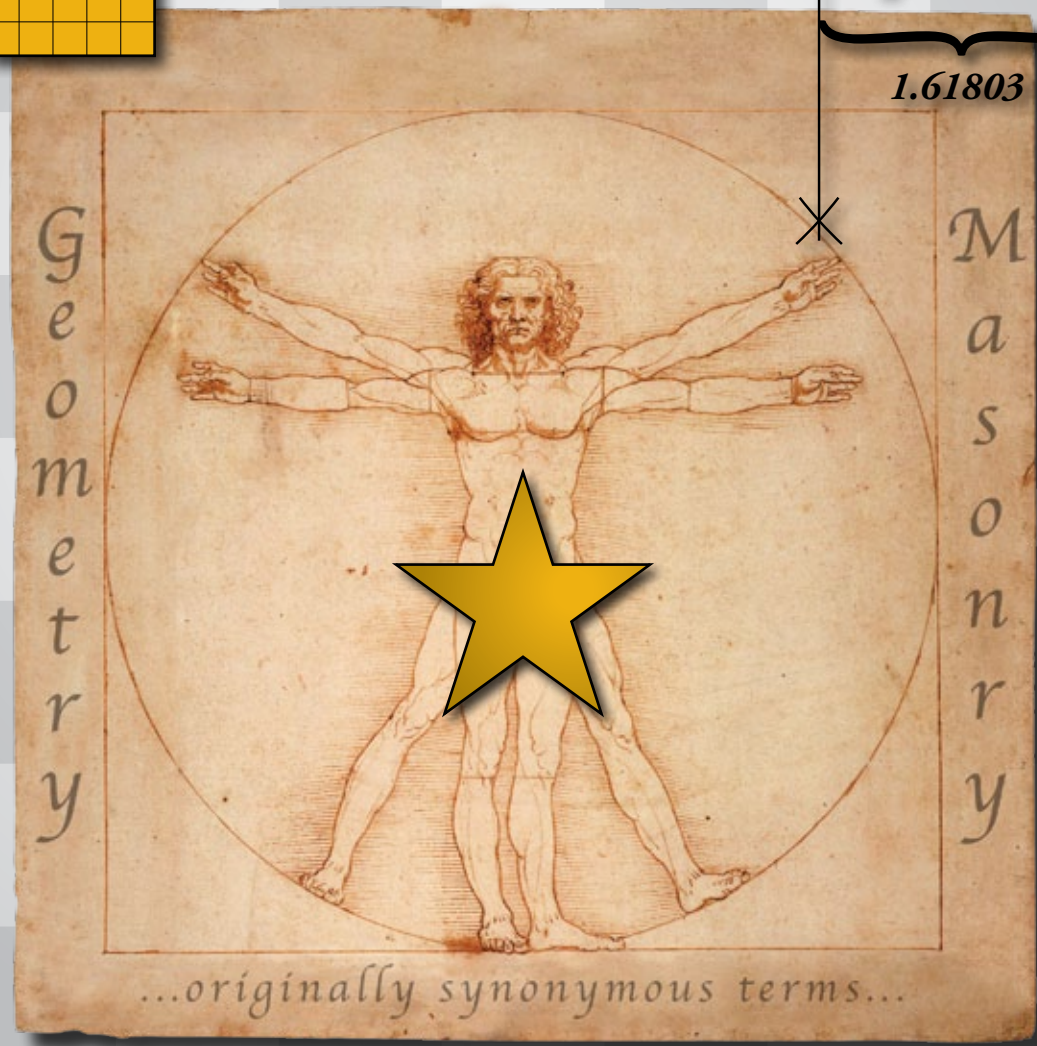
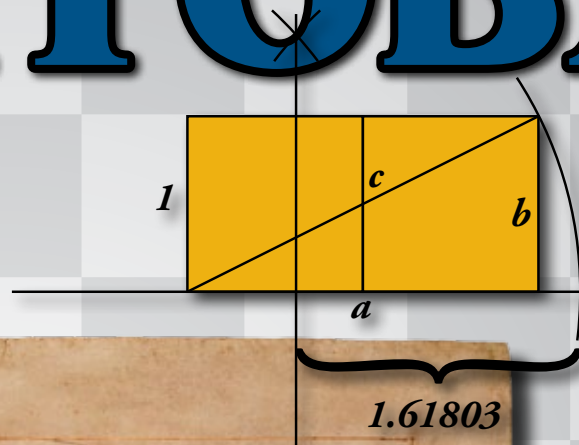
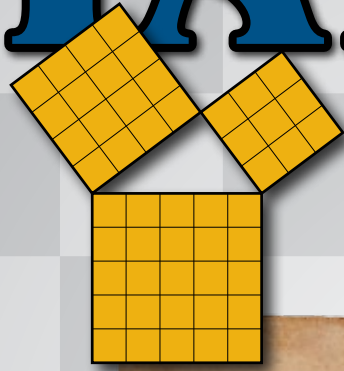


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Our Summer Cover attempts to display the relationship between Geometry and Masonry, which as our ritual informs us, were originally synonymous terms. The background is obviously composed of the ornaments of our Lodges: the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Skirting or border, which surrounds the pavement, and the Star, which gleams from the centre. This mosaic pavement vividly portrays the contrasts we experience in this life: good and evil, sickness and health, joy and despair, affluence and poverty and ultimately life and death. This is the background against which we live out our lives. We are reminded that while we tread this mosaic pavement our thoughts should reoccur to the original, which we copy. This is an indirect way of stating that we exist in the image of our Creator, not in the physical sense but in the spiritual. All of this is enclosed within the border beyond which our influence is not felt, where our trust in the Creator must take over. The Gleaming Star in the centre speaks to the omnipresence of the creative force. This star reminds us that existing within our very essence, at our centre Divinity exists. It is that vital and immortal spirit, the very soul of mankind.

Against this Masonic background we introduce the concept of Geometry. We again study the work of Vitruvius, an early Roman architect. He recognized the sacred geometry that exists within the human body, for example the ratio of the length of the upper arm to the lower arm is 1:1.61803. Da Vinci's portrayal of the Vitruvian man clearly demonstrates this unique relationship and is echoed by many examples in nature all around us. Squaring the circle which encloses this man further emphasizes a concept originally promulgated by the learned Pythagoras. The circle, a geometric body with no beginning nor end is a common symbol of divinity while the four sides of the square represent the material world, as we will explain later was thought by the ancient alchemists to be composed of only four elements. Thus the circle enclosed within the square is another figurative representation of the divinity existing within the human body.

In the upper left corner we find the Jewel of the Past Master, which portrays the 47th proposition of the first book of Euclid, one of the most important discoveries of the learned Pythagoras. He is best known for his mathematical abilities. He was more than a mathematician. Foremost a philosopher, he first proposed the presence of a divine soul existing within mankind and he believed in reincarnation. His theories greatly influenced Plato whose impact on man's spiritual study have been and continue to be immense. The elements, which the early alchemists theorized made up virtually all of the matter that exists, were Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Today they are recognized by four chemical elements; Carbon, Nitrogen, Hydrogen and Oxygen. These four elements along with only a trace of Silicon make up the entire composition of the human body. There is a fifth element, the Philosopher's Stone for lack of a better term, which animates those inert elements and gives man his life. That is the spark of divinity - the electrical energy which sustains our very life. The VSL explains that the Creator breathed life into the dust of the earth and made man a living soul.

