

THE GRAND EAST

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Grand Master's Message

Brethren,

The year began with a demanding schedule for the Grand Master and the Grand Line. Before I delve into my message, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Most Worshipful Mason Jardine for his leadership and dedication. We have navigated challenges and celebrated numerous achievements during your term. Thank you.

Brethren, allow me to provide an overview of our visitations and scheduled events thus far:

June 9, 2024: Following the installation, in collaboration with MWB Kris Goodmanson and RW Lynn Latozke, we met with the DDGM for an orientation and set them on the right path for the year, followed by a Grand Line Officers (GLO) meeting to plan our activities.

June 11, 2024, along with GS, DGM and our ladies attended the Jobie Dinner Supreme.

June 12, 2024: Attended Starbuck Lodge No. 160 supper and meeting, accompanied by DGM and SGW.

June 14-15, 2024: Participated in the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Along with Lady Suhad, Deputy Grand Master RWB Rey Galapon and Lady Prima were also in attendance. The events were remarkable. I extend my congratulations to Most Worshipful Brother Kyle Scott on a successful year and welcome Most Worshipful Brother Well Leano to the Grand East.

During the same weekend, GS MWB Kris Goodmanson, along with SGW RWB Richard Lacoursiere and JGW RWB Glenn Ramos, attended the Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Thank you MWB Chad Kainz for a outstanding year and congratulations to Grand Master MWB Darrin Galde on his new role, welcome to Grand East.

June 21-22, 2024: Attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, accompanied by Most Worshipful Immediate Past Grand Master Mason Jardine, SGW RWB Richard Lacoursiere and JGW RWB Glenn Ramos. The events were outstanding. Congratulations to Most Worshipful Brother Jonas Cossette on a successful year and welcome to Most Worshipful Brother Patrick Davis to the Grand East.

During the same weekend, Deputy Grand Master RWB Rey Galapon and Lady Prima attended the British Columbia & Yukon in Terrace, BC. MWB Arthur Smith congratulations on a successful year and welcome MWB Mark Forster to the Grand East.

Thank you, brothers, for taking time from your busy schedules to accompany and represent the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Manitoba at these annual communications.

To ensure my schedule allows me to visit all lodges, we have created a spreadsheet of all commitments to date. Please email the Grand Secretary with your requests for an official visit or to attend any special functions that are important to you and your lodge.

Preparations for the 150th anniversary celebration are underway. The event will take place on April 25, 2025, at The RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg. We need your help in various aspects of this monumental milestone, but foremost is your attendance. You will soon receive emails from the committee regarding attendance, advertising, and sponsorship. Please treat these emails with the utmost importance and act promptly. We can only have a successful event if we work together.

It's my sad duty to inform you of the passing of the Past Grand Master, M.W. Stan Barclay passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Thursday, June 20, 2024. MW Bro Stan fought long and hard against the cancer that finally claimed him.

*Here's to a memorable year ahead, filled with growth, harmony, and profound achievements. Leaving you with my motto for the year **KISS: Keep It Simple and Strong**.*

Faternally,

MW Bro. Emad Bisharat
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Manitoba

MEET OUR GRAND MASTER!

Most Worshipful Brother Emad N. Bisharat joined the Masonic fraternity in 1995 igniting his enduring dedication to Masonic pursuits. Becoming a member that year, he took on pivotal roles, notably serving as the Worshipful Master for Ancient Landmark Lodge No 3 in 2005 and again in 2013, demonstrating his leadership and fidelity to Masonic principles. His contributions extended beyond his lodge. Since 2008, he has been a valued member of the Board of General Purpose engaging in various committees. His commitment was further evident during his tenure as Grand Pursuivant from 2017 to 2018, District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) for Unity District in 2019-2020, and presently as The Senior Provincial Grand Warden of The Royal Order of Scotland.

In recognition of his steadfast dedication, the Masonic community in Manitoba elected Emad as the Junior Grand Warden in 2020. Due to the pandemic, he served for two years, installed in a modest ceremony attended by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary only. In June 2022, he advanced to Senior Grand Warden, and in 2023, to Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Outside his Masonic pursuits, Emad successfully managed several businesses in Manitoba from 1979 until his semi-retirement from his prosperous business in Winnipeg in 2022.

