



MASONRY IN MANITOBA



OUR VISION: FREEMASONRY IN MANITOBA WILL BE THE PREEMINENT FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO IMPROVING GOOD MEN THROUGH FELLOWSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION. OUR MISSION: TO TEACH AND PERPETUATE A FRATERNAL WAY OF LIFE OF HIGH MORAL STANDARDS THROUGH SELF-IMPROVEMENT, BROTHERHOOD, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND BENEVOLENCE.

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Mason
who was
awarded the
Victoria Cross**

*Ride along with
The Widows Sons*

**Between 1914
and 1918 over
650,000
Canadian men
and women
fought to protect
the peace and
freedom our
country enjoys
today. Of those,
more than
66,000 gave
their lives and
another 170,000
would be
wounded.**



GREAT ARCHITECT, WE PLEDGE OUR LIVES TO PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD.

**EDITORIAL**

Thou most Glorious and Holy Lord, God of the Universe,
We are humbly here assembled to extol your grace, with verse.
Oh, Great Architect, Creator of this Earth with all its good,
It is in Thy Name, we pledge our lives to Peace and Brotherhood..

Coulson
Norman
Mitchell

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AS WE LOOK TO THE MASONIC
TEACHINGS WE CAN WELL
UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVATION
OF THOSE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO ENLISTED IN THE ARMED
FORCES, WILLING TO PAY THE
SUPREME PRICE OF THEIR LIVES
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR
FELLOW MAN AND WOMEN. AS
WE ENJOY OUR LIVES AND
FREEDOMS TO LIVE OUR MASONIC
BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS LET US
TAKE TIME TO HONOR THOSE
WHO HAVE PAID WITH THEIR
LIVES TO PROTECT ALL.



"LEST WE FORGET"

E. Dean Osborn, PGM

Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M.

Since February 2002, 131 Canadian soldiers have died in the war in Afghanistan or in support of the war.

Of these, 109 were due to hostile circumstances, including 76 due to improvised explosive devices (IED) or landmines, 22 due to rocket-propelled grenade, small arms or mortar fire, 11 due to suicide bomb attacks, and one died falling from a high ground position on a cliff during a combat operation that involved firefight. An additional 22 soldiers have died in accidents or other non-combat circumstances; 6 due to "friendly fire", 6 in vehicle accidents, two in an accidental helicopter crash, 2 from accidental falls, 2 from accidental gunshots, 1 suicide death and 3 unspecified non-combat-related deaths including 1 at a support base in the Persian Gulf.

Canada has suffered the third-highest absolute number of deaths of any nation among the foreign military participants.

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**THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER****MASONIC TEACHINGS**

*(found in the front of the book of
Freemasonry and the Holy Bible)*

**“MAN’S FIRST DUTY IS TO
LOVE AND REVERE GOD,
IMPLORE HIS AID IN ALL
LAUDABLE UNDERTAKINGS,
AND SEEK HIS GUIDANCE
THROUGH PRAYER,
EMBRACE AND PRACTICE
THE TENANTS OF RELIGION,
EXTEND CHARITY AND
SYMPATHY TO ALL MANKIND,
SHIELD AND SUPPORT THE
WIDOW AND ORPHAN,
DEFEND VIRTUE, RESPECT
THE AGED, HONOR THE
BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP,
PROTECT THE HELPLESS,
LIFT UP THE OPPRESSED,
COMFORT THE DOWNCAST,
RESTORE DIGNITY TO THE
REJECTED, RESPECT THE
LAWS OF GOVERNMENT,
PROMOTE MORALITY, AND
ADD TO THE COMMON STOCK
OF KNOWLEDGE AND
UNDERSTANDING ”**

Quote of the Month

**“MY MOMMA ALWAYS SAID LIFE
WAS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU ARE
GONNA TO GET” - FORREST GUMP**

***Book of the Month:***

THE LOST SYMBOL - Dan Brown.

The Obligation and the Oath:

The obligation is a promise made by the candidate to the members of his Lodge and to the Fraternity. The oath is the "So help me God!" that follows the obligation.

**GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY**

Nov. 4 - Beaver Ionic Lodge No.25 - MMC - 7:00 p.m. OV

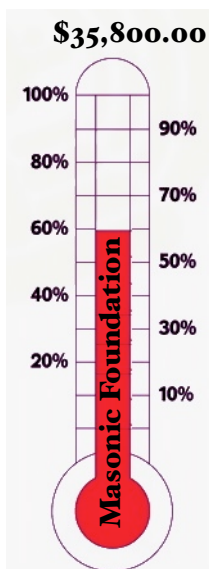
Nov. 6 & 7 - Masonic Retreat - Gimli, MB

Nov 14 - Eastern Star Supper - Sturgeon Creek United Church

Nov. 18 - Finance Meeting - MMC - 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 20 - Board of General Purposes - MMC - 7pm

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Brother "Buzz" Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge #1417 in Texas, when he stepped onto the surface of the moon, carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And so it is.

Masonic Foundation Report:

The 2009 Special Projects Committee will provide funds of \$35,800.00

The campaign began at the beginning of September and as of September 30 has raised \$20,840.00

M. W. Bro. Steve Kane

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COMRADES IN ARMS: BROTHERS IN FREEMASONRY

Every Mason is charged to 'fulfill the duties of a good citizen.' The Canadian Maple Leaf Flag is displayed in every Masonic Lodge in Ontario as a symbol of Patriotism.

It may be noted in passing that our distinguished Bro. Colonel the Honourable John Ross Matheson, a decorated veteran of the Second World War, was the prime mover in the parliamentary process that led to the adoption of the Maple Leaf Flag in 1965.

In every conflict in which Canadian troops have been involved, up to and including the present day, our Brethren have voluntarily answered that call of duty - fought and died for liberty - for family, for comrades, and for country.

Memorial plaques recording the names of the fallen Brethren are often found on the walls of lodge anterooms. Services of Remembrance are regularly held during the November meeting in most lodges.

Today, among the men serving under fire in Afghanistan, are many Freemasons. Again, as in 1917, lodges are being held behind the lines where soldiers meet together as Comrades and Brothers.

As the toll of Canadians killed increases, the words of R.W. Bro. Sir Arthur Currie delivered in an Address to the Canadian Corps, March 1918, express our thoughts: *"To those who fall I say: You will not die but step into immortality. Your mothers will not lament your fate but will be proud to have borne such sons. Your names will be revered forever and ever by your grateful country, and God will take you unto himself."*

SOURCE: http://www.waterloomasons.com/masonic_education/men-masons

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We are looking for your articles, interesting discussions, photos and other submissions.

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a regular contributor.

Let us know if you are interested in helping us to produce the magazine or help maintain the website.

There are many ways in which you can help your Lodge and your Grand Lodge.

Your ideas and help are most welcome.



The Daughters of the Nile of Sphinx Temple No. 116 are hosting a "Funraiser"

SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROCK

Friday November 20, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Westworth United Church
1750 Grosvenor Avenue

Tickets: \$15.00 Advance
\$18.00 At the Door

Tickets available from:

Pr. Leola Homenick	694-2077
PQ Darlene Brooks	831-6291
PQ Elfrieda McLean	668-5751 or
	925-1436 (Shrine House)

Bring your friends and family for an evening of great entertainment.

The split in proceeds shall be: 25% for the General Fund of the Sphinx Temple No. 116, Daughters of the Nile and 75% to the Convalescent Relief Fund to assist in the care of the children in the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal.

Any regular Freemasons and men looking to join the fraternity of Freemasons must be cognizant of the existence of these groups and be vigilant of local encroachment to preserve the integrity of recognized Freemasonry.