Along the bottom is displayed a portion of the Fibonacci Sequence, which is the mathematical depiction of Sacred Geometry. In this sequence, each number is the sum of the previous two numbers. As the numbers grow larger the ratio of any number to the next higher one more closely approaches the perfect ratio of 1:1.61803. This number is unique in that the reciprocal is the same number, in other words 1 divided by 1.61803 is .61803.

Let's now examine the geometric design located at the upper right side. The question we must ask is how did the early craftsmen, manage to accurately layout these sacred dimensions, so that they might be transferred to the building materials. It is suggested that they would have started with the most sacred form known to the early Jewish or Tyrian craftsmen, the cube.

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Calculating the diagonal of the cube is a two step process. Let's work with a cube of 1 cubit per side. First one must calculate the diagonal of the base, which would be $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$. Now we use this $\sqrt{2}$ and the height to calculate the diagonal between opposite corners. This gives us $\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$. Mathematically this works out to 1.732 which is very close but not the required magic, mystical number. Altars, pillars, and even our Lodge rooms often take the form of an oblong square, which is really two cubes set one upon another. Some clever soul eventually discovered that $\frac{1}{2}$ of the diagonal of an oblong square + 1 would yield the required 1.61803, the sacred measurement. This forms the basis of the geometric symbol displayed at the top right side of the cover. (If you took the time to figure it out it is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the square root of 5 plus 1, which works out to exactly 1.61803!)

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The lessons of virtue which proceed from the East...

Spring officially arrived some time ago, however, as I penned this last message as your Grand Master, Mother Nature had other plans, with a winter storm warning issued for Southern Manitoba. As a result, I was forced to cancel a trip to Brandon and a surprise visit with the JOBE's at their "Saskatoba Rally." Despite the recent weather, I hope many of you still enjoyed the pleasant Easter weekend with family and friends. However, some of you may have been too busy to notice as your lives, or those of others close to you, continue to struggle with spring flooding. If you or someone you know has been affected, may the Great Architect watch over them until this threat has passed.

Your Grand Line Officers continue to be busy finishing official visits and attending Masonic Family activities, with many of those visits including presentations of long service medals, Master Mason, or Past Master certificates. April 27th was a special occasion when 11 brethren of Acacia Lodge No. 111 were presented with their Lewis Jewels. To the distinguished brethren who received a Jewel, certificate, or long service medal, and to the many guests who came to watch history in the making, thank you for making these events so memorable. Pictures should be in a future edition of Masonry in Manitoba.

There were several projects I had on my trestle board when I was installed last June, and they included Just a Buck, laying the cornerstone for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, an Amnesty Program, and a Milk Program for elementary school children. Please take a moment to read the full stories about Just a Buck and the Milk Program a little further along in this edition. It is my sincere hope both programs will continue to generate good news for Freemasonry in our communities for years to come.

However, one other pleasant duty that wasn't on my trestle board will happen later this month with the reconstitution of Tuscan Lodge No. 141. Tuscan went into darkness some time ago, but will be "reborn" in a special ceremony hosted by Grand Lodge Officers at MMC

Saturday, May 14th at 11:00 am. Ten brethren requested the Grand Master reconstitute Tuscan as a Daylight and Historical Lodge, to be known as Tuscan Historical Daylight Lodge No. 141, and would meet during the day, on the 5th Wednesday of a month. Their first meeting will be held Wednesday, June 29th, and followed by meetings in August and November this year. Please make plans to join the new slate of officers, under the direction of the Worshipful Master R.W. Bro. Bruce Taylor.

Our 136th Annual Communication is quickly approaching, with the festivities to start June 2nd at the Hotel Fort Garry with an evening reception, followed by a public opening ceremony the next morning. Communication details, including a Ladies Program, are highlighted a little further along in this edition, or by contacting Grand Lodge. Please join me, as we get ready to congratulate and wish every success to Grand Master elect, R.W. Bro. Chibu Uson and his officers, as they prepare to take over the reins of leadership.

Brethren, it has been an exciting journey for me this year and I would like to thank you for making it such a memorable one. Unfortunately, there were probably several items that slipped between the cracks, but trying to get it all done meant something was bound to get left behind. To those who took time to share a smile, a joke or two, or give me the grip only a brother could understand, thank you. To many, who at one time or another shared a kind word or gave me some friendly advice, I will always remember you and your words of support, strength, and wisdom. Thank you for placing your faith and trust in me to guide our gentle Fraternity for a little while. It has truly been a once in a lifetime journey, and I thank each of you for coming along for the ride.

May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to watch over you and our Masonic Family.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Kris :.

The Grand Master's Itinerary

May 9..... OV Charleswood Red River Lodge No. 184 - 7:30 pm - Charleswood Masonic Hall - 4289 Ridgewood Ave.
 May 11..... OV Starbuck Lodge No. 160 - 8:00 pm - Masonic Memorial Temple, Starbuck
 May 14..... Reconstitution of Tuscan Lodge No. 141 - 11:00 am - MMC
 June 2-4 Grand Lodge Communication - Fort Garry Hotel



We have started down a path whose final destination lies somewhere beyond the scope of human comprehension or knowledge. I trust it will be an interesting journey and that we will all grow and prosper from it.

I have asked R.W. Bro. Victor Popow to provide some of his thoughts relating to sacred architecture or sacred geometry, knowing full well that he would provide us with some wonderful insights into this largely unexplored aspect of our Craft.



Perhaps I should add a little personal information relating to our Bro. Victor. While serving as our Grand Librarian he undertook to modernize the library into the beautiful Masonic Resource Centre that we enjoy today. It was not an easy task but with a clear vision of what he wanted and the support of M.W. Bro. Ken Thomas it was realized. It is a shame that it is not better utilized for it contains a broad range of titles covering the widest possible range of Masonic topics. He was also one of the charter members and the first Worshipful Master of Templum Sion Lodge of Freemasons No. 186. They understood that the only way to realize their vision was to begin anew. Evolving an existing Lodge to embrace the esoteric and spiritual nature of today's Freemasonry is an extremely difficult, if not impossible task. Yet it must be realized that many of the young men who are joining our ranks today are seeking that elusive tenet: Truth! His quest for knowledge has introduced him to some of the finest and most inquisitive minds in Masonic research. He has the distinction of being a member of Mother Kilwinning Lodge No 0 in Ayreshire, Scotland. It was awarded that unique number as it predates the formation of the first Grand Lodge. He toils tirelessly in promoting the Craft. He worked closely with Bro. Frank Albo in unraveling the mysteries of our Legislature and often conducts tours for interested groups. He will be presenting a public lecture entitled "The Ancient and Hidden Meaning of Freemasonry" at 7:00 p.m. on May 3rd 2011 at Charisma Restaurant, 83 Sherbrook St. He has recently begun to paint again and is working on an abstract exhibition entitled "As Above, So Below." On Thursday, June 9th the Cre8ery Gallery will host the Gala Opening, which will run through to June 22nd.

This year's Annual Communication, our 136th, will be conducted at the historic Hotel Fort Garry, whose unique architectural setting is somehow most fitting for this auspicious solemnity. When the gavel sounds to close this communication another chapter of our history will be written into the historical register and a totally blank page will be revealed, ready to record our labours of the upcoming year. While the Grand Master ultimately receives recognition for our successes or failures, truly each one of us contributes in his own unique way to our destiny. It is imperative that we all do our utmost to ensure the growth and prosperity of our Craft. It is worth noting that we are one of the few Grand Jurisdictions in which Master Masons are entitled to participate and have the right to cast a ballot. Please plan to attend and exercise that prerogative.

This issue is being assembled under somewhat trying circumstances as I am visiting with my son (and brother) in Petawawa and Bro. Chris is left with the task of assembling the various articles which have been submitted. However that is his profession and perhaps I overestimate the amount of assistance I am able to offer as I am certain that the end result will be at his usual high standard.

