



# GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

## FRATERNAL TIDINGS



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### GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND MASTER



**MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER  
LAWRENCE G. MOSS**

BRETHREN, I AM WRITING THIS FROM ST. JOHN'S WHERE I MOVED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS ON DEC. 12, 2008. SINCE MOVING HERE I HAVE VISITED MOST OF THE LODGES IN AVALON DISTRICT AND SOME SEVERAL TIMES. BY THE END OF MARCH I WILL HAVE VISITED ALL OF THE LODGES AND CONCORDANT BODIES OF MASONRY IN THIS AREA. I HAVE PRESENTED SEVERAL PAPERS AND AT THE TIME OF WRITING THIS I HAVE REQUESTS FOR SEVERAL MORE. THIS HAS ENABLED ME TO EXPOUND ON THE THEME FOR MY TERM WHICH IS "LEARN IT AND LIVE IT" I AM VERY PLEASED TO NOTE THAT SEVERAL LODGES AND DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS ARE PICKING UP THAT THEME AS WELL. I HAVE FOUND THE REACTION OF THE BRETHREN TO BE VERY SUPPORTIVE AND APPRECIATIVE. MOST BRETHREN ARE ANXIOUS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR BELOVED CRAFT, ITS MYSTERIES AND BENEFITS, AND TO APPLY IT TO THEIR LIVES.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO NOTE FROM YOUR NOTICE PAPERS THAT MOST LODGES ARE BUSY WITH DEGREE WORK TO THE POINT WHERE SEVERAL ARE HAVING TO DO THEIR DEGREES AT EMERGENT MEETINGS. THIS IS A PROMISING SIGN AND IT WILL HELP US TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION AS THE ONLY GRAND LODGE IN CANADA WITH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH. WE MUST REMEMBER HOWEVER THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF A LODGE IS TO MAKE MASONS NOT JUST TO INITIATE THEM. IN OTHER WORDS IT'S TO MAKE GOOD MEN BETTER.

WHETHER YOU ARE A NEW ENTERED APPRENTICE OR A 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBER, YOU CAN STILL BECOME A BETTER MAN AND A BETTER MASON. PERFECTION IS NOT GIVEN TO MAN UPON THIS EARTH BUT TO THE GREAT ARCHITECT ALONE. WHAT WILL MAKE OUR GOOD MEN/MASONS BETTER IS TO LEARN THE TEACHINGS AND TENETS OF OUR GENTLE CRAFT AND APPLY THEM TO THEIR LIVES. THESE TEACHINGS ARE DONE THROUGH THE SYMBOLISM AND ALLEGORY THAT MAKES MASONRY UNIQUE AND EXCITING. THIS IS WHY MASONIC EDUCATION IS SO IMPORTANT IN OUR LODGES AND I AM PLEASED THAT SO MANY LODGES HAVE MADE IT A PRIORITY.

*Larry Moss*



### Royal Canadian Mount Police

Every day the many members of the Mount Police put on the uniforms and go to work. Often its just another routine shift which is the run of mill police work being the order of the day. But there are days when receiving a call could mean the difference between life and death. This was the case in December 2008 when Cpl Randy Pack received just the call, and responded knowing he was going to dealing with much more than a traffic violation. As he was traveling in his cruiser he really was thinking what is this going to turn out to be. He was tasked with the challenge of recovering a 72 year old man who had gone through the ice on his ATV With the support of others members of the RCMP and Ground Search & Rescue they were successful in saving his life.

This is another example one of the many Freemasons who have taken on high risk careers to help others as part of every day life.

The Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador  
Thanks and Congratulates Bro Randy Pack for  
his continued Work and Service  
to the Community

**Bro. Randy received The Honor as  
Police Officer of the Year**



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## Successful Lodge Meetings

The Worshipful Master is responsible for ensuring that meetings are run effectively and efficiently.

Here are a few tips to assist in that process:

**Plan. Plan. Plan.**

Have a clear agenda not just the one in the summons.

Remember “The better the planning the better the meeting”.

Before the meeting consult the Secretary and know what will come up under business arising and correspondence.

There should be no surprises at the meeting.

Before the meeting be sure that all officers are present or substitutes are arranged.

Before the meeting greet all guests and know their correct names and Masonic titles. Introduce them properly and invite them to the East as appropriate.

Start on time.

If there is no degree work, have someone prepared to present a paper of Masonic interest.

Do not allow discussion to end until the matter is

Resolved or action is determined.

Do not allow the meeting to go on too long without a break.

Allow time for discussion but do not allow repetition or allow the discussion to drag on. Keep the discussion focused.

Do not permit side conversations. Remember, lodges do not strictly follow parliamentary procedure but fairness and efficiency are essential.

Know the various procedures eg. dealing with motions, minutes, etc.

Take note of any item that requires follow-up and follow up appropriately.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

MANY BECOME MASONS IN NAME ONLY, NOR EVER COMPREHEND THE EMPTINESS OF THEIR TITLE. FREE MASONRY IS OF THE HEART AND IN THE LIFE.