Below are some fraudulent, irregular, or unrecognized Masonic organizations:

Grand Orient of the United States of America

Commentary on The Grand Orient USA*

Grand Lodge of All England

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Accepted and Esoteric Freemasons

George Washington Union of Freemasons

United Grand Lodge of America

Albaram Lodge

The Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free &

Accepted Masons of Democratic Republics

The Regular Grand Lodge of England

Grand Orient de France in North America

M.W. St. John Grand Lodge of Arizona

Ezra Grand Lodge of Arizona AF & AM

Golden Eagle Grand Lodge

*Many of these organizations have names that sound very familiar with their regular counterpart, very much like knockoff products with similar names as the originals.



The distinguishing characteristics of every Free and Accepted Mason are Virtue, Honour and Mercy.

The writers of history identify certain events as defining points, crucial episodes upon which the future depends and from which the future evolves. One such landmark in Canadian military history and milestone in our political history is the Battle of Vimy, the heavily-fortified ridge in north-eastern France, that began at dawn on Easter Monday morning, 9 April 1917. It was the first time that all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force were brought together. 27,000 Canadian soldiers advanced through driving rain, sleet and snow. Volunteers all, they came from all nine Provinces in the Dominion and Newfoundland. Within two hours, three of the four Canadian divisions had taken their objective, but it would take three days of deadly combat by the Fourth Division to take Hill 145, the highest point of the ridge. 3,598 men were killed, and 7,104 were wounded. Four Canadian soldiers were awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest military honour "For Valour."

A BROTHER FROM OUR OWN ST.JOHN'S LODGE NO.4 - WINNIPEG - MANITOBA

Coulson Norman Mitchell VC MC (11 December 1889 – 17 November 1978) was a Canadian recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

He was 28 years old, and a Captain in the 1st Tunnelling Company, 4th Canadian Engineers, Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War when the following deed took place for which he was awarded the VC.

On 8/9 October 1918 at the Canal de L'Escaut, north-east of Cambrai, France, Captain Mitchell led a small party to examine the bridges and if possible prevent their demolition. He managed to cut a number of 'lead' wires on one bridge, then in total darkness he dashed across the main bridge which was heavily charged. While he and his NCO were cutting the wires the enemy attacked, whereupon the captain at once went to the assistance of his sentry who had been wounded, killing three of the enemy and capturing 12. Under heavy fire he then continued to cut the wires and remove charges.

Born in Winnipeg on Dec. 11, 1889, Mitchell was a graduate of the University of Manitoba in engineering. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1914 and went overseas with a railway construction unit. As an officer with the 1st Tunnelling Company of the 4th Cdn. Engineers he was awarded the Military Cross in 1917. After the war, Mitchell returned to Winnipeg to practice civil engineering. Early in WW II, he was assigned to the Royal Cdn. Engineers (RCE), at Camp Borden, Ont. In 1940, he went overseas and was put in charge of replacement training. Transferred back to Canada in 1943, he was attached to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa before joining the staff of the RCE Training Centre at Petawawa, Ont. In 1944, he took command of the Royal School of Military Engineering in Chilliwack, B.C. He later achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His Grave and Memorial may be found at the Last Post Fund National Field of Honour Cemetery, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada. Section M. Grave 3051.



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THE MRC - MASONIC RESOURCE CENTRE

NEW ITEMS

Freemasons Press, Vol. 1 No. 2 and No. 3.

Goodman, Paul. Towards a Christian republic : Antimasonry and the great transition in New England, 1826-1836.

Mackey, Albert. Knights and Freemasons: the birth of modern Freemasonry.

Jenkyns, Michael. The cryptic rite in Ontario: the Grand Council of Royal and Select masters of Ontario from 1871 to 2004.

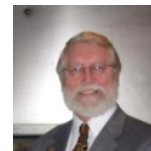
Irish Masonic lodges in the province of Ontario (1819-1858) and Masonic independence.

Grand Council AMD Canada. The architect 2009: special 25th anniversary issue.

A 100 year history of Freemasonry in Beausejour, Manitoba : Ophir Lodge #112 1909-2009.

Fiat Lux Lodge of Research #1980. Vox lucis : v. 28.

Acacia Lodge No 111 100th anniversary : Centennial programme.