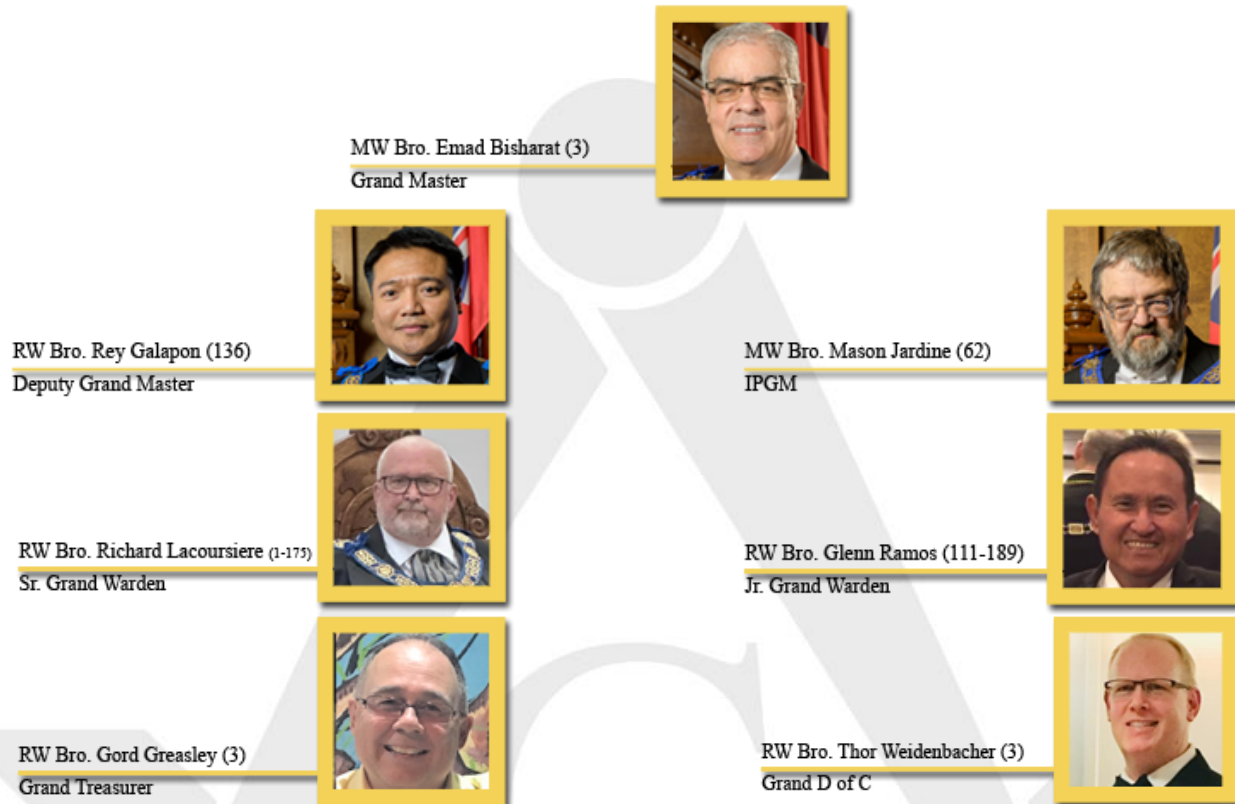
Alongside his professional endeavors, Emad found joy in his family life, being married to Suhad since 1983. They are blessed with three sons and five cherished grandchildren. Taking on the role of Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Emad is dedicated to guiding the organization towards peace and harmony, guided by the principle of **KISS: Keep It Simple and Strong**. He aims to inspire members to embrace simplicity and strength, believing it will foster effective leadership and unity.



Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters

2024-2025

ELECTED OFFICERS



APPOINTED BY THE BOARD

Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Kris Goodmanson (136)
Grand Librarian	R.W. Bro. Brian Rountree (174)
Grand Archivist	Bro. Trevor Millar (1)
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Dennis Henney (182)
Grand Historian	R.W. Bro. Ted Yorke (183)

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Lodge Education Officer	V.W. Bro. Jeff Price (186)
J.R.C Evans Lecturer	R.W. Bro. Thor Weidenbacher (3)
Sr. Grand Deacon	R.W. Bro. Gerry Derhak (3)
Jr. Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Michael Hall (136)
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. Gordon MacDonald (4)
Sr. Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Don Benson (25)
Jr. Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Jan Andrew Beloro (136-192)
Gr. Sword Bearer	R.W. Bro. Roy Van Luven (178)
Gr. Standard Bearer	V.W. Bro. Kevin Latozke (186)
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. Elmer Maranan (136-192)
Grand Piper	V.W. Bro. Troy Blair (1)
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Joward Rosales (14)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Jeff Olafson (186)
Tenth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Tim Klassen (154)
Thirteenth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Arnold Calambacan Sr. (136)
Assiniboine Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Robert Nicolas (36)
Parkland Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Ronald Morton (68)
Unity Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Chartrand (180)
Grand Master's Area	R.W. Bro. Bryan Cruda (174)