I must also acknowledge the many brethren and Daughters of the Nile who attended the celebration of Judy's life held in Portage la Prairie on March 24th. As well there have been countless cards and emails expressing sympathy and support. Those expressions of sympathy and the fond recollections of the impact Judy has had upon so many people have and will continue to help me as I slowly learn to deal with the devastating emptiness that one experiences when, despite being in a crowd, one feels so totally and utterly alone. The words from our ritual: *"In all cases of difficulty and danger, in whom do you put your trust?"* have run through my mind a million times. As well I have often repeated the last lines of Ecclesiastes 12: *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."* To be sure the lessons taught by the Craft do help sustain us in times such as these.

Namaste .:

The Sublime Degree

Thrice I knocked and was challenged
 "Upon that which you enter - take heed"
 The long forgotten secrets I would learn
 are an answer to man's primordial need.

The Compasses inscribe a circle, a unique form
 which has neither beginning nor end.
 Its points presented to my breasts,
 a message designed to send.

What's this? - 'tis all in darkness, save
 in the East a glimmering light
 The sober warning of a far greater trial
 and I feel a sense of fright.

I listen to the legend of the widow's son, his
 honour and fidelity rewarded by hate.
 And then to my surprise and horror
 I'm forced to share his fate.

A haunting bell tolls, the dust returns from
 whence it came, covered by the sod
 The Spirit, released from its perishable frame
 is now free to return to God.

Strong hands seize me in a lion's grip
 reassuringly, they ease my fear.
 Clashed in the warm embrace of friendship
 strange words are whispered in my ear.

The 'Sublime' degree of a Master Mason
 I think at last I understand
 For the lesson taught on being raised
 is about the divinity of man.

Don Beattie .:

International Peace Garden Masonic Auditorium In need of repair

The Masonic Auditorium located in the International Peace Garden began in the mid 1970s satisfying the need to provide a sheltered location for the International Peace Garden Music Camp in order that students might perform inside instead of braving in the elements of Mother Nature.

Freemasonry has been involved in the International Peace Garden since its dedication in 1932. On June 17, 1981 the Masonic Auditorium, which had been funded by the Freemasons of Manitoba and North Dakota was formally dedicated. We all know from experience that all buildings over a period of time are in need of repair. Yes brethren, the auditorium is now in need of repair! Funds are needed to accomplish these repairs. At the August meeting of the International Peace Garden Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota presented a cheque in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Grand Lodge of North Dakota Masonic Foundation has identified another \$9,000.00 to be contributed towards this effort and \$2,000.00 has been received from PGM Robert Muhs on behalf of Mouse River Lodge in Towner which were funds left after closing some years ago.



The following was extracted from a letter received from Doug Hevenor, CEO International Peace Garden and PGM Richard Lord:

*"Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of North Dakota
July 22, 2010
201 14th Avenue North
Fargo, ND 58102*

We have recently had the pleasure of spending time with our Masonic friends from North Dakota and Manitoba, inspecting the beautiful Masonic Auditorium located here at the International Peace Garden. We are extremely fortunate to have such a fine multipurpose building in our garden. It is by far the most used building in terms of attendance and programming. Without it, the Garden would have a difficult time functioning as a destination site.

We have over 3,500 young musicians from the International Music camp and over 1,200 athletes from the Legion Athletic Camp perform and compete within the confines of the auditorium to audiences that exceed well over 50,000 people. The building is now over 30 years old and it is in need of attention and some very important

repairs, as any building of this age would need! This, my friends is the reason for this letter. We need help to acquire the funds needed to bring this wonderful facility back in top shape for years to come. My Masonic friends indicated that they do not want this building to deteriorate and become a liability to either the garden or the Masonic Bodies. Although the proposed repairs are not huge, they are an amount that is more than the Peace Garden can afford to spend with our limited budget. In concert with my Masonic friends, we have come up with a rudimentary budget for repair:

Exterior walls - \$50,000 - Weather damage created severe wood rot. Metal replaces wood.

Repair Floor - \$10,000 - The floor is frost cracking and heaving and is now a liability.

Interior Walls - \$7,500

Ground Water Repairs - \$7,500

Unknown Repairs - \$5,000

Total Cost - \$80,000

The building was constructed by Freemasons at a cost of \$750,000. It now has a replacement cost of \$2,000,000. We do not want to lose it! We hope that all of you can work together and help us find a good solution to this problem.

*Respectfully,
Doug Hevenor, CEO
Richard Lord, PGM
International Peace Garden"*

The above letter was directed to the Grand Lodges of Minnesota, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Order of the Eastern Star was also included with letters sent to the four Grand Jurisdictions as well as their General Grand Chapter.

Those of us who attend the International Peace Gardens Lodge, which is held on the first Saturday in August can attest to the fact that it is in need of renovations. We recognize the large number of youth from both our countries who participate in both the music and athletic camps and the larger exposure Freemasonry enjoys when one considers the parents and friends who attend their performances and competitions.

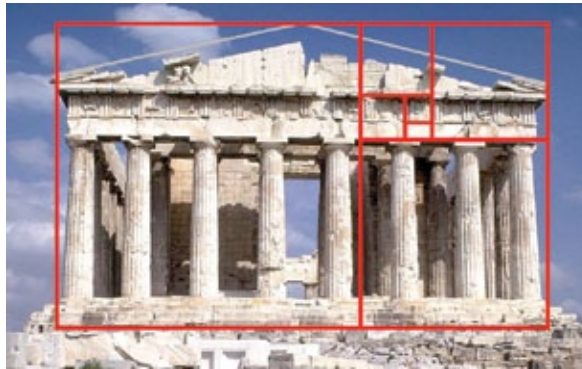
We realize that Grand Lodge dollars are extremely difficult to free up for this project and so it is up to us as individuals to ensure that this important symbol of Freemasonry present a proper image to its users and visitors.

Donations may be forwarded through the Grand Lodge office or directly to the Canadian Treasurer, W. Bro. Scotty Gillespie, 63 Falcon Crescent, Brandon, MB R7B 3Z9. ∴

Sacred Knowledge, Forgotten Purpose

By R. W. Bro. Victor G. Popow

Nature expresses a cosmic philosophy through geometry. This was well understood by Plato when he stated: "Geometry existed before the creation." First century BCE Roman Architect Vitruvius spoke of the critical importance of building structures rooted in divine relationships and proportions as found throughout nature. Bro. Johann Goethe spoke of architecture as "frozen music" speaking to harmonic symmetries. For centuries the world faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam believed the oneness of God could be expressed architecturally by means of the perfect cube (the perfect ashlar found in each Freemasonic Lodge). The cube symbolically expresses the perfection of nature and God through its ratios of 1:1:1. Think of the perfect unfolded cube that becomes the holy cross, the perfect cube of the Holy of Holies of King Solomon's Temple, the Holy Kabba (or cube) of the Moslems or the double square which properly represents the Freemasonic Lodge interior, all are divinely inspired expressions.