A MAN SAID I HAVE BEEN A FREE MASON FOR MANY YEARS WHAT GOOD HAS IT DONE ME? HE NEVER WAS A FREE MASON WHAT HE PUT INTO FREEMASONRY WAS EXACTLY WHAT HE GOT OUT OF IT

*SQUARE AND COMPASS, SEPT 1921*

## THE ORDER OF MERITOROUS SERVICE

This award is the highest honor presented by our Grand Master. It was established during the Formation of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador in 1997 as a method of recognizing some of our very valued contributors. It is issued annually during the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Each year two of these orders are issued. Those members who receives the award, are recognized for the contribution they have provided over many years to the Fraternity, District or Lodge Level. It is the highest Order which can be bestowed upon a member.

They receive a Distinctive Medal.

### MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

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| 1998 | Bro. John W. Dean III<br>MW Bro. Robert E. Davies                   |
| 1999 | VW Bro. Wallace Roberts Noel<br>W Bro. Frederick Llewellyn Mitchell |
| 2000 | RW Bro. Richard Thomas Abbott<br>RW Bro. Robert Morris Hellier*     |
| 2001 | RW Bro. George Melvin Dingwell<br>Bro. Kenneth William Smith        |
| 2002 | RW Bro. William Asquith Neal<br>W Bro. Wilfred James Strong*        |
| 2003 | MW Bro. James Hubert Pike<br>RW Bro. Chesley Francis Rogers         |
| 2004 | W Bro. Norman Roy Forward<br>RW Bro. Maxwell Cyril Sceviour         |
| 2005 | VW Bro. Donald Penney<br>W Bro. Milligan Batt                       |
| 2006 | RW Bro. Samuel Stickland<br>VW Bro. John Robert Snow*               |
| 2007 | VW Bro. Eli James Matthews<br>VW Bro. James Thomas Fitzgerald       |
| 2008 | RW Bro. W. Job Parsons<br>RW Bro. William F. Scott                  |



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**MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED TO STUDENT FROM BOTWOOD**



Catherine Burt (Level 3) pictured with L-R: Past District Grand Master Central RWB Dave Rowsell and Worshipful Master Botwood Lodge WB Arch Rowsell.

Catherine Burt (level 3) student was the winner of the Botwood Masonic Lodge Scholarship (\$300), the Provincial J. Gordon Barnes Masonic Scholarship (\$500) and the Provincial Patrick Tasker Education Masonic Scholarship (\$750) It's the first time that one student has won all three scholarships. Catherine also received the following: Certificate for Treasurer of Student Council, Academic Honours Award, Academic Honours with Excellence Award, Ross Paul Memorial Scholarship for First Place Advanced Math (\$500), Home Hardware Scholarship for First Place English (\$100), Shoppers Drug Mart Scholarship for First Place Academic Science (\$100), Academic Honours Scholarship (\$200), Montship Scholarship (\$1,200), Botwood Foodland Scholarship (\$250), Governor General's Bronze medal, Electoral Scholarship (\$1,000), School Spirit Award, Wellness Award, Harvey Fong Scholarship for Graduate of the Year, MUN Endowment Fund Scholarship (\$16,000), Halliburton Group Canada Scholarship (\$8,000), Miller Thompson Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000), Shad Valley Entrance Scholarship (\$2,500)

Catherine is not only the daughter of Bro Bruce and Gwen Burt Botwood Lodge but the Grand daughter of Bro Neville and Elizabeth Burt Airways Lodge and the niece of Bro Brian and Beverly Burt PDGM also of Airways Lodge Gander.

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**THE FACES OF FREEMASONS**



**LODGE DONATION  
TO FREEMASONS HALL**

**CLIFT LODGE  
OF BELL ISLAND**

DONATES THE PERFECT & ROUGH ASHTERS. BOTH WERE MADE AND CAME FROM THE IRON ORE MINE ON THE ISLAND.

**POLARIS LODGE  
GOOSE BAY**

DONATED A NEW ALTER AS WELL AS THE PEDESTALS FOR THE MASTER AND TWO WARDENS

**WHAT HAS FREEMASONRY DONE FOR ME**

( This article was portion taken from a speech by VWB Mark G.S. Bradbury)

**ON HIS INSTALLATION JANUARY 2009 TO THE CHAIR OF SAINT JOHNS LODGE No 1**

IT HAS BEEN 14 YEARS SINCE I ASSUMED THIS OFFICE AND WHILE A LOT HAS HAPPENED IN MY LIFE DURING THAT TIME. .GOTTEN A LITTLE OLDER AND LOST A BIT MORE HAIR, I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT MY ALLEGIANCE TO FREEMASONRY HAS NEVER WAVERED. FREEMASONRY HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR ME AS A PERSON. IT HAS GIVEN ME GREATER SELF CONFIDENCE, AFFORDED ME A WIDER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES, STRENGTHENED MY SENSE OF PURPOSE AND RESOLVE, IMPROVED MY MEMORY SKILLS, STRENGTHENED MY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY TIES, PROVIDED A COMMON GROUND FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN MYSELF AND MY FATHER, TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMILITY AND RESPECT OF THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS, PROVIDED A STRUCTURED AND FREQUENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO INTERACT AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF MY CLOSE FAMILY AND EVEN TIGHTENED MY SPIRITUAL CONNECTION WITH GOD.

