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MWBro. William Unrau cuts up at the Kamloops Museum, while RW Bro. James Baker of the Community Relations Committee smiles for the camera.

Grand Master's report

by MW Bro. William Unrau, Grand Master 2004-2005

Our Grand Lodge Executive Committee has actively proceeded with efforts to achieve the goals set for this year. In August our Board of General Purposes met for the first time with most of the regional representatives present. There was much enthusiasm in the room and this provided an opportunity to brainstorm how the board can be developed into its most effective rôle.

Although our standing committees can bring recommendations or motions directly on the floor at our Grand Lodge communications, this Board of General Purposes can only serve as an advisory body. However, this need not limit the influence it can have.

When we consider the four main goals I put forward at Grand Lodge, I can see a major amount of assistance being received from this board in order to achieve them. In this regard board members have assisted by commencing an audit of our Grand Lodge

office. This included developing policy manuals, staff job descriptions and assessing what steps can be taken to make us most cost-effective.

The first issue that has surfaced is the cost of our *Masonic Bulletin*: last year, \$17,059. We can reduce this cost by asking each lodge to not provide copies to affiliated members who maintain a membership in a previously-joined lodge.

We have much to do and a Grand Master's travel requirements are considerable, therefore this board can be the catalyst to energize our activities. Our District Deputies have all been provided with material promoting a better understanding of our teaching, conduct and lodge activity planning. Hopefully all will become familiar with the goals being targeted and see fit to consider them in your lodge planning.

I will be asking our Finance Committee and Board of General Purposes to develop a

process to increase fundraising and also continue with efforts to reduce expenditures. I will ask our Community Relations Committee to help with promoting youth activities and community awareness of our organization. In addition each committee will be asked to do specific tasks, for example there are a number of lodges either attempting to amalgamate or discontinue operation. This will require an adjustment to our districts and again, our committee responsible will be put to work.

I look forward to meeting the challenge for the future and providing leadership that will stand us in good stead for the future.

On display

The Kamloops Museum has hosted a display of Freemasonry and the contributions freemasons have made to the city, community and by extension to the province from 1885 to the present. The collection of over 150 archival papers, photos, jewels and other items is meant to remind and educate the freemasons and citizens of the city the impact of our ancient brethren on our community.

Our Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother William Unrau honoured us by attending and officially opening the display on the 28 July 2004.

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The president of the museum's Board of Directors, Al Yelland welcomed everyone to the museum and on behalf of the city, Peter Sharpe, councilman and member of Mount Saint Paul Lodge No. 109, presented the regrets of Kamloops Mayor Rothenberger. MW Bro. Jack T. Harper gave a brief, but inspiring description of Freemasonry and its goals. RW Bro. Jim Baker then described the exhibits and how they were acquired. He also thanked the members of the committee and those who searched basements, archives and attics for items to display. Special thanks were accorded the museum staff, particularly the manager, Ms. Elizabeth Duckworth and curator, Cyler Page.

The Grand Master, assisted by RW Bro. Baker, then cut a ribbon, declaring the display open for viewing.

MW Bros. William J. McCoid, Jack T. Harper and William C. Ferguson were also present, as well as over 75 members from every lodge in District 3 and all concordant bodies active in the city.

A reception was held in the Board Room of the Museum after the short ceremony.

Museum staff told us this was the largest group attending an opening for some time. They



W Bro. Palmer Cox

also remarked on how well the display and function were organized.

They were particularly impressed by the efficient manner in which the members of the Order of Eastern Star set up the festive board for the gathering after the opening, in a room they had not seen until that evening. ■

Labour

by MW Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Masonic labour is purely a labour of love. He who seeks to draw masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a freemason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a freemason. ■

Chaplain's corner

by VW Bro. Ian Paton, Grand Chaplain

Thanksgiving

The first Canadian day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed in 1872, not many years after Confederation, to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) from a serious illness. Since that first special day, Canada has moved Thanksgiving Day around by proclamation and by association with Remembrance Day, until in recent years we have settled on the second Monday in October of each year.

Our American brothers and sisters settled on the fourth Thursday in November many years ago—recalling the thankfulness of the Pilgrims in a new land and recognizing the reality of a later harvest time in the more southerly parts of our bountiful continent.

