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# Grand Lodge voting rights.

PRESENTED AT THE VANCOUVER GRAND MASONIC DAY, APRIL 21, 2007  
BY M.W. BRO. ISAAC BROCK BROWER-BERKHOVEN

Thank you for the opportunity to say a few, but necessary words, regarding the Master Mason voting rights in Grand Lodge. I will use the term "voting delegate" to mean a member of Grand Lodge, who is eligible to attend and vote on behalf of his lodge. This presupposes that we wish all Master Masons to become members of Grand Lodge. At the present moment each lodge has how many voting delegates? Who are they? How many other members of the lodge are eligible to attend and vote at Grand Lodge, this year? Given this scenario do you feel the lodge members are empowered to represent their members? Should Grand Lodge members be permitted to speak on issues if they are not Voting Delegates to Grand Lodge?

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Your *Grand Lodge Committee on Membership and Voting Rights* favours an adjustment to the membership and voting in our Grand Lodge that would embody some of these features:

Making all Master Masons members of Grand Lodge; Encouraging greater participation in the decision-making process at the lodge level; Creating a level playing field between larger and smaller lodges in the voting process at Grand Lodge (which, in addition would easily determine the number of Voting Delegates at a Grand Lodge communication); ensure that lodges unable to have a voting delegate at any Grand Lodge communication would have the ability to appoint a freemason from another lodge to represent them, and; Simplify registration of Voting Delegates at Grand Lodge.

With these goals in mind, it is the opinion and recommendation that these goals be achieved by making the following revisions to membership and voting at Grand Lodge: Make all Master Masons members of Grand Lodge; Abolish the existing voting right, which means no Grandfather Clause for Past Masters; Adopt a limited voting system where each constituent lodge shall have five voting delegates at Grand Lodge and the current Grand Lodges officers shall have one vote each.

The number of Voting Delegates elected in each lodge would ensure that the Grand Lodge Communication would be attended by about the same number of members as under the present system. A lodge delegate could be elected from the lodge's Master Masons, presiding lodge officers, Past Masters, Past Grand Lodge officers or a member of another lodge, ensuring the ability for every lodge to be represented by the most qualified and willing members to attend. A current Grand Lodge officer would not be able to be a voting delegate for his lodge as he has a vote through his Grand Lodge office. Prohibit any member from exercising more than one vote. Abolish the present proxy system and replace it by a system for each constituent lodge to elect its delegates to vote at Grand Lodge.

I maintain that all Master Masons have always had a vote in Grand Lodge affairs by the vote in their individual lodges, and through their voting delegates: Worshipful Master; Senior Warden, Junior Warden or their proxies. Of the six lodges I belong to, several use the tried and true parliamentary system of debating in lodge and voting how their delegates should be directed to vote, who are then commissioned to vote the way the lodge directs. Some may feel this is not right. Others might say: "Vote your

conscience," which places an unfair responsibility on the voting members. By empowering the lodge through open debate it is possible to discover flawed thinking or find hidden agendas. For several years the issue of Master Masons having a vote at Grand Lodge has been a topic of debate. Will the Master Masons be made members of Grand Lodge? Will they understand the issues? Will they overpower the issues? Will they show up to vote? What about the Past Masters? Will one vote per lodge work? Would it be better to have just the elected officers: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary; Tyler; Treasurer, as voting delegates, and should the Deacons be included; and what about the Stewards? How do we know the five voting delegates will vote as directed by the lodge? My answer to the last of these questions: they could be asked to assemble at the altar and take a solemn vow to carry out the wishes of the lodge.

In a survey conducted in Winnipeg this year we discovered that Manitoba has all Master Masons who attend Grand Lodge given the vote. Twenty-five Master Masons showed up. Alberta has all Master Masons who attend Grand Lodge given the vote. Votes can be cast at any time: the ballot box is open all day from eight in the morning until eight in the evening. Last year fifty Master Masons showed up in the two days I witnessed, but only a handful stayed for the Grand Lodge.

## Conflicting proposals

Your Grand Lodge officers are very cognizant of the fact that some Master Masons feel they are disenfranchised by not being allowed to have a vote at Grand Lodge, yet many won't debate the issues in their own lodge. We are also aware that the *Grand Lodge Committee on Membership and Voting Rights* was formed to report and recommend on the following two—conflicting—proposals to change the voting system, put forward at the Grand Lodge Communication in June 2005.