The pyramids and sacred temples were purposefully synergistic in nature - that is intentionally imbedded with layers of transcendental symbolism that reflects geometric, geodetic, astronomical, and philosophical information. The oldest known religious temples of Gobekli Tepe found in Turkey (11,000 BCE) or the Egyptian Stonehenge of Nabta Playa (6,500 BCE), the initiatory centre of Delphi, Greek, Roman, or Persian temples, the Khmer Temples of Cambodia, the Gothic Cathedrals of Western Europe and even our Manitoba Legislature were all designed to affect the human mind and spirit directly. A structure's site, orientation, materials, dimensions, and inherent design all play a critical role in influencing people. The Ancient builders were truly enlightened Magi or Magicians, how else could one describe builders who knew how to influence people anywhere from one to even five thousand years into the future? They knew that their devices would lead a mature and inquiring person to wonder at how such structures were built. A dedicated course of study might lead one from engineering to mathematics, to sacred geometry and how a structure is aligned, then to astronomy, psychological motivations, cultural orientations, and finally basic ontological questions. The Ancients knew such a journey of inquiry would ultimately drive people to initiate themselves.

The Roman or Latin word for temple or "templum" is the word from which "contemplation" is based and the ancients reasoned that where there was no temple there was no contemplation. Illuminated builders, artists, and musicians have always known true art has the capacity to lead people to higher levels of awareness.

The initiated builders have always left true knowledge in plain view so others of similar nature may follow in times to come. The profane may never go beyond mere super-

ficial curiosity, however for those who wish to acquire actual gnosis, a diligent effort will lead one to knowledge of self, the world, and our Creator and this is why the topics of a sacred nature are so critical. Ancient Hebrew mysticism, the Kabbalah, is said to have been handed down by Moses and relates that we are co-creators with the divine and God knows itself and experiences the physical universe through each of us. Conversely, it is incumbent of every human being to immerse themselves in actively seeking the transcendent and experience or otherwise, love their Creator.

Shamanism is said to be over 40,000 years old and gave rise to all known religions. Its philosophy relates that everything in our natural world, from the plants which give us air and sustenance to the animals with which we coexist are all connected, display intelligence, have purpose, and are all filled with the light of our Creator. New science also confirms that, on a quantum as well as cosmologic level, nothing exists or evolves in isolation. Every *thing* is constantly communicating, sympathetic and coexistent, and this operation underlies all things. Paralleling the way of nature, the true meaning and path of the initiated, the role of Freemasonry is to continuously learn, build, evolve, and reflect what is around each of us.

If Freemasonry is to be relevant, then broad thinking must be supported and promoted. The nature of being and knowledge of God involves the study of nature and everything in-between. Topics that embrace the sacred such as cosmology, sacred geometry, architecture, indeed all of the liberal arts and sciences must be brought into our Temples. As Aristotle once stated "what a society honours will be cultivated." If we are to be true builders, in ourselves and the world around us, we must think larger, see more broadly, and be more conscious. The destiny of Freemasonry and the human race itself lies with the continual building of the human mind and spirit and this can only be accomplished through "making a daily advancement."

The Golden Proportion defines patterns found in microscopic matter, the human body, and in the galaxies about us while the Fibonacci sequence governs regenerative patterns of population growth, leaf distribution in plants, and exponential functions found through nature. Sacred geometry and mathematics are imbedded in all things and are evidence of a wondrous cosmic intelligence that lies all about us. Shouldn't these patterns and distributions cause each of us to question, look further, and motivate us to share this transcendental knowledge with others? I would submit this is the authentic mission of the Craft, to "seek that which was lost" and to "communicate this happiness to others." To find the sacred and to achieve actual gnosis should be the defining principle of a responsible life and nothing else could be as purposeful or ennobling. ∴

The Eye of Providence in the Legislature

By Bro. Chris Pleasants

On August 24th, 2009 I was fortunate enough to attend Bro. Frank Albo's wonderful Hermetic Tour of the Manitoba Legislature. Within minutes Frank had myself and the entire tour spellbound as we followed him on a journey of discovery around Manitoba's most magnificent and symbolically rich structure.

It wasn't until later that evening when I sat down with a warm cup of tea and a copy of *The Hermetic Code*, which I had purchased with the tour, that I noticed the Eye of Providence.

While flipping through the book I came to pages 14 and 15, which contain a beautiful wide-angle photograph of the Grand Staircase Hall. Almost instantly though, my attention was drawn up along the Grand Staircase banisters to a point above where I saw what appeared to be the shape of an eye. Astonished I studied the image further and formulated a theory; however, the photograph did not provide all the answers I needed. In order to fully understand what I saw, I needed to see the Eye for myself.

With my camera in tow, I returned to the Legislature the following Saturday afternoon. It was a beautiful sunny day and the Legislature was thronged with wedding parties and visitors. I entered the building, signed in, and walked to the Grand Staircase Hall. As I stood in the entranceway, I immediately felt my presence being noted by the Eye as it gazed down at me from its lofty position. After shifting my position a few feet backwards and forwards I found that the Eye could be viewed optimally from where the photographer happened to be standing when he shot the photograph featured in the *Hermetic Code*. This location was inside the entrance way in such a position that the top of the doorway obscured the head of the medusa on



A close up of the Eye detailing the sculpture that hangs from the arch and the distinctive shape of the window which create the Eye.

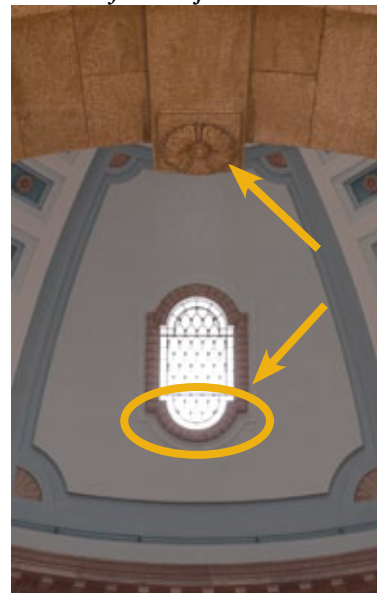
the far wall. From this perspective, the rounded archway, which leads to the rotunda, lines up perfectly with the window on the far side of the central dome. This window has a peculiar shape at the bottom, which creates the bottom eyelid. The archway creates the top eyelid and from its center hangs a sculpture that fills the window to create a cornea or iris inside the white light that shines through from the window. The final effect is the distinct image of an eye above the Grand Staircase. The Eye of Providence hidden in plain view.

I spent the drive back to Portage la Prairie that evening deep in thought. Was the Eye an intentional design feature? Is its existence in the Legislature a mere coincidence? I honestly do not know. The fact remains however, that it is there, a subtly hidden reminder that wherever we are and whatever we do, the Great Architect's All-Seeing Eye beholds us. ∴



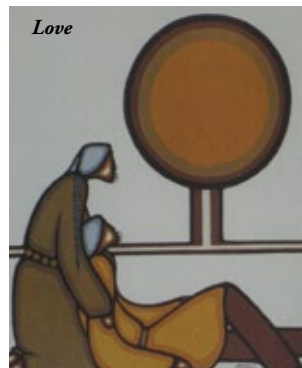
View from the entranceway of the Grand Staircase Hall. The Eye can be seen gazing down at the viewer.

A close up of the separate components that create the Eye viewed from below.



Exploring Native Spirituality

On February 10th, 2010 the world premier of “*Manitou Api – Where the Sun Rises*” was shown at the Globe Theatre in Winnipeg. A number of our brethren were in attendance and it was reported on in a previous issue of ‘Masonry in Manitoba’. The two men largely responsible for its production were Elder Dave Courchene and Brother Frank Albo. It dealt with the seven sacred teachings, which have been practiced by the First Nations peoples over their long history and was set at the site of the petroform at Bannock Point in the Whiteshell. This is the largest and possibly the oldest petroform in North America, dating as far back as 500 BCE and the first white man to experience it was probably the early explorer La Verendrye in 1734. The name Manitou Api translates to “Where the Creator sat” and their tradition informs them this was the place where

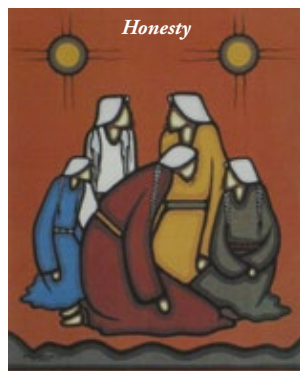


man was first lowered to earth, onto the back of a giant turtle. Rocks, carefully placed on the exposed bedrock in the shape of turtles, fish, and snakes are believed to have been used by the Aboriginal people in their teaching and healing ceremonies.