Grand Master's Itinerary 2024 - 2025

DATE	DAY & TIME	EVENT
June 8, 2024	Saturday 6:00 PM	GM's Gala Night Masonic Memorial Centre
June 9, 2024	Sunday 10:30 AM	DDGM's Training MMC
June 9, 2024	Sunday 12:30 PM	GLO Meeting MMC
June 11, 2024	Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Jobie "Dinner Supreme" MMC
June 12, 2024	Wednesday 6:00 p.m.	Starbuck Lodge No 160 Starbuck, MB.
June 13-15, 2024	Thu to Sat 119th	AnCom of the GL of Alberta Calgary, AB
June 14-16, 2024	Fri to Sat	AnCom of the GL of North Dakota Grand Forks, ND
June 18, 2024	Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Masonic Foundation Meeting
June 19, 2024	Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Emergent BGP
June 20 to 22	Thu - Sat	AnCom of the GL of BC & Yukon Terrace BC
June 21-23, 2024	Fri to Sun 118th	AnCom of the GL of Saskatchewan Regina, SK
June 26, 2024	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	150th Anniversary Committee meeting MMC Boardroom
July 13, 2024	Saturday 9:30 a.m.	Selkirk Parade, Selkirk MB
July 17-18, 2024	Wed - Thur	169 AnCom Grand Lodge of Canada Toronto, ON.
July 27, 2024	Saturday	Parade - Thresherman's Reunion Austin, MB
August 5, 2024	Monday 9:00 AM	Gimli Parade Gimli, MB
August 10, 2024	Saturday 10:00 a.m.	International Peace Garden Peace Gardens
August 24, 2024	Saturday	Morden Parade
August 27, 2024	Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	Supreme Queen dinner Sphinx Temple No. 116
Aug. 30 - Sept. 2	Fri - Mon	Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5
September 14, 2024	Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Masonic Family meeting
September 14, 2024	Saturday 1:00 p.m.	Condition of Freemasonry
September 27, 2024	Friday 6/7 PM	Dinner/BOGP meeting Boardroom/Assembly Room
October 5, 2024	Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Gimli Fish Fry Matlock
Oct. 16-18	Wed. - Fri	Western Canada Conference Canmore Alberta
Oct. 24-29	Thurs. - Tues.	Grand Lodge of California San Francisco, CA
November 2 - 3	Sat. - Sun	Hands across the Border Carlisle SK
November 15, 2024	Friday	Manitoba Maharlika Lodge 192 EKMT
November 22, 2024	Friday	OV to FilCan Cabletow Lodge 189 EKMT
November 23, 2024	Saturday	Shrine/Masonic Family Banquet MMT

AnCom of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Regina SK



**DGM RW Bro. Rey Galapon
Visits the Grand Lodge of BC and Yukon**



Masonic Education: The Bee

The bee is a symbol that teaches us a lot about working together, sharing responsibilities, and looking out for each other's well-being.

It shows us how living in harmony and cooperation can lead to the greater good of the community.

This is a powerful reminder for us to think about how we organize our societies, emphasizing teamwork and mutual support over going it alone or trying to force others to do things.

The bee is not just busy; it's a model of hard work, resilience, and living in balance with nature.

These qualities are admired in Freemasonry because they reflect a strong work ethic and the ability to bounce back from challenges.

They also show us the importance of living in a way that respects and contributes to the natural world around us.

But the bee's significance goes deeper than just what it does.

It also represents a spiritual and moral lesson for us.

The bee shows that even in ordinary, everyday actions, there's a chance to connect with something bigger than ourselves.

It teaches us that there's a kind of divine intelligence at work in the world, and even the simplest creature can show us something profound about life.

Thinking about the bee in this way can inspire us to find the extraordinary in the ordinary and to seek harmony within ourselves and with the environment.

It's a reminder that by working together and supporting each other, we can achieve something meaningful and contribute to a larger purpose.