1. All Master Mason in good standing attending Grand Lodge Communication have full voting rights; or
2. For all matters of business and election of officers each constituent lodge shall be given one vote. The vote will be carried by the Worshipful Master or designated proxy registered with Grand Lodge. The number of votes will be equal to the number of lodges registered with the credentials committee.

## Current state of affairs

Grand Lodge is the governing body of all freemasons in British Columbia and Yukon. Currently, however, membership in Grand Lodge is limited to serving Wardens and freemasons who have served as Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

Each member of Grand Lodge is entitled to a vote along with the three principal officers of each lodge. There is currently a proxy system to ensure that the votes of the three principal officers are carried to Grand Lodge and the proxy must be carried by a member of Grand Lodge.

In 2005, 10,576 freemasons were members of lodges in British Columbia and Yukon. Of this number 3,619, or 34%, held the rank of Worshipful Brother or higher and were members of Grand Lodge and entitled to vote at Grand Lodge Communications. The remaining 6,957, or

65%, although entitled to attend Grand Lodge, did not have the right to vote, as their rights are expressed by the vote of the three principal officers or their proxies, who attend.

In 2005, there were 149 lodges of which 139 were represented at the Annual Communication. The total ballots eligible to be cast on Saturday were 953, or 9%, of the total number of freemasons in British Columbia and Yukon—of that number 579 were Past Masters; 199 were Principal Officers; 175 proxies were carried. Also assuming that 1/3 of the 199 Principal Officers were Worshipful Masters, the number of members holding the rank of Worshipful Brother or higher was 645, or 17%, of the 3,619 eligible voting members.

Not every freemason chooses to proceed through the chairs and become Worshipful Master of his lodge. This can be for a variety of reasons such as: business and family commitments; travel; financial considerations; and many others. But each in his own way contributes to the lodge. Many of these freemasons are far more knowledgeable about the workings of our lodges than the presiding officers, and their views would be an asset to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee is of the opinion that some revisions are needed to the present membership and voting system of Grand Lodge to give an adequate representation to all freemasons in British Columbia and Yukon, and to empower the lodge, not the individual. We have carefully considered the two proposals that were put forward to change the existing voting system and have concluded that there is merit in both proposals.

#### **1. All Master Masons in good standing attending the Grand Lodge Communication have full voting rights.**

This proposal has been presented and defeated on several occasions at Grand Lodge. The two main concerns that have been put forward are: that inexperienced Master Masons may not have the knowledge to understand the issues of Grand Lodge, especially younger members; and that Master Masons might be able to affect some form of bloc vote to reduce the *per capita*; cancel the Cancer Car Project or make short-sighted, destructive changes.

Some have expressed concerns that large lodges may be able to assert more influence on voting if all Master Masons have a vote. It has also been brought to our attention that facility planning for Grand Lodge would be affected with the increased number of attendees if Master Masons were given the vote. However, the experience of those jurisdictions which have adopted full membership and voting rights is that the number of Master Masons attending their Grand Lodge Communication has not increased significantly and has had little or no effect on the government of their Grand Lodge.

#### **2. For all matters of business, and the election of officers, each constituent lodge shall be given one vote. The vote will be carried by the Worshipful Master or designated proxy registered with Grand Lodge. The number of votes will equal to the number of Lodges registered with the credentials committee.**

The second proposal was based on the success of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in restructuring the management of their Grand Lodge and part of which included the elimination of individual voting and the implementation of a new Grand Lodge-only voting system with proxy voting allowed. The effect of the second proposal would give the smaller

lodges a level playing field with all lodges but could be viewed as prejudicing lodges with larger memberships. The underlying intention of this second proposal is to have all matters to be voted on at Grand Lodge fully discussed in each lodge before the annual communication and the Worshipful Master or his proxy would reflect the wishes of the lodge, when exercising his vote.

You should be aware that this is what we have strived to accomplish in this jurisdiction over the last three years:

- Get the resolutions brought forward earlier in the calendar year;
- Get the resolutions explained in greater details ;
- Get the revisions and proposals into the lodges earlier in the year so debate can follow and lodges can advise their voting delegates how to vote on behalf of each Lodge when at Grand Lodge—and perhaps influence the Past Masters so that the lodge is empowered as a unit; and
- Get the Master Masons' voting rights and membership dealt with fairly and equitably for all freemasons.