As the Canadian Museum for Human Rights slowly takes shape and lends its impressive presence to the Winnipeg skyline it becomes increasingly apparent that we need to better understand the culture and spiritual teachings of the First Nations people.

There are many similarities amongst the various religions and spiritual concepts. With so much in common our long history of religious strife and turmoil must be questioned. Man's inhumanity to man is our sad legacy and we seem incapable of lifting ourselves beyond the suspicion and hatred that plagues us.

Tom Harpur, in his latest book “Born Again” writes of our treatment of native spirituality: “Instead of trying to discover and understand the spiritual traditions and rituals of the conquered first inhabitants

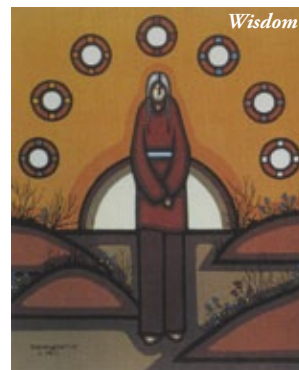
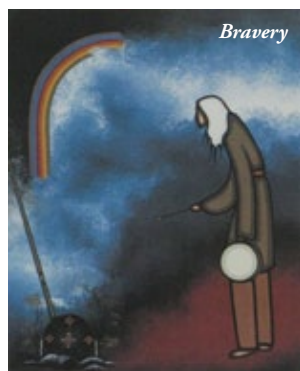


of Canada, the government, the missionaries and non Natives in general immediately assumed they were the vestiges of a savage past that needed to be eradicated as swiftly and as thoroughly as possible.” He goes on to explain that when you destroy the spiritual beliefs and practices of a people you rob them of that source of strength and meaning which had made it possible for them to live full, happy, and productive lives in one of the harshest environments on the face of the earth.



There is a series of pictures hanging just down the hallway from the Canadian Cancer Society driver's office at Cancer Care Manitoba, depicting the seven sacred teachings, which were given to the First Nations peoples of North America to act as a spiritual foundation. The traditional concepts of respect and sharing that form the foundation of the Aboriginal way of life

are built around those seven natural laws, or sacred teachings. Each teaching honours one of the basic virtues believed to be intrinsic to a full and healthy life. They include Honesty, Love, Bravery, Respect, Humility, Truth, and Wisdom. We can easily find parallels within our ritual and indeed within the heritage of virtually all civilizations.



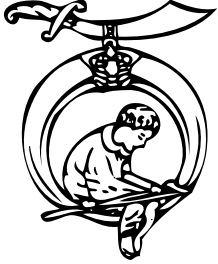
Perhaps we can best conclude with another of Tom Harpur's thoughts: “All our religions are really metaphors from the same Divine Mystery. At their core there is only one imperative or commandment – to treat one another with true compassion.”

So mote it be! ∴

Khartum Ladies Auxiliary

By Irene Campbell - Publicity Chairman

We appreciate this opportunity to inform the Masonic Family about our organization, formed in 1925 as an Auxiliary to the Winnipeg Shrine Hospital. In the beginning the Shrine Hospital occupied a ward in the old Children's Hospital located at Redwood & Main.



Here is a bit of our history. It was a different era and times were difficult. Many of the patients came from poorer families. The Auxiliary sewed clothes for the children and provided shoes when required. Out of town patients were transported to and from the hospital by volunteers. Long stays in the hospital were required. Birthdays were celebrated with a cake and gifts. Bedtime stories were read to the children. As a special treat, the Auxiliary provided "Pleasure Trips" or outings. Discharged patients were visited in their homes and bread and milk were provided when needed. A summer holiday for the discharged patients was organized at the United Fresh Air Camp. During the war years the ladies kept busy knitting and sewing for the various branches of the service. We collected clothing, quilts, and blankets for "Bundles for Britain"

It was a momentous day when the doors to the Winnipeg Shriners Hospital opened in 1949, the grand building on Wellington Crescent. The Auxiliary was provided with a sewing room and 9 machines. The ladies provided all the mending of the hospital linens.

The programs of reading and birthdays continued. Volunteers staffed the out patient clinic canteen.

The Winnipeg Shrine Hospital closed in 1977 and the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation took over the building. We still consider this our home and hold our monthly meetings at this location. In 1996 we instituted our tote bag program. Each patient going to a Shrine Hospital for the first time receives an individualized tote bag full of toys and games. This keeps them occupied during the plane ride and stay in the hospital. To date we have given out 165 of these bags.

Each year we make a donation to the Shrine Patient Transportation fund and to the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation. Since 1990 the Auxiliary has contributed over \$190,000.00 to these two groups.

Although many things have changed over the years, the commitment of the Khartum Ladies Auxiliary has remained strong. Our aim is to provide a better quality of

life for children living with disabilities.

Our membership is open to any lady with a Masonic affiliation. Dues are \$10.00 annually and cover all of our operating expenses. All profit realized from our fundraising is donated. We welcome any inquiries regarding our organization and can be directed to Darryl at 885-6871.

Our major fundraising for 2011 will be a Bud, Spud & Steak at Canad Inn, Polo Park on Saturday, June 4th. We would appreciate your support. ∴

Surgeon Creek Lodge No. 145 Donates to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights



M.W. Bro. Kris Goodmanson (pictured right) and M.W. Bro. Ted Jones presented Kelly McArthur of Friends of the Museum with a representative cheque for the money donated by members of Sturgeon Creek Lodge to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.



Sturgeon Creek Lodge fund chairman Bro. Ray MacDuff passing along the individual cheques from the Lodge as donations to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Friends of the Museum representative Kelly McArthur accepted them and receipts will be mailed to all donors.

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights

On the 21st anniversary of the signing of our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 2003, Israel Asper initiated work on his dream of a facility where the world and especially Canadians could learn about human rights. Following his death his daughter Gail would continue his quest.

At the All Canada Conference of Grand Masters in 2005 Ms. Kim Jasper representing the Asper Foundation presented an overview of the proposed facility together with their vision for its impact upon the world. As Freemasonry spread across the globe, so too did democracy and a respect for basic human rights. The idea of our involvement in this project was sown but the museum's future was still uncertain.

It wasn't until 2007 that the Government of Canada announced its intention to make the Canadian Museum for Human Rights a national museum. This Bill was approved and received Royal Assent on March 13, 2008. Funding has been committed by the Federal Government, the Provincial Government, the City of Winnipeg and countless private donations. The total budget is set at \$310 million.

The architect for the project is Antoine Predock. His vision for the project is described as follows: *"The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is rooted in humanity, making visible in the architecture the fundamental commonality of humankind – a symbolic apparition of ice, clouds and stone, set in a field of sweet grass. Carved into the earth and dissolving into the sky on the Winnipeg horizon, the abstract ephemeral wings of a white dove embrace the mythic stone mountain of 450 million year old Tyndall limestone in the creation of a unifying and timeless landmark for all nations and cultures of the world."*



Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers from across Canada pictured in front of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. This tour was planned as part of the 64th Annual All Canada Conference of Grand Masters, held early April in Winnipeg.