"The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history."

Carl T. Rowan

Any of these items (indeed, any items we have in the collection) can be signed out, using one of these methods:

(i) in-person browsing and signing out,

(ii) out-of-town phone orders can be made. We'll be happy to ship your request with a mail-back label,

(iii) Winnipeg and close-by people can phone and make a request for reserve, then pick up at your convenience,

(iv) fax request through the Grand Lodge office, or

(v) email request to the MRC.

If you are not coming in to the MRC, please be sure to give us your full name, address and phone number as well as your Lodge number so that we can register you in our patron files. Please be as specific as you can about the item you wish to borrow. We will do our best to get your requests completed and on their way quickly.

R. W. Bro. Brian Rountree - The Grand Librarian is further stimulating interest, discussion and education by hosting a series of Masonic Discussions. Monthly discussion groups embracing various very interesting topics are planned. - Please join Brian and the brethren, your contribution and presence will be greatly appreciated. - LRG

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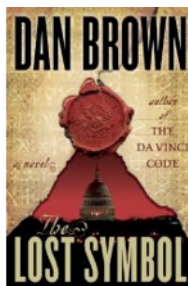
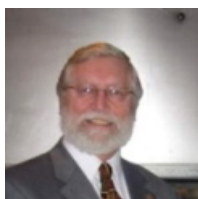
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MRC BOOK STUDY

Dan Brown: The Lost Symbol

It came out in September.

Read it by November.

Come to the MRC

on Wed. Nov. 25

to discuss the book and its contents.

Your MRC is open

Mon.-Fri. 10 am - 1 pm

Sat. Noon - 3 pm

(closed holiday weekends)

In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.

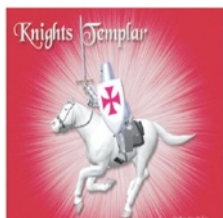
What is the lost symbol?

What symbols are found in the story?

How much Freemasonry is mentioned?

Are we portrayed in a good light, or a bad one?

The discussion begins at 7:30 pm.



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In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."




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At one time, Golden Lodge #5, Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodge room which straddled the US and Canada border. There were entrances on both sides of the border.

Can you name these famous Freemasons? If so, please provide your answers to The Editor.



DON'T FORGET - the last Wednesday of each month . The Grand Master will hold a special topics forum. All freemasons are welcome.

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Masonic Memorial Temple Ltd. Status Report

Reports that the building has been sold and we have to vacate are erroneous. The building has not been sold.