### **COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS**

Your committee favours a change to the membership and voting in our Grand Lodge that would embody some of the benefits of both proposals, namely; Making all Master Masons members of Grand Lodge; Encouraging greater participation in the decision-making process at the lodge level; Creating a level playing field between larger and smaller lodges in the voting process at Grand Lodge, and which, in addition would: Easily determine the number of voting delegates at a Grand Lodge communication; Ensure that lodges unable to have a delegate at any Grand Lodge communication would have the ability to appoint a freemason from another lodge to represent them , and Simplify registration of voting delegates at Grand Lodge.

With these goals in mind, it is the opinion and recommendation that these goals be achieved by making the following revisions to streamline membership and voting at Grand Lodge

- 1. Make all Master Mason members of Grand Lodge;**
- 2. Abolish the existing voting rights and procedure;**
- 3. Adopt a limited voting system where each Constituent Lodge shall have five voting delegates at Grand Lodge and the current serving Grand Lodges Officers shall have one vote each.**

The number of Voting Delegates given to each Lodge would ensure that the Grand Lodge Communication would be attended by about the same number of Voting Delegates as under the present system. A Lodge Delegate could be elected from the Lodges' Master Masons, presiding Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Past Grand Lodge Officers or a member of another Lodge, thus ensuring the ability for every Lodge to be represented by the most qualified and willing members to attend. A current Grand Lodge officer would not be able to be a voting delegate for his lodge as he has a vote through his Grand Lodge Office.

- 4. Prohibit any member from exercising more than one vote, and ;**
- 5. Abolish the present proxy system and replace it by a system for each constituent lodge to elect its five delegates to vote at Grand Lodge.**

# Failing to plan - planning to fail

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BY R.W. BRO. BRIAN M. TUCKEY, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Freemasonry does not plan to fail, but do we fail to plan? Is our success or lack thereof dependent on a plan?

I have defined a plan as "the intended process in which we will proceed to reach our destination".

Therefore, the following is offered for your consideration:

A plan suggests thoughtful men have considered alternatives and have given their best thinking and endorsement to a course of action.

It provides the lodge with a multi-year course of action which members have endorsed.

It ensures there is continuity in lodge leadership.

A plan will give each year and each leader their own meaning, importance and stewardship.

It overcomes threats of opponents and helps prepare for the actions of adversaries.

A plan provides a pathway from the present to the future.

The plan should include the following components:

## Vision Statement

Defining the future.

"To create a strong and viable fraternity made up of men who practice the principles of Freemasonry, who have a strong desire for self improvement, thus making a positive difference in the quality of life in our jurisdiction."

## Mission Statement

Reason for being, what we are about.

"Freemasonry is a fraternal organization encouraging a way of life, promoting fellowship, leadership, universal benevolence and the practice of one's faith for the cause of good."

**SWOT** analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats)

Internal aspects are related to strengths & weaknesses.

External factors are opportunities or threats.

## Goals

A destination, what we wish to accomplish, the big idea, supported by objectives, within a time frame.

"Leadership – develops and maintains competent and committed leaders." (BC&Y)

## Objectives

Specific initiatives to reach stated goals.

"Present an annual 2 day seminar for incoming DDGMs, commencing in 2007." (BC&Y) (perhaps we should say the DGM will do this by May of each year!)

## Priorities (Choices)

Limit topic selection in a defined time period.

"We cannot do everything at once." prioritize!

## Ongoing process

Needs committed leadership, owned by the membership. Reported on publicly and revised regularly.

Planning is not an easy process. It takes commitment, especially in

time, an open mind, involvement by the leaders, participation by the membership, and respect for one another and to their ideas, acknowledge weaknesses and celebrate strengths.

Goal and objective setting is part of the process. According to Michael Angier, a parent, teacher and author, less than 3 percent of people actually write their goals down. The following acronym will help you focus and lead you to reaching your objectives.

## S.M.A.R.T.

**SPECIFIC:** a specific goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general goal. Achieving goals demands focus. State clearly what you wish to accomplish.