The site at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers has been an important Aboriginal site for literally thousands of years and is believed to be part of an ancient graveyard, making it sacred ground. The Elders at Thunderbird House made special medicine bags which were lowered into the holes drilled for piles and caissons to show respect for Mother Earth.

Last summer Queen Elizabeth II unveiled the building's cornerstone. It has embedded in it a piece of stone from the ruins of St. Mary's Priory where it is believed the Magna Carta was approved in 1215.

Grand Master Goodmanson has presented his 'Just a Buck' campaign literally to the Freemasons of the world and is actively working in support of our common interest: a world of peace, harmony and brotherly love where the respect for basic and fundamental human rights are acknowledged and assured. ∴

Constitutional Amendments

At the 136th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, June 3rd and 4th, 2011, I will move or cause to be moved the following change to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

~M.W. Bro. Kristjan Goodmanson (136)

Section C-18

The following new subsection shall be added to section C-18:

C-18.1 Grand Secretary qualifications for the position of Grand Secretary:

- a. when elected will serve for a three (3) year term
- b. must have been a Past Grand Master, have served on the Board of General Purpose and be a resident of Manitoba
- c. shall possess good written, verbal communication and computer skills
- d. shall have sufficient time (as directed by the Board of General Purpose) to perform the duties of Grand Secretary and must be willing to travel ∴

136th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba
M.W. Bro. Kristjan Goodmanson

Fort Garry Hotel
222 Broadway

Communication Overview

Thursday June 2

7:00 p.m.

Grand Master Reception (no host bar)

Friday, June 3

8:30 a.m.

Grand Lodge opens in Ample Form
Reception of Past Grand Masters
Reception of Distinguished Visitors
Recognition of Concordant Bodies and Civic Dignitaries
Presentation of Flag
Grand Chaplain's Address / Memorial Service
Special Presentations

12:00 noon

Labour to Refreshment
Lunch (Hosted by Past Masters Association)

1:30 p.m.

Refreshment to Labour
Committee Reports / Budget 2012

3:30 p.m.

Labour to Refreshment

6:00 p.m.

Grand Lodge Banquet

Cocktails

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

9:00 a.m.

Refreshment to Labour
Presentation of Awards
Credential and Elections Report
Labour to Refreshment
Grand Master's Address
Lunch (Hosted by DeMolay and Job's Daughters)
Refreshment to Labour
Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of his Officers
Grand Master M.W. Bro. Chibu Uson Address
Grand Lodge Closed

11:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

12:00 noon

1:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

Registration and Balloting will take place:

Friday, June 3, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Program

Friday, June 3

10:30 a.m.

Hermetic Code Tour

12:00 noon

Lunch at the Winnipeg Art Gallery



Grand Lodge of Manitoba
2011 - 2012 Nomination Report
March 17, 2011

The following brethren have been elected by acclamation for the positions indicated:

Grand Master: R.W. Bro. Constante "Chibu" Uson - Capitol Lodge No. 136

Deputy Grand Master: R.W. Bro. Allan John Leslie Hadley - Corinthian Lodge No. 178

Senior Grand Warden: R.W. Bro. Doug Webster - Acacia Lodge No. 111

Junior Grand Warden: R.W. Bro. Stano Spina - Keystone Lodge No. 185

Grand Treasurer: R.W. Bro. Nico Velthuys - Keystone Lodge No. 185

Grand Chaplain: R.W. Bro. Norman Pohl - Phoenix No. 187

Grand Historian: R.W. Bro. Bernie Gross - Capital Lodge No. 136

Grand Director of Ceremonies: R.W. Bro. Jesus "Junn" Manalang - Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge No. 189

Two nominations have been received for the position of **Grand Secretary:**

M.W. Bro. E.H. "Ted" Jones - Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

R.W. Bro. Ludolf Grolle - Millenium Lodge No. 182

The following brethren have been nominated for the **Board of General Purpose and are declared elected**

R.W. Bro. Rudy Weidenbacher - Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

R.W. Bro. Mason D. Jardine - Russell Lodge No. 62

R.W. Bro. Barry J. Homenick - Acacia Lodge No. 111

R.W. Bro. Brian Segal - Empire Lodge No. 127

V.W. Bro. Chris Monkman - Viking Lodge No. 175

R.W. Bro. E.F. "Ted" Sherbrook - Viking Lodge No. 175

R.W. Bro. Brian Langtry - Seven Stars Lodge No. 180

W. Bro. Fred Heinrichs - The Dormer-Mount Sinai No. 188

Northern Light Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1

During my year as Worshipful Master of NLPR I made a number of presentations of medals and bars to our lodge brethren who had lengthy membership anniversaries that occurred during 2010 – 2011. It was my privilege and pleasure to arrange various presentations throughout the year as follows:

Bro. John Moore – 50 years
 Bro. Philip Kitch – 50 years
 Bro. Fred Code – 50 years
 Bro. Cliff Furst – 60 years
 Bro. Verson Smith – 60 years
 Bro. Norman Keith – 70 years
 Bro. Norman Durston – 50 years
 Bro. James Argue – 60 years

Regrettably, I was not able to make the presentation to Bro. Argue who resided in Summerland, BC as he died before that was possible. I did attempt to contact his widow when I travelled to the Kelowna BC area in June but was not successful.

In April, at our regular meeting, I jointly shared the medal presentations to Bros. Kitch, Furst, and Smith with our former Grand Masters Ken Butchart and Ted Jones. Ken Butchart and Cliff Furst had worked together at the CP Weston Shops. M.W. Bros. Butchart and Jones kindly stepped forward as M.W. Bro. David Love had a previous commitment on that same evening.

We learned that Bro. Vern Smith had been in the travel agency business for many years. Bro. Phil Kitch had been employed with an engineering firm designing heavy equipment.

In June, I had the pleasure of travelling to New Westminster BC to visit our daughter and future son in law and I made arrangements to meet with our Bro. Norman Keith for the presentation of his 70 year bar. Norm is an amazing 98 year old former Bank of Montreal Manager Superintendant in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northern BC. He still drives and enjoys hunting and fishing. Furthermore, as a former Mayor of the Manitoba Dragoons, he had only recently returned from Holland where he attended the 65th Liberation anniversary.

In November, I made arrangements to meet Fred Code at a nearly Senior's residence for his medal presentation. We enjoyed lunch together when he told me that he was a lifetime salesman with a majority of clients in Asia.

In November I presented the medal for John Moore to his son Brian Moore who lives nearby my residence. His father has been living in England for many years and Brian assured us that he would see that the medal is delivered some time soon.

Finally, our Brother Norm Durston resides at Falcon Lake and at 100 years old is fine but does not often travel to

Winnipeg. Our former Master, W. Bro. Wayne Lucas has a cottage there and made arrangements for the presentation to our long service brother.

Sincerely,

W. Bro. Harry McFee .:



W. Bro. Harry McFee presenting Bro. Fred Code with his 50 year medal.

Sturgeon Creek Lodge

Bro. Clifford Lawrence (pictured center) recently received his 60 year bar from DDGM Garry Parrrington and Worshipful Master Ken Blatz (pictured right). Bro. Lawrence joined Fidelity Lodge in 1950 and became a member of Sturgeon Creek Lodge #145 in 1968. .:



100 Year-old Mason From Flin Flon Celebrates in Minneapolis

Just over a century ago Bro. Don Fanning was born in Kenville, Manitoba. In 1928 he journeyed to Flin Flon and found employment with Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting. Initially he worked in the tankhouse but soon transferred to the machine shop. Don was an active athlete in the community. He was initiated into the Craft in Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 in 1942. Thus began a lifelong journey that has afforded many great memories. He confided that he might have joined earlier but his friends kept going off to some secret meetings! Bro. Fanning has maintained his membership in his Mother Lodge for almost 70 years - not merely paying his dues but writing frequently and assisting financially in many of their special events.

