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THE RESURRECTION

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A thought to ponder;

Why do
Doctors call
what they do
“Practice”?

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia

The Rededication Ceremony; thoughts by The Grand King

Every year, Chapters in our jurisdiction conduct a Rededication Ceremony, the highlight of which is to repeat the obligation that we all made when we were exalted as Royal Arch Masons. If you read the content of the obligation and indeed all of the obligations you will see that in fact you are promising to obey the constitution, rules and regulations of the order. In other words “re-promising”. I have often wondered if this is the real intent of the Rededication Ceremony.

Another word for dedicate is commit and I personally believe that when I am taking part in this important ceremony, I am re-committing myself to Freemasonry. How can we commit ourselves to Freema-

sonry? Obviously one-way is to obey the constitution, rules and regulations of the order. However there are other ways, which are not so obvious in the ritual of rededication. Let us think of a few...

Do you attend the Chapter meetings on a regular basis?

- Have you thought of asking a member who no longer attends to attend with you?

- Have you ever seriously approached a craft mason and asked him about joining our order?

- Would you consider volunteering to give an educational talk at a meeting?

- Have you ever volunteered to take an office without thought of advancing to the East?

- As an officer have you really made an attempt to memorize your ritual work?

- Have you considered learn-

ing one of the beautiful lectures in our ritual so you can take over from an older member who has been doing the work for years?

Companions the list is endless. There are so many ways that we can commit or rededicate ourselves to Freemasonry. I truly believe that Freemasonry is on an upswing thanks to the dedication of many companions. You too can make a contribution. Please give consideration to committing yourself over and above what you do now. Take one or more of the suggestions above and make it happen. And, there is a reward; you who are good men will become better men. Is that not what Freemasonry is really about?

Submitted by

Rt. Ex. Comp. Terence Read

A DGS at Work

Rt Ex Companion A. William Stevens, DGS, District No 3, installs the Grand Master of the 3rd Vale, Very Ex Companion David Kennedy of Valley Chapter No 16, on behalf of the MEGHP. For a DGS, the opportunity to act on behalf of the GHP is one of the perks of the job.

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Pictured Left, are four Companions who meet twice a week to encourage and support each other to take charge of their life and strive to be healthier. The four have committed to a heart healthy life style and have been there for each other over the past several years. They attend a fitness center at Valley Regional Hospital as part of a supervised program setup by the Valley Cardiac Rehab Society. The four agree that participation would be much more difficult without the support and encouragement of each other. They also agree that this program has been most beneficial in making them healthier both physically and mentally, thus helping to give their ifamilies a little more piece of mind.

Supporting each other outside the Chapter as well as within.

L – R: Companions LB Cook, Cornwallis Ch No 26, Donald Riswold, Valley Ch No 16, George Thomson, Valley Ch No 16, and Gerald Parks, Cornwallis Ch No 26.

Editors Notes; RE Comp Gary C Patterson, PGL

My Companions

You may have noticed that this newsletter, The Royal Craftsman, has been out of circulation for some time. Many of us feel that it is an asset to our Craft and worthy of existence. We are therefore at this time making an attempt for it's Resurrection.

As with all things Masonic this cannot happen through the efforts of any one individual. Like within our Lodges and Chapters, we cannot work without the efforts of many. In order for this project to become successful, it

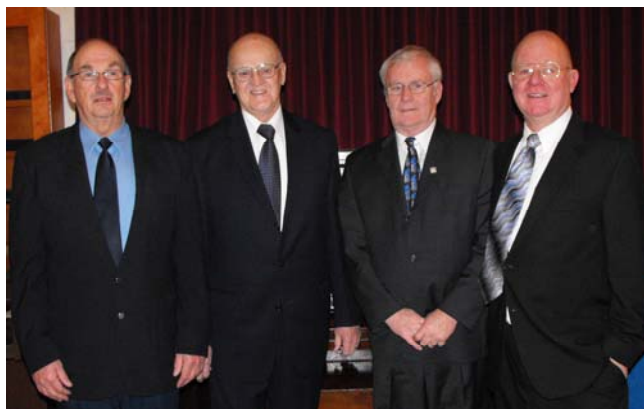
too will rely on the efforts of the Constituent Chapters of the Jurisdiction. We need you to provide us with items of interest, short articles, and photos. We want to know what's happening in your Chapter and to share your successes and disappointments. Please help us preserve this newsletter.

“For the Good of the Craft”

Stupid Tip of the Month

Do you have a problem sleeping due to a nasty cough? Then try this, for believe it or not, it is on record as working. I can't speak from experience but if desperate enough I would give it a try. At bedtime, rub ample amounts of Vicks Vapor Rub all over your feet and put on heavy socks. Let me know if it works. Who knew!

Cornwallis Chapter welcomes new Mark Masons



The HP and Companions of Cornwallis Chapter No 26 are pleased to welcome four new Mark Masons. (L-R) Brothers Robert Starratt, Keith Pettigrew, Douglas Allison, and Ronald MacNeill.

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RAM GLAUCOMA ENDOWMENT FUND (Report to the BGP 10 Nov 2008)

Right Excellent Companion Chairman and Members of the Board of General Purposes

It is my pleasure to report on the growth of the Grand Chapter Glaucoma Endowment Fund within the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre Foundation.