It's great to have special day set aside for turkey and trimmings—for family and friends. It's also great to have the opportunity every day of

our lives to give thanks for all of the wonderful things that are part of every day here in dear old Canada.

Lets count our blessings on October 11, and every other day of the year. I like the thoughtful invocation that says

"Thank you for good food in a world in which many go hungry. Thank you for good friends in a world in which many are friendless. Thank you for our faith in You in a world where many walk alone." ■

DeMolay

by RW Bro. Ernie MacDonald

Have you ever had the pleasure of attending a DeMolay meeting? For some of us, as Senior DeMolays, perhaps the DeMolay Chapter was where our masonic careers began.

The advisors, who were all freemasons, worked together for the interests of the young men. The teachings were in the ritual as they are to this day. The brethren for the most part respected the Chapter officers as well as each other. Values and inter-personal relations and respect were emphasized.

While DeMolay is very much reduced in numbers in Canada today compared with some years ago—as is the case with many other organizations—the teachings and principles of the Order are the same.

DeMolay has seven cardinal virtues encompassed in two degrees (Initiatory Degree and DeMolay Degree). Young men must "prove up" in open Chapter before proceeding to the second degree and then again to be entitled to vote. Both degrees are similar in difficulty and complexity to our masonic degrees.

With more work, dedication, and motivation, an order to which many of us owe a debt of thanks and gratitude could once again grow and prosper.

If you can spare an evening, please make inquiry, and visit a

local DeMolay chapter. You are encouraged to take your apron and regalia. Currently DeMolay chapters are located in Richmond, Maple Ridge, Kelowna and Victoria. ■

RW Bro. Ernie MacDonald, RD, Chev. COH. is Provincial Chapter Dad.

Lodge notes

W Bro. Phillip Robinson of **Burrard Lodge No. 50** extends his thanks to all the brethren who have expressed their condolences and sympathy following his wife's accident and subsequent death. He thanks you for your prayers, kind thoughts and support.

Nanaimo's oldest church, St. Andrews United, has celebrated the 111th anniversary of its cornerstone laying on 18 July 1893 by MW Bro. Sibree Clarke, in a ceremony arranged by the brethren of **Ashlar Lodge No. 3** and **Doric Lodge No. 18**. The masonic aspect of this historic event was noted in local newspaper accounts this past summer. ■

Haiku

By Ted Berry, Washington DC

Entered Apprentice

Kneeling in darkness,
the Hoodwink removes itself
of its own accord.

Fellowcraft

In a private place,
is a sacred place, and there,
within, lies a Word.

Master Mason

In darkness again,
set here by a fatal blow.
I will rise again. ■

Sent to Cinosam by Frank Spevak

Chile

The Grand Lodge of Chile operates from a large, modern facility in Santiago, with a well-stocked library, bookstore and museum. Their staff produce a masonic magazine, and are responsible for masonic

education and training. A full restaurant with bar service is open all day, and a masonic funeral parlour also generates money for Grand Lodge.

Freemasonry was brought from Europe by French merchants in the 1840s. Their influence on the work has resulted in a much older ritual than that generally used in North America, with a great emphasis placed on purification using the four elements—earth, wind, fire and water.

Every lodge has three monthly meetings, one for the members of each degree, although Master Masons are expected to attend all three. Each meeting has a degree exemplified. The ritual lectures are not expected to be memorized, but are read. The regular work—opening, closing, questions and answers—are memorized.

Great emphasis is placed on education. Entered Apprentices are given topics and expected to present papers. All facets of Freemasonry are explored including the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Holy Royal Arch.

The Entered Apprentice Degree takes three and a half years to complete, during which the brother wears his white apron with the triangular flap up. He is expected to make a study of Freemasonry—its meaning, philosophy, virtues, principles, and symbols.

The Fellowcraft brother will then wear his apron with the flap down for two and a half years, during which time he is expected to put into practice the lessons learned.

Once the brother becomes a Master Mason, he is entitled to wear a white apron with a red border but must complete a year and a half probationary period teaching Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts while also exemplifying freemasonry in the community. Attendance at an officers' school provided by Grand Lodge is mandatory before any

office can be held. Worshipful Masters are in office for two years, while their Grand Master assumes his office for a period of four years.

