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From the Grand Master . . .

One would wonder where the summer went. Let me tell you that from the time of our very successful Annual Grand Lodge Communication, your Grand Master has been busy. The G.M., D.G.M., G.S., and Custodian were on the road for four days instructing the new D.D.G.M.s in all aspects of your upcoming year. We do hope that all the additional material received will reinforce what you had learned from the Correspondence Course, the D.D.G.M. Orientation Sessions last fall and your own reading of the Information Booklet for Prospective D.D.G.M.s.

We were saddened to hear of the loss of Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Durwood I. Greenwood. Many Masons were in attendance at the Masonic Memorial Service held in Grand Valley. He was Grand Master during my term as D.D.G.M. of Wilson North District.

It was a pleasure for my wife and I to attend the Annual Rainbow for Girls Assembly in Ottawa with our Youth Initiatives Chairman, V.W. Bro. Bill Atkinson, and members of his committee. It was a moving experience to witness the Majority Ceremony when several young ladies had reached the age when they must leave and now become advisors to the group.

On August 22nd, Prince Edward District Masons along with the President of the Masonic Foundation, R.W. Bro. Sam Kalinowsky, your Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Burden, D.D.G.M. Prince Edward, presented a donation of over \$75,000 to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto for the purchase of a ventilator. This is the second time I have participated in the giving of a donation of this size from this district to a worthy cause. The Masons of Prince Edward District are to be commended on their fundraising ability.

Our MasoniChip Program Director, R.W. Bro. Ray Dobbs has reported an active summer of events and over 8,000 children have now been ID processed. Many more clinics across Ontario are planned for the fall season. More districts are joining in to provide this sense of security to parents of young children and also to bring a new awareness to the Masonic groups who sponsor the clinics.

My wife and I were invited by Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Helen Delaney, to attend the Heartland Banquet of the Grand Chapter of the O.E.S. where it was my distinct pleasure to be asked to bring fraternal greetings from Grand Lodge. I returned for the installation of the new Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jeannie Lee of Exeter, and Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. Bob Atkinson, of Woodstock who is a member of my Lodge, Mercer Wilson No. 678.

It was also my pleasure to attend the 125th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory and to bring remarks. The leaders of this appendant body have always participated in the Family of Freemasonry Leaders meetings. Our editor of the *Ontario Mason* magazine, V.W. Bro. Bruce Miller, was awarded the highest distinction, Knight Commander of the Temple, for his exemplary work in the Knights Templar order. Most Eminent Knight Job Parsons of Newfoundland was installed as head (Supreme Grand

Master) of the Canada wide order.

Having the opportunity to attend meetings of bodies that rely on Masonic support has enlightened my view of where Masons can spend their time in addition to their regular Craft lodges.

We also enjoyed our visit to two well attended summer lodges, Coronation Lodge No. 466 in Elmvale and Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Visitors Night, in Bracebridge with a number of Grand Lodge officers in attendance on each occasion.

Closing out the summer, we were invited by St. Albans Lodge No. 200 in Mount Forest to take part in the 55th Annual Gathering of the Lodges called St. Albans with members from around the world. It truly was a memorable occasion.

Of the 20,000 wallet cards that were printed just prior to Grand Lodge entitled, "Freemasonry is..." only a handful are left. I hope you have or will distribute your allotment to the lodges in your district. Your brethren can either keep one as a souvenir or pass it on to an interested non Mason when he asks, "*What is Freemasonry?*"

My focus will continue to be Masonry, Making a Difference and the Grand Master's charity for Prostate Cancer Research (MFO 2244) continues and will stress early detection.

Please pass on to your brethren the following questions. Ask yourself: Have I taken an introspective look at myself, recently? Am I helpful in the lodge? Am I active? Are my wife and family happy to see me? Have I been charitable both in my givings and in my forgivings? Do I carry a positive attitude and one of tolerance? Have I made a difference this year? In short, do my actions show that I believe in the fundamental principles of Brotherly Love Relief and Truth? I hope you can say yes on all counts.

Brethren, let have a great year and I bid you safe travels.

Allan J. Petrisor

Prostate Snippet:

At Grand Lodge the Demolay youth group favored your Grand Master with a very large donation of \$2,400 to Prostate Cancer Research in memory of one of their own who had succumbed.

Recently I received a donation in the mail from a couple who had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and rather than receive gifts gave a gift to the Grand Master's Charity. I am most thankful for the many considerations given to the Grand Master Charity for Prostate Cancer Research.

Condolences:

Our condolences go out to Mrs. Eades and the family of Bro. Sgt Eades, one of our latest war casualties. We were saddened to hear of his tragic demise, along with those with him. A large contingent of Masons in the Ottawa area were in attendance at his interment service.

From the Deputy Grand Master. . .

