDOULIS, Peter Francis, Saint John's, 2002/02/13
 ROBERTS, Brian, St. Georges, 2003/01/21
 BRUSHETT, Calvin C., St. Georges, 2003/01/21
 ROWSELL, James H., First Colony, 2002/11/12
 AVERY, Kevin, Clarenville, 2003/02/25
 CLARKE, Daniel Clifford, Cabot, 2003/04/01
 OSBOURNE, Graham, McLeod, 2003/04/16
 JACOBS, Alfred Owen, Lewisporte, 2002/12/21
 PRICE, Wilson Alec, Fidelity, 2003/05/08
 BANKS, Glenn, Mic-Mac, 2003/04/16
 PITTMAN, Victor Ralph, Clarenville, 2003/04/23
 STRICKLAND, Hubert, Canam, 2003/05/03
 JOHNSON, Michael Francis, Twillingate, 2003/05/01
 STANLEY, Edward Eugene, Northern Lights, 2003/03/11
 FLYNN, William James, Botwood, 2003/06/07
 MILLS, Trevor Todd, Botwood, 2003/06/07
 LAWTON, John Caleb, Botwood, 2003/06/07
 CAHILL, William, Westmoorland, 2003/05/21
 GODDEN, Herbert Arthur, Westmoorland, 2003/05/28
 HAMLIN, Arthur Henry, Westmoorland, 2003/05/28
 HENRY, John Alan, Whiteway, 2003/09/08
 VARDY, Kimbell George, Mic-Mac, 2003/03/19
 PYZUK, Elmer Anthony, Clarenville, 2003/09/23
 FOLLETT, Calvin Roy, Airways, 2002/06/04
 COLLINGS, Glenn Elden, Airways, 2002/06/04
 GOOD, Bruce Charles, Avalon, 2002/11/14
 BISHOP, George, McLeod, 2002/11/20
 GRIFFIN, Arthur James, Corner Brook, 2002/12/02
 BUTT, Gordon William, Corner Brook, 2002/12/02
 PIKE, James Patrick, Corner Brook, 2002/12/02
 KELLY, Jeffrey Kenneth, Fidelity, 2002/02/16
 EVANS, Harvey Arthur, Fidelity, 2002/02/16
 RICHARDSON, Douglas Robert, Fidelity, 2002/01/10
 BARNES, Sterling Harvey, Fidelity, 2002/01/10
 PARMITER, Scott Christopher, Botwood, 2002/11/04
 GILL, Alan Geoffrey, Whiteway, 2002/11/11
 ENGLAND, Stephen Harold, Notre Dame, 2002/11/07
 MERCER, William G., McLeod, 2003/01/21

FARNHAM LODGE CONSECRATED

History was made on Monday, October 27th, 2003 when Farnham Lodge of Research No. 33 was consecrated at the Gander Masonic Hall. A sincere thank you is extended to Notre Dame Lodge for sponsoring this event. This is the first consecration by Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador. The consecrating Officer was MW Bro. George Cull who was assisted by MW Bro. Herman Starkes as Senior Warden, MW Bro. Neil Chaplin as Junior Warden, RW Bro. Samuel Stickland as Chaplain, RW Bro. Donald W. Newell as Director of Ceremonies, VW Bro. William G. Earle as Inner Guard, and VW Bro. T. E. David Carmichael as Tyler. Following the consecration, RW Bro. Hayward Clarke, PDDGM – Central and a team of Officers installed RW Bro. W. Job Parsons as the first Master. Brethren wishing more information on this Lodge are requested to contact VW Bro. John E. E. Warren, Secretary, P. O. Box 1974, St. John's, NL, A1M 5C5.

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY'S DESK

... .. RW Bro. Larry Grandy

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I include a short message in this issue of Fraternal Tidings. I have just completed my first year as Grand Secretary and, even though it was a learning experience, I have enjoyed the challenge. I would like to thank all the Lodges for promptly forwarding their Installation forms and Annual returns. Quick turn around of these documents allows us to have up-to-date information in our database.

As Grand Secretary, my aim is to respond as quickly as possible to requests, concerns, e-mail messages or any other correspondence I receive. If I can be of assistance to Secretaries or any Brother please contact me. Grand Lodge address is P.O. Box 23018, St. John's, NL, A1B 4J9. E-mail address is gnfld@nf.sympatico.ca and the telephone number is 709-754-6520.

I have often heard that the main goal of Freemasonry is 'to take good men and make them better'. Just today I came across this little verse and I want to share it with you:

To build a better world, God said and I just answered –How?
 The world is such a large vast place, so complicated now.
 And I so small and useless am, there's nothing I can do.
 But God in all His wisdom said... Just build a better you!

On behalf of Beverly and myself, I wish everyone and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

REMEMBER YOU'RE A MASON by Robert W. Pinkerton

When the pressures of recession
 Make us concentrate on greed
 Take heed, a worthy Mason
 Cares about another's needs

Don't let pressures of the moment
 Make your obligation sway
 Stop and help a fallen brother
 Or another by the way

What you give is like a bubble
 Whenever you assist
 What it costs in time and trouble
 Is soon after, never missed

Brother bear that obligation
 You accepted on your knee
 It's in direct relation
 To your own security

Never hesitate, my brother
 Square your actions now and say
 "I'll remember I'm a Mason,
 And behave like that today"

With regard to human kindness
 And the Golden Rule, I pray
 I'll remember I'm a Mason,
 And behave like that today.

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning to relocate, particularly if you are leaving the area from which you 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.