

THE GRAND EAST

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Grand Master's Message

Brethren, as we commence this remarkable year together, it is with great pride and honor that I address you for the first time as your Grand Master. This year holds exceptional significance as we celebrate the 150th Anniversaries of both the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg.

These milestones are not just a testament to the enduring legacy and strength of our fraternity, but also a celebration of the rich history and vibrant future that lie ahead of us. Our unity, dedication, and shared values have brought us to this momentous occasion, and it is through our collective efforts that we will continue to thrive and make meaningful contributions to our communities.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all Grand Lodge Officers for the upcoming year. Your commitment and leadership are vital as we navigate the challenges and opportunities that will shape our grand lodge's future. Together, we will uphold the traditions of our past while embracing the innovations of tomorrow.

Additionally, I wish to extend a special thank you to the Installing Master and the entire installing team. Your efforts and dedication made this day a memorable one, setting a positive and inspiring tone for the year ahead.

In the upcoming year, I plan to visit all lodges. This will provide me the opportunity to hear you, learn from you, and address any issues or challenges you are facing. I firmly believe that working together can only make our lodges stronger. I am also happy to inform you that we are reinstating the monthly newsletter for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. This will provide me with a means to communicate and keep you informed of all activities within our jurisdiction.

As we prepare to celebrate our 150th anniversary, mark your calendars for April 25, 2025. A committee, along with several sub-committees, has been established to ensure the planning process runs smoothly and efficiently. We need your help to make this event a success.

*My motto for this year is **KISS: Keep It Simple and Strong.***

Let us embark on this journey with renewed strength, compassion, and brotherhood. May our actions reflect the core principles of Freemasonry, and may we inspire and support one another in all our endeavors.

Here's to a memorable year ahead, filled with growth, harmony, and profound achievements.

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

MW Bro. Emad Bisharat (3)
Grand Master



RW Bro. Rey Galapon (136)
Deputy Grand Master



MW Bro. Mason Jardine (62)
IPGM



RW Bro. Richard Lacoursiere (1-175)
Sr. Grand Warden



RW Bro. Glenn Ramos (111-189)
Jr. Grand Warden



RW Bro. Gord Greasley (3)
Grand Treasurer



RW Bro. Thor Weidenbacher (3)
Grand D of C



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

MONTH	DATE	DAY	AGENDA
JUN	11	Tue	Bethel 9 Jobs Daughters Dinner; at MMC 6:30pm
	12	Wed	Starbuck Lodge 160 Regular Meeting; 6:00pm Dinner, 8:00pm Meeting at Starbuck Community Hall
	13 - 16	Thur-Sun	GL of Alberta Annual Communications, Calgary Alberta
	14 - 16	Fri-Sun	GL of North Dakota Annual Communications, Grand Forks ND
	19	Wed	Board of General Purposes Meeting, 7:00pm at MMC
	20 - 22	Thur-Sat	GL of BC and Y Annual Communications, Terrace BC
	21 - 23	Fri-Sun	GL of Saskatchewan Annual Communications at Regina SK
	26	Wed	150th Anniversary Committee meeting at MMC Boardroom 6:30pm
JUL	13	Sat	Selkirk Parade 9:30am
	16 - 18	Tue-Thur	GL of Canada in the Province of Ontario Annual Communications at Toronto Ontario
AUG	5	Mon	Gimli Parade 9:00am
	10	Sat	International Peace Garden 10:00am
	24	Sat	Morden Parade

SEPT	14	Sat	Masonic Family meeting 10:00am; Condition of Freemasonry 1:00pm MMC Boardroom
OCT	16 - 19	Wed-Sat	Western Canada Conference, Canmore Alberta
NOV	2 - 3	Sat-Sun	Hands Across the Border at Carlisle SK
	15	Fri	OV to Manitoba Maharlika Lodge 192
	22	Fri	OV to FilCan Cabletow Lodge 189
DEC	5	Thur	Viking Lodge installation 7:30pm
JAN	n/a		none
FEB	15 - 16	Sat-Sun	Grand Master's Conference of North America, Myrtle Beach South Carolina

149th Annual Communications June 7-8, 2024





NEWS AND EVENTS

Manitoba Maharlika Lodge No. 192 Installation of Officers for 2024 - 2025
May 17, 2024 at the East Kildonan Masonic Temple - 205 Kimberly Ave, Winnipeg, MB



Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge No. 189 Installation of Officers for 2024 - 2025
May 18, 2024 at the Masonic Memorial Centre – 420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg MB



Winnipeg Chapter
DeMolay Installation of Officers 2024 - 2025
June 1st, MMC



In-person meeting of Castle Island Virtual Lodge No. 190
At the Sturgeon Creek Masonic Hall
June 6, 2024



Grand Session of Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star, May 26 to 29, 2024
Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites



Grand Convocation
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba
April 26-27, 2024, Victoria Inn Hotel



Manitoba Maharlika Lodge No. 192
Garage Sale, June 1, 2024 at the Maples



UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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





Sturgeon Creek Lodge No.145 Family Range Day - 2024

Ticket Entitlement		Available for purchase.	
10 Rounds 22LR	Access to Firearms	Additional (entitlement) Rounds	
5 Rounds 9mm	Refreshments	12 Gauge Rounds	
5 Rounds .40 S&W	Designated Parking	.45 Calibre Rounds	
Range Instruction	**GOOD TIMES**	Additional Refreshments	

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

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)



Manitoba Maharlika Lodge #192 3rd Annual Golf Tournament



July 22, 2024

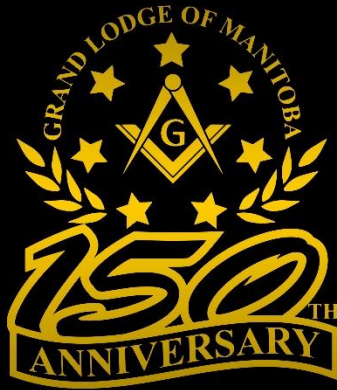
Kildonan Park Golf Course
 2021 Main St, Winnipeg, MB R2V 2B9

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Grand Lodge of Manitoba 150th Anniversary



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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 July issue is on June 21