Don left Flin Flon and Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting in 1943 immigrating to the United States. He settled in Minneapolis where he worked as a boilermaker on the old steam engine for the Milwaukee Railway. Diesel powered locomotives somehow lacked the charm of the old steamers so in 1951 he again changed his vocation and became a brakeman. He affiliated with Minneapolis Lodge No. 19 and has served as their Tyler for the past 23 years consecutively.

He proudly wears a 50 year medal with a 60 year bar from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Next year, God willing he will be eligible for a 70 year bar! He also recalls the thrill of receiving his FEZ when he became a Zuhrah Noble on May 10th, 1946. Bro. Fanning received his 14th degree in the Minneapolis Scottish Rite on September 28, 1989 and was honoured with the prestigious 33rd Degree in October of 2009. He received a 50 year certificate from Minneapolis Lodge No. 19 in June of 2009 and as well was presented with a Life Certificate from his Mother Lodge, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153.

When asked what his biggest reward has been from his long career in Freemasonry, he responded: "All of it. It's been simply grand!" Don's biggest recommendation to the younger generation just now joining the Craft is to attend and be involved. Watching the degrees and working through the ranks will result in a wonderful journey, filled with a rich education and priceless memories.

On his 100th Birthday, January 26, 2011, Bro. Don Fanning was the honoured guest at a Table Lodge hosted by Minneapolis Lodge No. 19. One hundred and fifty souls including the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, M.W. Bro. John Cook, nine sitting Masters from Minnesota, over twenty Past Masters together with family and friends were included in the guest list. The seven course meal was served by Job's Daughters from the several Bethels in Minneapolis. It was a special thrill to receive congratulations from the President and First Lady of the United States of America, Barrack and Michelle Obama. Other dignitaries offering their congratulations included the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, M.W. Bro. John Cook, the Worshipful Master of Minneapolis Lodge No. 19, W. Bro. Reed Enderbee, and R.W. Bro. Lyle Borgstrom who represented both the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Don's mother lodge Flin Flon No. 153.

To this day, Bro. Fanning still drives his car and continues to hold the office of Tyler in Minneapolis Lodge No. 19. He attributes his great health to not smoking, very little alcohol, no salt, fresh foods, and an aspirin a day. He has subscribed to this lifestyle for more than 50 years and he thanks the Lord that he's made it this far.

What a wonderful story and a lifetime full of precious memories. Bro. Fanning, we all salute you and wish you many more years of health and happiness. ∴



Canadian Cancer Society Transportation Program Expands!

April, 2011

Hello to all of the Masons and thank you for your continued support of the Canadian Cancer Society's Transportation Service. I was hired for the new position of Westman Regional Coordinator in May, 2010 to be responsible for coordinating the expansion of this service in western Manitoba in time for the opening of the Western Manitoba Cancer Centre in 2011.

This is an important facility for our region as western Manitoba has the lowest uptake for radiation therapy in the province due to the hardships involved in having to leave jobs and family responsibilities to take treatment in Winnipeg for up to seven weeks at a time, especially when the treatments themselves only take 15 minutes. The \$24 million Western Manitoba Cancer Centre includes a linear accelerator for radiation therapy services making Brandon the first city outside of Winnipeg to be able to offer residents radiation therapy, bringing care and treatment closer to home. Chemotherapy and supportive care such as pharmacy services, social work, and patient navigators, will also be available. About 300 patients will be treated at the centre each year. However, the best facility, equipment and oncologists are not much use if a patient cannot get there for treatment. Our Transportation Service provides that vital link.



To start the expansion process I first held a focus group session with existing drivers to find out how the existing service worked and how rural services could be incorporated. The Mason and independent drivers were a big help. Next, public meetings were held in eleven communities, both in the afternoon and evening, and approximately 160 people attended. Additional meetings were held with municipal councils, senior services organizations and community organizations by request. I began offering

volunteer driver orientations began in January and these are ongoing. To date, the Transportation Service has been established in six areas:

1. Souris – six drivers trained; coordinated by Souris Seniors Organized Services Coordinators
2. Hamiota/Kenton/Miniota – nine drivers trained; coordinated by the Hamiota contact for the Westman Breast & Women's Cancer Network and the Kenton Seniors' Services Coordinator
3. Swan River/Swan Valley – The Freemason Lodge has taken this on as a project with Mason, Dean Barteski volunteering to coordinate the service and three Mason drivers trained and more to follow shortly.
4. Carberry/Glenboro – 13 drivers trained; coordinated by Carberry Seniors' Services Coordinator and the Glenboro contact for the Westman Breast & Women's Cancer Network
5. Melita – five drivers trained; coordinated by Melita Seniors' Services Coordinator
6. Dauphin – eight drivers trained; coordinated by Dauphin Seniors' Resources Coordinator

Viriden and Rossburn will be having training sessions shortly and I am working with the Masons in the Bois-sevain/Killarney/Deloraine area to do some recruiting. As well, ten additional drivers have been trained in Brandon and one more orientation is planned before the WMCC opens. This will mean a big change for our Brandon Transportation Service as one Mason van will soon start daily pick-ups within the city to transport patients to the WMCC while the other will continue the trips from Brandon to Winnipeg and back for anyone requiring radiation therapy above the shoulders and for follow up appointments.

It has been an exciting year for me and I have been very impressed with the quality of volunteers that we are able to attract. If you are a Freemason in western Manitoba please consider joining us. If you have connections out this way feel free to spread the word. I can be reached at 204-571-2804, toll free 1-888-857-6658, in the Brandon office or by email at tnicholson@mb.cancer.ca.

Submitted by

Teri Nicholson

Westman Regional Coordinator

Canadian Cancer Society-Manitoba Division •:

Masons Support Improved Children's Nutrition

Not all parents enjoy the same level of income, so not all children have equal access to good nutrition. There are active programs in schools to improve child nutrition, and Masons are involved.

In 2006, a member of Capitol Lodge, Bro. Kris Goodmanson, visited his elementary alma mater, Polson School, which is located in an area where many households have low income levels. While talking to the Principal, Karla Gould, he learned that the school had no way to store perishable items used in the children's lunch program.

Bro. Kris asked his fellow Lodge brethren to get involved and they did – by providing a freezer for the school. In 2007, after learning that the school milk program costs \$1,400 annually, the Lodge members sponsored the program for that year. Later the Lodge also provided a \$1,200 food sponsorship of the school's annual Field Day events.

By the following year the demand on the Milk Program had grown significantly and the school was hard pressed to include all of the children that needed the nourishment. Through R.W. Bro. Sid Bloomfield, the members of Beaver-Ionic Lodge and the 13th Masonic District joined Capitol Lodge in becoming more active in the program.

The growth continued and soon became too much for lodges to handle alone. As incoming Grand Master in 2010, M.W. Bro. Kris introduced the Elementary School Milk Program to members during his communications presentation. Two months later R.W. Bro. Ben Harnish called him to see what special events were underway, and donated \$20,000 toward the expansion of the Milk Program.

Soon after, representatives of Grand Lodge met with members of the Manitoba Dairy Farmers Association representing the milk producers. The organization was interested in partnering with Grand Lodge, and suggested including the Manitoba Child Nutrition Council, which was also actively working to improve nutrition through the schools. It later approached the Council and the Winnipeg Foundation to become partners in the project.