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NEWS AND EVENTS

The International Order of DeMolay – Winnipeg Chapter
Conducted its Ceremony of Initiatory Degree on Jul 6
At the Masonic Memorial Centre

Prince of Wales Lodge #14
Canada Day Pancake Breakfast
Jul 1 at the Minnedosa United Church



International Order of DeMolay
Winnipeg Chapter
420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

*Please join us in welcoming new members of the **Winnipeg Chapter, Order of DeMolay** through the*

Ceremony of Initiatory Degree

*on Saturday, July 6, 2024, 9:30 AM
at the Masonic Memorial Centre (MMC)
420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba*

This event is open to adults only.

Canada Day Pancake Breakfast



*July 1st From 8 - 11am at the
Minnedosa United Church*

Brought to you by Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Prince of Wales Lodge #14



Fish Fry
Jul 14 (Sun) at the Portage Masonic Centre
52 Tupper Street S.

Sturgeon Creek Lodge #145
Family Range Day at the Selkirk Game & Fish on Jun 29

Fish Fry



Portage Masonic Centre
52 Tupper Street S.

Sunday, July 14th 2024
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Includes fish with all the trimmings.



Adults: **\$25.00**
Kids 7–12: **\$10.00**
Kids 6 and under: **Free**

Text or call **Pred** for advance tickets: **204-872-5021**
(Tickets also sold at the door)



Selkirk Game & Fish Range #4
Saturday, June 22, 2024 9am

- Learn how to handle firearms safely
- Fun for the entire family
- Exhilarating experience



NO LICENSE REQUIRED



Sturgeon Creek Lodge No.145 **Family Range Day - 2024**

Ticket Entitlement		Available for purchase.
10 Rounds 22LR	Access to Firearms	Additional (entitlement) Rounds
Range Time	Designated Parking	15 Gauge Rounds
5 Rounds .40 S&W		.45 Calibre Rounds
Range instruction		Additional Refreshments

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Range officers on site to ensure a safe and fun event.

Manitoba Maharlika Lodge #192
Family BBQ and Street Food
June 21 at the East Kildonan Masonic Temple



Sturgeon Creek Lodge #145
Family Range Day
Selkirk Game & Fish on Jun 29




Capitol Lodge #136
Family Picnic
Jun 22 at the Island Park, Portage La Prairie



Upcoming Event



Manitoba Maharlika Lodge #192
3rd Annual Golf Tournament



MANITOBA MAHARLIKA LODGE 192
GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 22, 2024

Kildonan Park Golf Course
2021 Main St, Winnipeg, MB R2V 2B9

For inquiries, please contact:

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In Memoriam



Notice for Distribution

June 25, 2024

TO: All Lodge Secretaries
Board of General Purposes
DDGM'S
The Grand Line

RE: The passing of Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro Stan Barclay

FROM: M.W. Kris Goodmanson
Grand Secretary

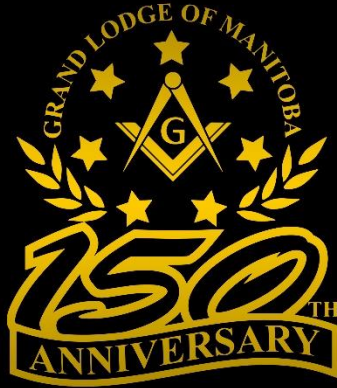
It is with profound regret that I advise the brethren that M.W. Brother Stan Barclay has laid down his working tools and has passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Thursday 20 June 2024. M.W. Bro Barclay was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 2016-17.

As many members are aware, MW Bro Stan had been battling a terminal cancer diagnosis for the last three years. Grand Master Bisharat and I have both been in contact with Lady Donna and have expressed condolences on behalf of the brethren of Grand Lodge Manitoba and all lodges of this jurisdiction.

Lady Donna advised that it was MW Bro Stan's wish there be no formal service for him, but rather a small family gathering. Please keep Lady Donna and the Barclay family in your thoughts and prayers.

All Manitoba lodges are reminded to drape their altar for their first regular meeting following this notification.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba 150th Anniversary



APRIL 2025

More information to come

Articles published in this newsletter are not necessarily the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba or any of its officers or members, but are solely those of the writer. Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternity. It is comprised of adult men (18+) of good character from every country, religion, race, age, income, education, and opinion. Its body of knowledge and system of ethics is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, his faith, his country, and his fraternity.

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Deadline of submissions and requests for the Aug issue is on Jul 22