Again, extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to the 44 new D.D.G.M.s. on your election as the Grand Master's personal representative in you respective Districts. It was a pleasure to meet you at Grand Lodge, and a privilege to share time together during the Regional Meetings.

Following the formal recognition by constitutional amendment approved in July, it was my honour to represent the Grand Master and our Grand Lodge at the 153rd Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M., Ontario and Jurisdictions at the personal invitation of M.W. Bro. Hon. James G. Jessop, Grand Master. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. George E. Hinds, Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee on Recognition. We were received with the utmost grace, courtesy, and respect. In my remarks on this historic occasion – the first time that our Grand East was invited and officially received – I said: “This (Recognition) was accomplished because it was the right thing to do. A milestone is not a stopping place. Two convoys in the great caravan of Freemasonry now move forward in parallel columns, united in a common cause, the great work of serving humanity, striving to make this world a better place.” As the old hymn puts it, “You in your small corner and I in mine.” M.W. Bro. Jessop announced that the rank of Honourary Past Grand Master was conferred on M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby as a token of gratitude for his extension visitation rights between the two Grand Lodges in 2005, a major intermediate step toward full Recognition now achieved.

At the Annual Communication in July, the usual ‘cabinet shuffle’ took place when several portfolios were assigned and new Chairmen of Committee were appointed by the Grand Master. The organizational chart has been distributed to you for reference during the year. I urge you to take full advantage of the services offered by our Standing and Special

Committees. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, R.W. Bro. Giles O. Loshaw, Chairman, is of particular importance to you in the exercise of your duties. You have received a personal letter asking you to send an electronic interim report immediately following each Official Visit to minimize the reaction time and enable appropriate and relevant Committees to offer assistance where obvious need is identified. In other words, to offer and initiate remedial support before it is too late. I respectfully solicit your cooperation in this proactive reporting practice.

The D.D.G.M. Orientation sessions will take place in regional meetings under the direction of R.W. Bro. John C. Green, Chairman, scheduled during the fall. Attendance at these instructional and informative seminars by all potential aspirants in the District for the office of D.D.G.M. is essential. Also, please motivate and encourage all aspirants to enrol in and complete the D.D.G.M. Correspondence Course offered by the College of Freemasonry, W. Bro. Dale Graham, Administrator and Registrar. graham-hall@sympatico.ca.

Please keep R.W. Bro. Douglas A. Conway, Chairman of Communications Committee, daconway@sympatico.ca informed of all special events planned in the District. V.W. Bro. Bruce Miller, Editor of the *Ontario Mason* magazine wbmiller@sympatico.ca would be pleased to receive photos illustrating Masonry in the community.

We sometimes hear references such as, “At the Grand Lodge level – at the District level – at the Lodge level.” Surely, as Masons, we are all on the same level. Respect for the Office is deserved; respect for the person must be earned. Remember the cautionary phrase in the General Charge – “*Humility in both is an essential duty.*”

“*As is our confidence, so is our capacity.*” William Hazlitt.
Raymond S. J. Daniels

From the desk of the Grand Secretary. . .

The results of the Insurance-Feasibility Study undertaken by our Audit & Finance Committee during the last Masonic year are now concluded. It was conducted following several requests from a number of lodges and corporations encountering financial constraints due to escalating property and liability insurance costs.

The August mailing to all lodge secretaries in Ontario contained information obtained by Audit & Finance (following several company quotes) that provides for competitive insurance coverage through **Ecclesiastical Insurance**. Significant savings are now being realized as the result of the work undertaken by this committee.

To those members who frequent and utilize our Grand Lodge website, particularly the sidebar ‘Masons email list,’ containing the Freemason’s email listing’s, please ensure that your submission is updated when changes occur to the information you have previously provided.

Due to the closure of Lees Jewellers, Hamilton, the Veteran’s Jubilee Medal is unavailable to order at this time.

Terence Shand

GRAND MASTER’S ITINERARY

September 2008

7-14	Supreme Council	Vancouver
16	Muskoka P-S District G.M. Reception	Sundridge
17	I.P.M. & Meet & Greet G.M.	Teeswater
20	Blenheim Lodge No. 108 150 th Anniversary	Innerkip
23	Dedication & Amalgamation at the Huronia Lodge Bldg.	Midland
26	St. Paul’s Lodge No. 107 150 th Anniversary	London
27	G.M. Reception Brant District and Burford Lodge No. 106, 150 th Anniversary	Burford

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3	St. Andrew’s Lodge No. 497 100 th Anniversary	Northbrook
4	Silver Lodge No. 486, 100 th Anniversary	Haileybury
9	Maple Lodge No. 103, 150 th Anniversary	St. Catharines
14	Lodge of Perfection	Toronto
17-19	G.L. of Newfoundland	St. John’s
25	G.M. Reception St. Thomas District	West Elgin