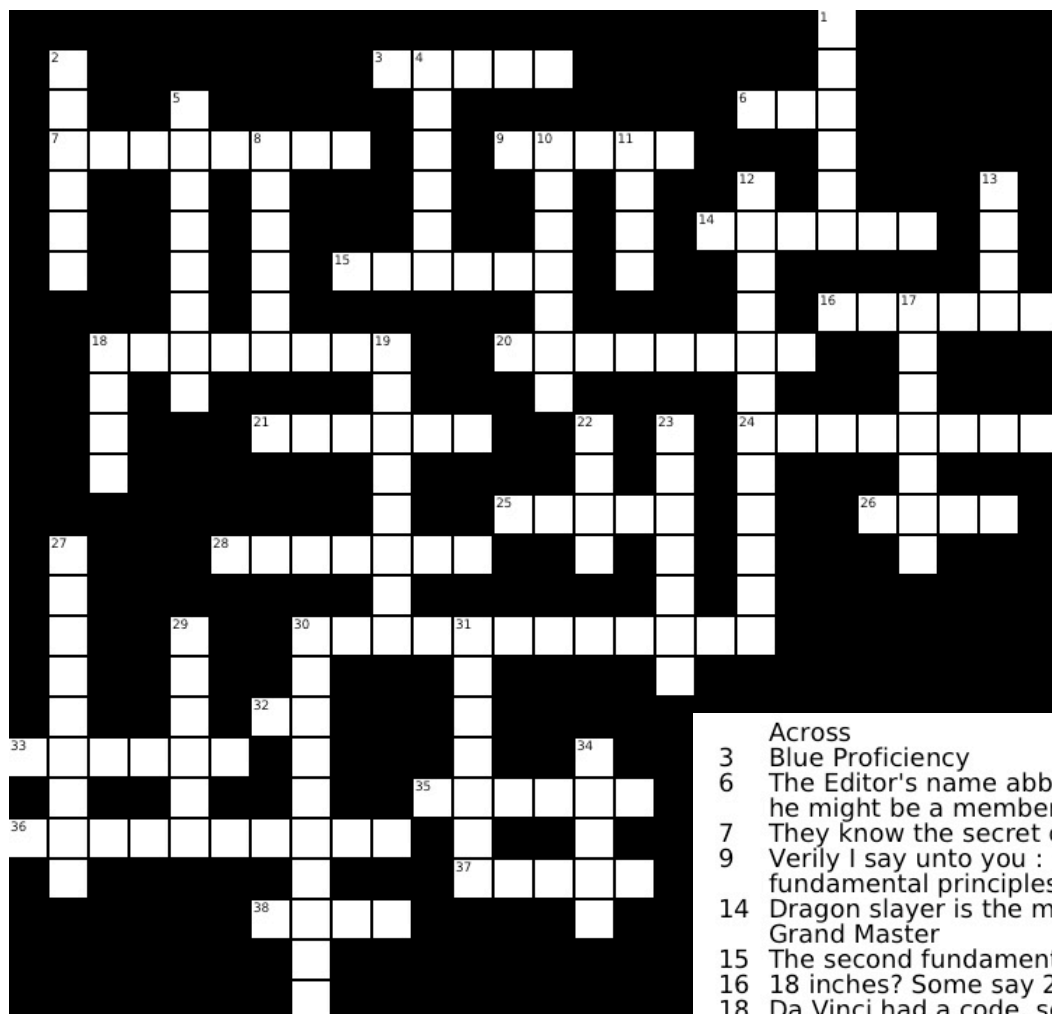
As is common knowledge the City of Winnipeg expropriated a portion of the land on the south side of the property. The City has made a payment of \$523,000 for this land but we have not agreed with the amount as a final settlement. We are doing the necessary ground work to prepare to challenge the City's offer in court called the "The Land Value Appraisal Commission". Our dealings with the City are being conducted through our lawyer, Mark Beard who is a partner in Pitblado LLP. We have retained a property appraiser Warren Baldwin who is preparing appraisals that will be used in the hearings. A replacement cost estimate of the building alone has been completed by Hanscomb Limited. Lanny Silver architect continues to work with us in many aspects with this project.

While we have had some expressions of interest for the property that remains after the expropriation we have not received any offers that we feel are appropriate. The monies offered are insufficient to allow us to relocate elsewhere unless we were prepared to take out a substantial mortgage. The City of Winnipeg is not wanting to acquire the land at this time.

The building is continuing to operate as before however we must conduct business with fewer parking spots and sometimes with restricted access to and from the property.



Brian Langtry
 Secretary Treasurer
 Masonic Memorial Temple Ltd

**CROSSWORD**

How quickly can you
complete this?

Group entries accepted.

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The Editor.

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received will receive a limited
edition hand coloured
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- Down**
- 1 This warden rules the day
 - 2 Antonym of servant
 - 4 Rite
 - 5 From its whiteness it denotes purity
 - 8 Lodge number 127 in our registry
 - 10 A scoundrel by any other name - usually found in threes
 - 11 King Hiram of ...
 - 12 These have passed
 - 13 Oriental adj.
 - 17 Creator
 - 18 4 inches thick, 4 inches broad
 - 19 Though Dan Brown is no Freemason he joined many of these to make his book
 - 22 Quite brotherly of you Grand Master
 - 23 Robert has not only lost a symbol but his last name
 - 27 Keep us in due bounds with all mankind, especially our brethren in Freemasonry
 - 29 It has 4 corners of 90 degrees
 - 30 It is not the 2000th Lodge even though it has many members, as 5 Merged
 - 31 Copy this form of ritual
 - 34 What we meet on