**MEASURABLE:** establish concrete criteria for measuring progress toward the attainment of each goal you set. When you measure your progress, you stay on track, reach your target dates and experience the sense of achievement that spurs you on to continued effort required to reach your goal.

**ACHIEVABLE:** when you identify goals that are most important to you, you begin to figure out ways you can make them come true. You develop the attitudes, abilities, skills and financial capacity to reach them. You begin seeing previously overlooked opportunities to bring yourself closer to the achievement of your goals.

**REALISTIC:** if you can't envision yourself doing it, you won't. To be realistic, a goal must represent an objective toward which you are both willing and able to work. A high goal is frequently easier to reach than a low one. Some of the hardest jobs you ever accomplished actually seem easy simply because they were a labour of love. Your goal is probably realistic if you truly believe it can be accomplished.

**TIMELY:** a goal should be grounded within a time frame. With no frame tied to it, there is no sense of urgency.

T can also stand for Tangible. A goal is tangible when you can experience it with one of the senses: taste, touch, smell, sight or hearing. When your goal is tangible, you have a better chance of making it specific and measurable and thus achievable.

Since our earliest days, many of us, if not most of us, have used a planning process to reach our personal and work related goals. Think of your first date, your marriage, the new home with the mortgage, your employment, family holidays and traveling from point A to B. We may not have written our plan down but we certainly followed a path to bring about a successful conclusion to the task at hand.

Plans can be short term or long term. Short term plans can be a few months to a few years whereas a long term plan can encompass many years, such as 8 to 10 years or more.

We must have a plan in place for our lodges and our Grand Lodge to be successful. Many Grand Lodges have plans in place, such as The Grand Lodge of Victoria in Australia, the Grand Lodge of Washington in the United States and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario to name but a few. Their aims, core values, strategies and pillars all relate to a planning process they have in place to provide for the future success of their jurisdictions.

I sincerely hope I have stirred your interest to initiate a planning process for your lodge and to engage your participation in the proposed Strategic Plan for our jurisdiction.

It is time to secure our future for Freemasonry and the planning process will enable us to do so.

Please read or re-read our February *Masonic Bulletin* which is a rough draft of our proposed Strategic Plan. We have set the following five goals: Leadership ; Education ; Communication ; Membership ; Community.

I believe a plan, this plan in particular; (which is in the form of a rough draft), will ensure that your elected officers will work in a spirit of cooperation, which the Grand Master has fostered this year. It is also called teamwork. The plan will make us accountable for our actions and it will ensure there is continuity and consistency from us as we move forward. There will be an expectation that future candidates for elected office will follow a plan endorsed by the membership.

Planning breeds success and it is time for us to be successful.



# Issues facing lodges: merging or closing lodges, aging lodge halls

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A round-table discussion on issues facing lodges—criteria for merging or closing lodges, and how we deal with aging lodge halls and the

associated financial burden—lead to a heightened awareness of this growing problem. Unfortunately there were no prepared notes or minutes.

# Our Grand Lodge seal

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BY V.W. BRO. TREVOR W. MCKEOWN, GRAND HISTORIAN

The seal of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was adopted at a meeting held in Victoria on 27 December 1871: "That the seal of the District Grand Lodge E. R. be altered as to suit this Grand Lodge, and be adopted as the seal of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia." The Grand Treasurer's report for 1872 notes the expenditure of \$15 on 19 February 1872 to E. Watson Engraving, and an additional \$13 on 9 March 1872 to L. Curtis Engraving, but nothing is known of the seal's illustrator, and no record remains of its devising.

The central figure is purportedly Queen Victoria,<sup>1</sup> holding a sceptre and orb, and wearing what appears to be either the small gothic tiara, set with square and kite-shaped sapphires, designed for her by Prince Albert in 1842, or the State Diadem she wore for her coronation on 28 June 1838. This was a common image, used for many years, originally on the first postage stamp, the Penny Black released for sale 6 May, 1840.<sup>2</sup> It was based upon an engraving by William Wyon featuring the head of a young Queen Victoria, originally produced for the City of London medal.

The throne is resting on a platform on which is drawn seven five-pointed stars; seven being a significant number in masonic tradition, referring either to the number required to open a lodge of freemasons, or the seven liberal arts and sciences—which are said to be the foundation of Freemasonry. The five-pointed star, or pentagram, refers to both Pythagoras and the Golden Ratio.