Freemasonry is held in high regard and it is difficult to gain entry—a person has to be known for a period of time, he is also well interviewed, and back ground checked. In Chile the cost of membership is \$20 to \$30^{CAN} per month per person, or approximately \$300^{CAN} a year, with most of the money going to Grand Lodge. Meals at the festive board are an additional cost. Freemasonry in Chile operates ten months a year, going into darkness for January and February.

Chilean Freemasonry is active in society and is a source of pride for its members. They operate the University of La Republica, with a faculty of architecture, engineering and law. They speak in schools, and sponsor the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross, and the Red Ladies, an appendant masonic body that volunteers in Hospitals. ■

These notes were gleaned from a report by Bro. Amador Campos, Treasurer of the Manitoba Masonic Study Group, as transcribed by Bro. Victor Popov on 24 March 2003.

Old Tiler Talks

by Carl Claudy, 1924

THE FORGOTTEN WORD

"Never have I been so glad to get to lodge as tonight!" began the New Brother to the Old Tiler in the anteroom.

"Someone here owe you some money or something?" asked the Old Tiler.

"No indeed! But lying awake last night, thinking about Masonry, I tried to recall the word of a Master Mason... and I couldn't! It was a lost word for me, sure enough! I couldn't sleep all night, trying to remember. I couldn't remember today and it

bothered me a lot! So I was glad to come to lodge tonight and get instructed!"

"I shouldn't have worried over that," answered the Old Tiler. "Our memories play strange tricks. You didn't need it, did you?"

"No, but a Mason ought not to forget it. It's the most important thing in Masonry. If we don't have it we cannot visit and work as a Master—and everything!"

"So we are told," answered the old Tiler. "Yet don't you mistake the meaning? The syllables you are taught to pronounce are not important."

"Why, Old Tiler! How can you say that?"

"Because it is true," answered the Old Tiler. "Is it important what particular piece of cloth is put in an apron? Is it important what particular piece of iron is used to make a pillar, or what particular copy of a million Bibles is on the Altar, or what particular piece of wood is used in the gavel? Isn't it important that we wear an apron and know why, that we have a pillar to teach a lesson, that we revere the Great Light in Masonry, that we have a gavel for our control? Then are the syllables of the word important, or is the spirit, the meaning, the symbolism important?"

"Masons must know the word, the modes of recognition, the signs and tokens. But all these may slip from memory and still a brother have Freemasonry in his heart. They are audible symbols of spiritual knowledge.

"We are taught that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. Do you read into that statement some particular word? Or is the Word here used in the Old Jewish sense of the truth, the light of knowledge for which man may strive?"

"Masonry's search for the lost word is for far more than a syllable, my brother. The substitute word is more than an

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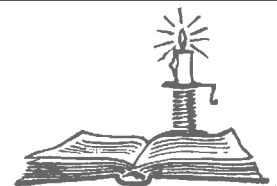
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exclamation. It is an inward knowledge of oneness with the Great Architect, for which all men of all ages have searched. Not all search in vain; many find their Word. Even the substitute word could only be given under certain circumstances; doubtless those earnest seekers who found the real word could never assemble the circumstances under which it, too, might be given to humanity.

"But we continue to search. Slowly but surely man has come up from barbarianism. The world improves with age. Except in war men are less cruel now than centuries ago; men know more than they did centuries ago. We are all brutes underneath, but to be underneath connotes something above. In our long struggle after the lost word we have put something above the brute. On that we climb, and are by so much nearer the Word we seek.

"It is this which is important. Let not your heart be troubled if that strangest part of all God's works, the human mind, plays a prank on you. Better men than you and I have forgotten their own names. Now and then one forgets the name of Deity. But in the end we remember, in some far place where angels see that our memories work! All you needed was conversation with any brother who had sat in lodge with you. If you desire, nothing prevents you from giving and receiving it as Masons are taught to do.

"Your only cause for worry is that you fail to keep always before you that Masonry in men's hearts searches for a word which no man has yet put into words. The tender lesson of the Master Mason degree has been a solace to millions. The Word, substitute though it is, has meant much more than the scholar translates. It is this which you must never forget, even when your memory temporarily takes

from you the recollection of the letters and their pronunciation."

"You should be a travelling lecturer!" cried the New Brother.