- Across**
- 3 Blue Proficiency
 - 6 The Editor's name abbreviated would have us think he might be a member of The Family
 - 7 They know the secret of the sands
 - 9 Verily I say unto you : " I am one of the 3 fundamental principles"
 - 14 Dragon slayer is the middle name of our singing Grand Master
 - 15 The second fundamental principle to provide solace
 - 16 18 inches? Some say 21, some are royal
 - 18 Da Vinci had a code, so does Winnipeg
 - 20 Fil-Can Masons will know what was used to lead them into Freemasonry
 - 21 Pavement pattern
 - 24 He attends the altar with the IPM
 - 25 This number make it perfect if studying the Art & Sciences
 - 26 Compass point for he who rules the night
 - 28 They hang in the four corners
 - 30 These have been raised [2 words]
 - 32 You can call me .. [abbrev. our Junior Grand Warden]
 - 33 One is rough, the other is perfect
 - 35 It has many staves or rounds, just ask Jacob
 - 36 A cardinal virtue
 - 37 You have a perfect point, not when you depart only when you
 - 38 What Sean Connery would be in this epic film with Michael Caine

Multiple entries and group submissions accepted.

THIS REMEMBRANCE DAY: Let us take time to remember those we love and those who lived for us. Let us contemplate our own life, and live each moment as though it may be our last. - "I"





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WIDOWS SONS GRAND GATHERING

On March 1st, 2008, ten Manitoba Master Masons founded the "Widows Sons Manitoba Grand Chapter" a Masonic Riders International Association.

The Manitoba Chapter received their Charter in March 1st, 2009. The Widows Sons is a Masonic Motorcycle Riders Association whose members consist of Master Masons in good standing with their Lodge. Its main purpose is to promote Freemasonry among motorcycle riders and motorcycling among Freemasons, and both to the public in general. On an annual basis our members raise funds or do charity work to give back to society we live in.

The Widows Sons was conceived of and founded by Brother Carl Davenport PM, in the year 2000. Today we have active chapters in 25 States in the USA, 5 Canadian Provinces, U.K. and Scotland, Netherlands, Finland, and France.

Our mission is to:

1. *Introduce the sport of motorcycling to our Masonic Brothers.*
2. *Raise Masonic Awareness in the world of sport motorcycling.*
3. *Contribute to the relief of our Widows & Orphans.*
4. *Support the Blue Lodge through regular attendance, and assisting with or attending lodge events.*
5. *We encourage support and visitation of Masonic Craft Lodges.*

While we wear identifying patches or regalia, the Widows Sons are not a gang, or MC 1% Club. We are required to represent the fraternity in a positive light at all times. The Widows Sons serve as a Masonic Booster Club by helping to raise Masonic Awareness while we attend public motorcycling events, and by supporting our Craft Lodges in whatever capacity we are able. Widows Sons chapters have helped to increase Masonic membership through our presence and visibility during public motorcycle events and rallies. On September 4 - 6th, 2009 the Widows Sons International Masonic Riders Association held their Grand Gathering in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Seven Manitoba Widows Sons attended this event, all riding their motorcycles to Kentucky. Most of the riders put more than 5000 kms on their bikes. One member, Paul (Gypsie) Winslow (70 years plus) rode his motorcycle down with his wife Charlene on the back. On arrival we were met by 600 Widows Sons from all over the U.S., Ontario, Alberta and Scotland. Participating in the Grand opening, I found our US counterparts extremely patriotic and had goose bumps watching the ceremonies. Masonry is very much ALIVE. We met some fantastic people and made a lot of new friends. Most importantly at the Grand Gathering it was stressed time and time again, that we are Freemasons first, our obligations are to our lodges, and we are Widows Sons only because we are Master Masons.