Donations received this year kept us in a position to maintain momentum. They helped to continue the growth pattern of our main benevolence programme. Recently, we celebrated the \$ 120,000.00 level of the RAM Glaucoma Fund. The transformation of the Glaucoma Fund into an "Endowment Fund" which gives legal protection and places the fund on a secure and permanent foundation. It provides for shared control over

the funds by our Glaucoma Committee and the Medical Staff of the Nova Scotia Eye Care Centre in the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, associated with the Department of Ophthalmology of Dalhousie University (or its legal successors). Some Glaucoma Fund Raising Dinners and other activities, organized by a few Chapters, gave us some welcome support. Those activities deserve imitation. They also brought us further publicity and recognition by the Medical Staff of the Eye Care Centre. Some major contributions from concordant Masonic bodies are much appreciated.

The status of our accounts as per 31st October, 2008 is as follows:

Trust Fund Balance after transactions

2007-\$129,523.59,
2008-\$138,070.76
Interest RAM Glaucoma Fund
2007-\$29,125.99
2008-\$33,088.45
Totals
2007-\$158,649.58
2008-\$171,159.19
Our efforts will contribute in a large way to research, education and treatment of PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS.

I respectfully solicit the continued support by all our Companions. We now have earned a reputation of which we can justly be proud. This ENDOWMENT may well preserve the memory of Royal Arch Masons in perpetuity.

Respectfully submitted,

Harald R K Weiland PGHP,
Chairman, RAM Glaucoma
Committee

2009 ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Grand Chapter will be held in Truro again this year.

Location: Best Western Glengarry Hotel, 150 Willow St, Truro, Nova Scotia, B2N 4Z6
Grand Chapter will meet May 1st and 2nd 2009.

ROOMS

Rooms are to be booked directly with the Best Western Glengarry Hotel, 1-800-567-4276 (or other establishment of your choice).

All functions will take place at the Best Western including the Ladies Program on Saturday.

Room Rates: \$110.00, (two persons - one bed or \$120.00 for two beds) for a one night stay, or \$93.00 (two persons - per night for a two or more night stay). These rates are for two persons per room. Additional persons in a room - \$12.00 per person each night. If booking is made for two nights but you stay only one night you will be charged the one night rate.

Reserve directly with the hotel no later than Sunday, April 12th, 2009, and advise them you are with the Grand Chapter Group to ensure rate.

Pre Registration Form for Tickets etc. (Please return by April 15th, 2009)

A Letter from a Past Grand Master - Good news for the Craft

Good afternoon Bro. Patterson,

It was good to hear from you this afternoon. Thank you for asking about Fairview Lodge No. 126 and requesting that I provide some info for the newsletter you are re-establishing. I hope the information below will provide enough information for your article.

The GM has given us dispensation to resurrect the charter as a Day Lodge. We will be holding our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Our first regular meeting under dispensation will be held on Wednesday, March 18th, 2009. I believe that the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers will be opening the Lodge and installing the Principal Officers of the Lodge. The Lodge will work under dispensation until the Annual Communication in June of 2009 when it will be brought before the Brethren who will decide whether the Lodge will continue as a Constituent Lodge working under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia. We are hoping that all Brethren throughout our jurisdiction will see the benefit of a Day Lodge, to the Brethren of the Metro area, who are unable to attend a Lodge at night for whatever reason. Although a Day Lodge, Fairview Lodge No. 126 will continue with its status as a degree conferring Lodge.

The Brethren are planning on having a light lunch, prior to each meeting, commencing around 12:00 noon; will be able to go home in time for supper, and most importantly, arrive home before dark. A Day Lodge will provide an alternative for those Brethren who are having difficulty traveling at night; and / or are retired interested in continuing their Masonic journey and looking for an interesting and enjoyable Masonic experience during an afternoon; and attract prospective Masons who may be working evenings or nights and would not be able join or attend a regular Lodge which meets during the evening hours.

The new Worshipful Master will be Bro. Daniel G. Campbell, Sr. Warden - Bro. John Holland, Jr. Warden - Bro. Wayne Hamm, Secretary - Bro. Lloyd MacKenzie, Treasurer - Bro. Ken Holmes, Chaplain - Bro. Wallace Rosevere, Sr. Deacon - Bro. Roy Merry, Marshal- Bro. Dale Smith with all other officers yet to be appointed.

Our Education / Planning Committee will be striving to provide special varied and interesting Masonic Educational sessions, distinguished guest speakers and other varied and interesting programs, at every regular meeting. Being open during the daylight hours will permit us to do some innovative programming and invite a variety of guest speakers who may not be available during the evening, to participate in our afternoon sessions.

The Brethren of Fairview Lodge No. 126 will be discussing the possibility of being closed during the months of January and February and remaining open in July and August. A number of our Brethren go south for the first couple of months of the year, so it may be better for us to be open during the summer months. Being open in the afternoon during the summer months may also be beneficial to many tourists who visit Nova Scotia and Halifax and wish to attend a Lodge while here, especially to cruise travelers who have to be back to the ship by 5:00 p.m. This will provide an excellent opportunity for our visiting Brethren to visit and tour Freemasons Hall and the Grand Lodge Archives which we are now developing.

The Officers and Members of Fairview Lodge No. 126 are truly excited and enthusiastic, about the resurrection of our Charter and are anxiously awaiting our first meeting in March. We extend a special invitation to all of our Brethren, throughout our jurisdiction, Canada and the world, to join us for interesting educational Masonic sessions and of course wonderful fellowship and brotherly love that we so enjoy before and during our meetings.

I also want to extend a special invitation to you and all of the Brethren of Kings District to join the Brethren of Fairview Lodge No. 126 for our opening meeting in March and we hope that you will feel free to visit with us if you are visiting Halifax on the third Wednesday of each month.

In closing I wish you every success with your endeavours to re-establish your newsletter. I would be most interested and appreciate being added to your distribution list.

*Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bro Daniel G. Campbell, PGM*