In 2011, the Moffat Family Fund, administered through the Winnipeg Foundation, agreed to fund the Manitoba Child Nutrition Council for three years and its participation in the Milk in Schools program. The role of the Council will be to contact schools and seek applications to join the program. Based on the applications and the funds available, the Council will fund those that are selected. Schools like Polson required additional plumbing, and lockable storage space.

The roles of the Freemasons will include: negotiating

product and equipment prices with suppliers; assisting schools to set up the equipment; to increase public awareness of the importance of the Milk Program for schools, and to assist with the funding.

The Polson program provides free milk in containers to children from kindergarten to Grade 2; and in cups for students up to Grade 4. Students in Grades 5 and 6 pay 25 cents for lunch milk, and the money goes back into extending the program. It is also a learning process through which student leaders teach special needs children to load the dishwasher, empty it, stack dishes, and help with the chairs. The older students also help set up and take down tables and chairs at lunch time.

The goal of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is to develop a permanent Elementary Schools Milk Program as part of their special projects, similar to the Canadian Cancer Society Transportation program. ∴

Masons Assist Military Family Resource Centre

Members of Northern Light Prince Rupert Lodge recently visited the Military Family Resource Centre in Winnipeg and presented the group with a donation of \$1,000 to assist in purchasing needed equipment for the Center.

The Centre provides resources to families of military personnel, informing families newly posted to Winnipeg where to locate services in the city. It offers assistance on education, and employment for family members, and has programs for youth and children. It also arranges counselling for families of military people away on postings, and to military personnel on their return from regions of conflict. One Centre referred to it as "support for those living the military lifestyle."

Donald Brennan accepted the donation for the Centre from Lodge members W. Bro. Harry McFee, R.W. Bro. Craig Johnson and Bro. Richard Lacoussiere. ∴



Our Masonic Family

Manitoba is unique amongst and the envy of most Grand Jurisdictions because of the close working relationship and support afforded by the entire Masonic family. Most of the concordant bodies look to the Craft Lodge for membership and they realize that their strength depends upon our health and prosperity. On the other hand, today's Freemasonry must include opportunities for our wives and families to participate and so we also depend upon the concordant bodies to ensure that our families can also experience the many benefits that Freemasonry offers.



Our **Craft Lodge** is a universal brotherhood recognizing that regardless of race, religion, or station in life, we are all 'sons of Adam'. We are dedicated to serving God, our families, our fellow man and ultimately our country. Our tenets of 'Brotherly love, Relief, and Truth' are exemplified in all our actions. Certainly our flagship is our gold sponsorship of the Canadian Cancer Society's Transportation Program. Today we are enjoying a resurgence of interest among young men and look forward with some optimism to our membership statistics reflecting this societal phenomenon.

Grand Master: Most Worshipful Brother Kristjan Goodmanson

Grand Secretary: Most Worshipful Brother E.H. (Ted) Jones

A Master Mason may continue his education along two routes, namely the York or Scottish Rites.



The **York Rite** consists of three separate bodies: a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which is based upon the building of the second temple by Zerubbabel, a Council of Royal and Select Masters where they were engaged in building the sacred vault in which 'The Word' was deposited, and finally a Preceptory of Knights Templar. In fairly recent years they have developed a 'philanthropic fund', which now stands at over \$100,000 and annually donates approximately \$4,000 to a charity selected at their annual convocation.

Grand First Principal: Most Illustrious Companion Bill Cooper

Grand Scribe "E": Most Illustrious Companion Jim Barrett



The **Scottish Rite** also consists of three bodies however they are combined under a single identity. They are the Lodge of Perfection, which includes the 4th to 14th degrees, The Bethesda Chapter Rose Croix, which includes the 15th to 18th degrees, and Consistory, which includes the 19th to the 32nd degrees. There is also an honorary 33rd degree. The Scottish Rite strengthens and enlarges upon the lessons and knowledge of the Craft Lodge through a dramatic presentation of the ritual. The Scottish Rite foundation supports research into the causes of Alzheimer's disease and support for families living with the disease.

Deputy for Manitoba / Nunavut: Illustrious Brother Rozin D. Iwanicki 33°
Secretary: Illustrious Brother Brian Langtry 32°



Khartum Shriners are officially members of the **Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America** (AAONMS). The Shriners were organized in New York City in 1872, adopting their Near-Eastern theme as a setting for their fraternal and philanthropic activities. They operate 22 Shrine Hospitals for children, specializing in Orthopaedic, Burn and Spinal Research. Shriners are first and foremost Freemasons. They must maintain a current membership in a Craft Lodge.

Potentate: Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders



The **Khartum Ladies Auxiliary**, a Winnipeg Unit was formed more than 80 years ago with a mandate to raise funds in support of the Shriner's Hospital. In the past decade they have raised almost \$80,000 for the Shrine Patient Transportation Fund and a similar amount for the Rehabilitation Centre for Children Foundation.

President: Darryl Gill



The **Daughters of the Nile** is an international fraternity for women who seek to cultivate the elevation of civilization and citizenship, to strive to attain the highest and best in human achievement, and to cultivate the culture of the soul, that divine spark which dwells within us all. In addition to those noble aims they actively support the Shrine Hospital in Montreal. The Canadian Chapters are the first to have a three million dollar plaque placed upon the donor's wall at any of the Shrine Hospitals. In addition to this serious work they enjoy their special performing units such as Ilderim's Harem, Klassie Klowns, the Temple Tambourines, a Choir and a Patrol.

Queen: Queen Darlene Brooks

Princess Recorder: Past Queen Darryl Gill



The **Order of the Eastern Star** is unique in that their membership consists of both men and women. The degrees in the Order are based around five biblical women: Adah, Ruth, Ester, Martha, and Electra. Their aim is to support a given charity, which in the past few years has included the Canadian Cancer Society, the Children's Wish Foundation, the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Humane Society. Membership is dependent upon a Masonic relationship.

Worthy Grand Matron: Phyllis Dyck

Worthy Grand Patron: Herb Solmundson



The **White Shrine of Jerusalem** is a Masonic affiliated fraternal organization for Master Masons and female relatives of current or deceased Master Masons. The Order is based upon the New Testament and so attracts those adhering to the Christian faith. Their purpose is predominantly social with a strong philanthropic component.

The Watchman of Shepherds: Dave English

Worthy High Priestess: Elva Bayne

Our future depends upon our children and a revival in the youth organizations is currently being experienced and celebrated! Both of these groups require and encourage adult involvement and provide opportunities to strengthen personal relationships.



Young ladies, with a Masonic affiliation can become members of the **International Order of Job's Daughters**. It operates in Canada, the United States, Australia, Brazil, and the Philippines. Activities are fun based and intended to develop self-confidence and public speaking abilities, while interacting with young people from around the world. They often demonstrate some of their work at special events and impress everyone not only with their ability but also with the beauty of their ritual.

Jurisdictional Grand Guardian: Valerie Webster



Young men can join the **Order of DeMolay**, named for the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar who was burned at the stake for his steadfast refusal to admit to the false charges which were made against the Templars by Pope Clement and King Philip of France. Today DeMolay International has over 1000 Chapters in Canada, the United States and six other countries. DeMolay provides an environment where young men can develop into caring and contributing members of society. Like their counterparts they often perform portions of their work at special occasions, impressing everyone with their ability to perform memory work flawlessly. It is particularly meaningful for young men.

Personal Representative: Chibu Uson