I ASK YOU, IS THERE ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT YOU KNOW OF THAT CAN DO ALL THOSE THINGS? BRETHREN THESE ARE BENEFITS TO MEMBERSHIP IN FREEMASONRY THAT CANNOT BE PUT TO DOLLARS AND CENTS. AS THE MASTERCARD AD SAYS, THEY ARE PRICELESS. I KNOW THAT MASONRY TAKES TIME AND THAT YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE. .BUT ARE NOT THESE BENEFITS TO YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND THE WELL BEING-OF THOSE AROUND YOU, ALSO VALUABLE? WHAT BETTER WAY COULD YOU POSSIBLY FIND TO SPEND YOUR VALUABLE TIME.



# THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF GRAND LODGE

## Of the 1997 Grand Lodge Officers 5 Have Served in the Office of Grand Master

### Offices

### 1997

Grand Master MW Bro	Herman W. Starkes
Deputy Grand Master	Neil M. Chaplin
District Deputy Grand Master – Lab	Alfred G. Decker
District Deputy Grand Master – Wes	William L. Martin
District Deputy Grand Master – Cent	Robert M. Hellier
District Deputy Grand Master – Penn	Alfred O. MacPhee
District Deputy Grand Master – Avalon	Alfred P. Wilson
Grand Senior Warden RW Bro	C. Frank Rogers
Grand Junior Warden RW Bro	W. Job Parsons
Grand Registrar RW Bro	James Tulk
Grand Treasurer RW Bro	Vincent J. Pike
Grand Secretary RW Bro	George Cull
Grand Chaplain RW Bro	John R. Snow
Grand Director of Ceremonies VW Bro	Roy D. Saunders
Grand Senior Deacon VW Bro	Colin A. Forward
Grand Junior Deacon VW Bro	David G. Rowsell
Grand Superintendent of Works VW Bro	Maxwell J. Squires
Assistant Grand Secretary VW Bro	Maxwell C. Sceviour
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies VW Bro	W. D. Ross Ashbourne
Grand Sword Bearer VW Bro	H. Sheridan Yetman
Grand Organist VW Bro	Herbert R. LeGrow
Grand Pursuivant VW Bro	John R. Dollimont
Grand Steward VW Bro	Brian H. Strickland
Grand Steward VW Bro	K. Brian Sceviour
Grand Steward VW Bro	Wayne C. Dodge
Grand Standard Bearer VW Bro	Frank W. Pike
Grand Tyler VW Bro	Herbert D. Manthorne
Grand Historian RW Bro	J. Gordon Bartlett



Herman Starkes 97  
Neil Chaplin 98-99  
George Cull 00-02 James Tulk 02-04,  
Donald Newell 04-06  
Max Squires 06-08



### CHANGES SINCE CONSECRATION .

THE GRAND LODGE OF 1997 HAD A TEAM OF APPOINTED OFFICERS BY THE APPOINTED GRAND MASTER. HOWEVER AS A RESULT OF THIS FORMATION THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF TODAY FROM THE GRAND MASTER AND ALL OFFICERS HOLDING THE RANK OF RT. WORSHIPFUL BRO. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GRAND CHAPLIN ARE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP. THE REMAINDER OF THOSE WITH THE RANK OF VERY WORSHIPFUL BRO. ARE APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER

THE FIRST ELECTED GRAND MASTER OF OUR GRAND LODGE WAS MW BRO. GEORGE CULL

TODAY'S GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ARE DECIDED BY ITS MEMBERSHIP PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS ALL OVER OUR PROVINCE. IN 2008 OUR GRAND MASTER MW BRO LAWRENCE MOSS IS A MEMBER FROM NOTRE DAME LODGE OF SPRINGDALE. OUR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER RT WOR BRO JOHN PEYTON IS FROM POLARIS LODGE IN LABRADOR

### THE PAST 10 YEAR PERIOD

- ESTABLISHED A CONSTITUTION
- ESTABLISHED A GL COAT OF ARMS
- ESTABLISHED ANNUAL AWARD OF THE LODGE OF THE YEAR
- ESTABLISHED THE ORDER OF MERTIROUS SERVICE
- ESTABLISHED A NEWSLETTER (FRATERNAL TIDINGS)
- ESTABLISHED A WEBSITE
- ESTABLISHED AND DEVELOPED THE FIVE DISTRICTS
- ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES FOR CONSTITUED LODGES
- ESTABLISHED A RITUAL "THE WORKS"
- ESTABLISHED A LODGE OF RESEARCH "FARNHAM LODGE"
- SOLD THE PROVINCIAL MASONIC TEMPLE ST. ST. JOHN'S
- ESTABLISHED A GUIDELINE FOR DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS
- ESTABLISHED INTERVIEW GUIDELINE FOR NEW LODGE MASTERS
- ESTABLISHED UNIVERSITY LODGE NO. 34
- CONSTRUCTED A NEW PROVINCIAL FREEMASONS HALL

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