"You mean that as a compliment, but I'd rather sit still and tile."

"But you can't get anywhere!" cried the New Brother.

"Neither can a sign post by the road," smiled the Old Tiler. "Yet it points the way." ■

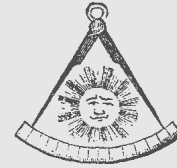
Russia

After over 75 years of darkness Freemasonry has returned to Far East Russia. In 1993 the Alaska Russian Relations Committee, under MW Bro. John Grainger, started plans for two new masonic lodges in Eastern Russia.

In 1995 the Grand Loge Nationale Française constituted the Grand Lodge of Russia. The Alaskan Russian Relations Committee now assists the Russian Grand Lodge.

Because of the distances involved, Alaska is in a unique position to revive Freemasonry in Russia east of the Ural Mountains. Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12 in Vladivostok is located some 8,000 kilometres from Moscow, approximately eight hours flying time from Alaska via South Korea.

The Alaska Russian Relations Committee members formed Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12, Under Dispensation. Their first meeting, arranged by MW Bro. Charles Corbin, Co-chairman of the Russian Relations Committee, was held in Palmer, Alaska 11 September 1999 where Nickoli Luzganov from Vladivostok was initiated a Master Mason. A month later eight Master Masons from Alaska followed on this historic event by flying to Vladivostok and conferring all three degrees on eight candidates. The new lodge, attended by approximately thirty freemasons including the Grand Master of



GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY OCTOBER, 2004

1	Fri		Bellingham Bay 44	Bellingham, WA
1-3	Fri	50th celebration	Prince Charles 153	Kelowna
7	Thu	District No. 8	Mountain 11	Golden
9	Sat	District No. 7	Harmony 37	Grand Forks
10	Sun	50th celebration	Bethel 22	Job's Daughters
13-15	Wed	All Canada Conference		Canmore
16	Sat		Centre 113	Williams Lake
21	Thu	Railway Night	Acacia 22	Vancouver
22-24	Fri	75th celebration	Mount Zion 120	Chilliwack
24	Sun	International Day		Peace Arch Park
24	Sun	Installation	DeMolay	Chilliwack
28	Thu	GM's Ladies Night	Lynden 56	Lynden, WA
29-30	Fri	Scottish Rite		

Russia, was constituted 14 October 2000 in Vladivostok.

In August 1996 Dr. Sergei Bogolepov from Novosibirsk asked the Grand Master of Alaska for some guidance in become a freemason. His grandfather was a freemason "but it was kept in our family as a great secret." On 4 April 2002, with assistance from the Grand Lodge of Alaska, the Grand Lodge of Russia and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Dr. Sergei Bogolepov received the degree of a Master Mason in North Kansas City, Missouri.

In 2001 Bro. Bogolepov, with the assistance of the Alaska Russian Relations Committee, started a new lodge in Novosibirsk, a city with a population of over 1,500,000. Bro. Bogolepov was subsequently elected Worshipful Master of Alpha & Omega Lodge No. 23 in Novosibirsk.

W Bro. "Sergei" has had inquiries to start Freemasonry in Tomsk, a large university town almost 500 kilometres from Novosibirsk as well as from Kazakhstan, an independent republic. Plans are being made to initiate candidates in Novosibirsk and then assist them in starting another lodge.

If Freemasonry is to succeed in the Far East it must be through the labours of the freemasons in Russia. We can, however, assist them by becoming honorary lifetime members of a Far East Russian lodge.

A one-time membership fee of \$200us supports the work of introducing Freemasonry into the Far East. Honorary lifetime members of Pacific Rim Lodge No. 23, Vladivostok and Alpha & Omega Lodge No. 23, Novosibirsk, receive a colourful membership certificate, lodge pin and a lifetime membership card. A copy of a current dues card serves as a petition.

Freemasons interested in becoming an honorary lifetime member of a Far East Russian lodge can contact MW Bro. John Grainger, Chairman of the Russian Relations Committee, at P.O. Box 5326, Ketchikan, AK 99901 USA or by email at jhg@kpnunet.net.

The Russian Far East offers a unique opportunity to establish our fraternity in an area where masonic precepts and tenets are virtually unknown. With the traditions of brotherhood and caring, our gentle Craft can become a positive influence in Russia. ■