Our American hosts, never stopped showing their pride in being Freemasons, being Master Masons, being Widows Sons, and belonging to the greatest fraternity in the world. When one stepped back and took a look at this group in blue jeans, t-shirts, and leather vests, yes these were motorcyclists, but they were also Brothers you would be sitting in Lodge with but dressed differently. Somehow you just can't hide the look of a Freemason. These were good men, honest, polite, friendly, people persons, whether in lodge or on their motorcycles. At the Grand Gathering, amongst our Brothers one felt the same sense of security, and warmth one feels at any Masonic function. This Grand Gathering was the largest Masonic function held in Kentucky in decades, 600 plus Freemasons in one location just to get together and enjoy each others company. The only conflict on the whole weekend was the rivalry between the State Chapters on the field out behind the motel. It was loud, there was screaming, and cheering, as the Brothers challenged each other on the field of battle. The weapons used were 5 HP Max. mini bikes, piloted by the slim 250-275 pound brother freemasons, racing fearlessly down a 400 foot grass track, each representing their chapters. What a sight to behold. It was not all for naught, as a hat was passed around for monetary donations, the proceeds of course to a local charity.

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Right to Left, John Prystanski, Greg Rusk, Nico Velthuis, Dale (Alberta), Ron Audet, Brian Segal, Howie Morrow, Paul Winslow.

WIDOWS SONS GRAND GATHERING :

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The winner was a Brother named "Stretch", who was the only brother racing that weighed under the 250 lb. He will have to gain more weight. Being over 1400 miles from home, our Manitoba Chapter had to leave early in order for our members to get home for Tuesday back to work, but the journey, new found Brothers, and experience made this trip very memorable and wanting a repeat next year. Travelling so many kilometres on the motorcycles is not without mishaps. On route, Brother John Prystanski's motorcycle's transmission gear broke and he had to stay in Morden for a couple of days to get it fixed, but Brother Greg Rusk stayed behind to keep him company. Then on our route back on Sunday of the long weekend, Greg's throttle cable snapped and we were stranded on

Interstate 70 with 60 miles to the nearest large city.

Low and behold a fellow stopped to assist us with a box of tools. After working on the bike for about ½ hour he asked us if we were Masons, which we replied, yes. He then introduced himself in the proper manner and we found out he was an active mason. After about 1½ hrs of working on the motorcycle and getting it fixed enough to ride, this Brother from Missouri (Dennis Casper, Jonasburgh Lodge No. 457) gave us the tools we would need if the repair did not hold and did not want a thing for them. THIS is masonry at its finest - Brothers helping Brothers. We all arrived home safe and sound by Monday the end of the Labor day weekend except for Gypsy our "on holidays for life" member, who stayed so long in Kentucky he may have to pay taxes there next year. The reports from our Kentucky hosts post Gathering, are nothing but complimentary, and enlightening.

The Host hotel, is asking when we will do this again, the shops in the area were thrilled at the well behaved, polite, guests that came to their restaurants, and shops. The Harley dealer was thrilled to have us, (one of our members bought a bike), and the clean up behind the hotel where the "games" took place, required ONE complete garbage bag to clean up. The field was about 100 acres. Masons care.

The Manitoba Chapter presently has 18 members. If anyone is interested in joining the Widows Sons, the criteria is fairly simple. You must be a Master Mason, active and in good standing in your lodge, and you must have a motorcycle (any brand) that is 500 cc or bigger.

For information on the Manitoba Widows Sons please go to their website: www.widowssonsmb.ca

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W.Bro. Ron Audet.

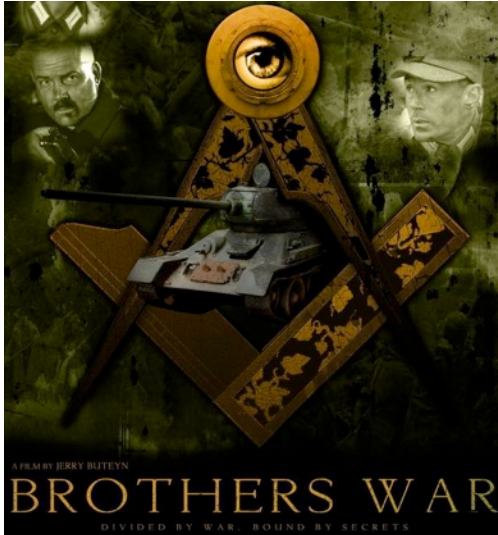


R. W.Bro. Brian Segal

FILM REVIEW

I have heard through the grapevine about a movie with as masonic twist that was released in the USA on DVD on the 26th. of May 2009.

The film is called: Brother's War.



Plot Summary from IMDB:

The story is set in the latter days of World War 2, against the backdrop of fierce combat on the eastern front. Brother's War is based on real events. The western Allies push into Germany and the Red Army is fighting its way towards Berlin. Churchill is worried about Russia's post-war plans for Europe but most not endanger the increasingly threatened alliance between the west and Russian. A British military attached to the Red Army discovers a Russian war crime against the Polish government in exile and is seized by Stalin's feared intelligence service. He finds unexpected help from an enemy and fellow prisoner a German Captain. They discover a common bond in freemasonry and are bound by honor, oath and secrets. They are joined by Anna, a beautiful Polish nurse cast adrift on the tides of war. The three are pursued by a Ruthless Russian commander through Germany caring a secret that can change the outcome of the world and the fate of millions. Brother's War was produced with strict attention to historic accuracy and military detail and portrays the horrors and heroism of desperate battles. The film also opens the door into the ancient order of the freemasons and presents unmatched insight on the real histories of these men, brothers all, who have fought in every war for hundreds of years.

I'm eager to get my copy.

Check out the official website @ <http://www.brotherswar.info/>

Perhaps we can share the experience together. Ludolf.

THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF CANADA AND THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

The Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada and the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada met recently at the Hilton Suites in Winnipeg under the general chairmanship of Jack Hooper, who, as usual, did an excellent job in organizing and keeping things on track for the two events which lasted five days.

Distinguished guests from across Canada and from the United States were received and welcomed in fine Manitoba fashion. The Knights were pleased to have among them as a special guest, Edward H. Fowler Jr., KGCY, Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America based in Detroit. It was reported that all the visitors enjoyed their stay in the Manitoba capitol.

As the principal officers are elected for a two year term, Grand Sovereign, Most Illustrious Knight Companion, John R. Dollimount, Grand Imperial Conclave and Most Eminent Knight W. Job Parsons, Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory were re-established for the second year of their terms. Right Eminent Knight, Arthur Gagnon, of Holy Bay Conclave in Thunder Bay will remain to serve the second year of his term as Grand Intendent General for the Manitoba/North Western Ontario District of the Red Cross of Constantine, while outgoing Provincial Grand Prior, Right Eminent Knight Al Christoffersen, Mount Carmel Preceptory in Portage la Prairie will be replaced by Right Eminent Knight Ross Booth, Ledger Preceptory in Kenora for the ensuing year. The Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine continue to support their Charitable Foundation. "Caritas Numquam Excidit" which is translated as "Charity Never Fails" or "Love is Never Extinguished" is the motto of the Order, which donates over \$15,000.00 per year to their Foundation causes.

The Knights Templar of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada recently gave a donation of \$1000.00 through the Charles E. Wells Memorial Foundation, to the Barker Elementary School in Dauphin for their Walk and Run Club to enable the youth organization to purchase some snowshoes.

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What are the membership requirements?

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The Knight's Templar and an Interview with V.W. Bro. Stan Barclay.*

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on August 23,
1879 by
Lodge #239
in a balloon
flying over
Paris .

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The Masonic (Square and Compasses) ring is not an official item of Masonic Jewelry. General consensus seems to be that if the wearer wishes to advise others that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear the ring with the Compasses points toward the fingertips. If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear it with the compasses points toward the wrist.



Editor's Note: See the article on Manitoba Widows Sons wonderful adventure on Pages 9 & 10