The seven stars found in engravings of the seal from 1871 onward do not appear in the original hand stamp, used by the Grand Secretary in the 1870s and 1880s and currently on display in the Grand Lodge museum.

Above Victoria is depicted a square and compasses which, in masonic symbolism refers to the freemason's duty to the Craft and to himself. Within the square and compasses is the pentalpha of Pythagoras or, as is commonly termed, the five-pointed star, identified by some masonic writers with the masonic five points of fellowship. Around the square and compasses is a glory of radiating lines.

On either side of the throne are pillars surmounted by globes, illustrating the pillars at the porch or entrance to King Solomon's Temple as first described in the Geneva Bible of 1560.

Flanking them are cherubim, denoted by Thomas Aquinas in *Summa Theologica* as the second order of angels described in Exodus 23:18-20 and Ezekiel 1:10, amongst others.<sup>3</sup>

Below is an English red rose, intended to be emblematic of the homeland of this jurisdiction's first Grand Master, Israel Wood Powell—who was actually born in Wales but raised in England. The date is in the traditional masonic style, "A.L. 5871" Anno Latomorum (in the year of Masonry).

This is all surrounded by a collar bearing the title of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Surprisingly, there is no reference made to the union in this jurisdiction with the lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. No thistle is depicted. It may also be noteworthy that nothing was taken from the Premier Grand Lodge seal (1732).

The square and compasses were taken from the first Ancient Grand Lodge seal, but reversed with both legs of the compasses placed above the square. From the second Antient Grand Lodge seal (1775), engraved by

John Kirk (1724/1778), and from the third and last (1792), were taken the cherubim, with their gender retained but their raised wings reversed and their hair shortened. In both the first (1815-1920) and current (1920 - ) seals of the United Grand Lodge of England the cherubim are male.

The Premier Grand Lodge of England, established in 1717, took for its seal the coat of arms granted to the London Company of Masons in 1472. "Sable or black on a chevron, between three towers argent or silver, a pair of compasses." The helm and castle illustration above the arms is not a part of the arms and Laurence Dermott substitutes an arm holding a trowel. Of the four Canadian Grand Lodges<sup>4</sup> constituted before British Columbia—except Nova Scotia which took its own design—all followed the United Grand Lodge of England design of quartered shield and cherubim, and latin motto enscrolled: *Audi Vidi Tace* (hear, see, and be silent).

The cherubim embody multiple masonic significances. They are identified in Genesis 3:24 with a flaming sword guarding the tree of life, symbolized in masonic lodges by the Tyler's wavy sword. Exodus 25:18 records that two gold cherubim guarded the Ark of the Covenant in Solomon's Temple, further connecting them with masonic tradition.

A popular tradition reported in Ezekiel 1:5-28 described seraphim as having four faces—that of a lion, an ox, an eagle, and a man—and combined features of these four creatures, the stature and hands of a man, the hooved feet of a calf, and two pairs of wings.

The lion, ox, eagle and man were also claimed by Dermitt as the standards of the four principal tribes of Israel, Judah, Reuban, Dan and Joseph<sup>5</sup> but are in fact taken from Revelation 7—"And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle."—where early Christians interpreted them as symbols of the four Evangelists.

The seal of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia remained unchanged until 2000 when the title on the collar was changed to the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

1. Queen Victoria is claimed without citation in an undated monograph by RW Bro. Bill Robinson, Grand Historian 1990-2005, BC&Y Archives.
2. Printed by engraver and inventor, Jacob Perkins (1766/07/09-1849/07/30), who received his masonic degrees on 10, 15 June 1794. [*10,000 Famous Freemasons*, Denslow, p. 328].
3. Canada (1855), Nova Scotia (1866), New Brunswick (1867), Quebec (1869)
4. Also see Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 28:14, Ephesians 1:21, Colossians 1:16 and Isaiah 6:2. Reuben is associated with the Water Bearer, with the figure of a man. Judah is a lion's whelp" (Gen. 49:9), Dan shall be a serpent...that biteth the horse heels" (Gen. 49:17), and Joseph is compared to a wild ox in Deut. 33:17). Note Genesis 49:9, "Judah is a lion's whelp"; Deuteronomy 33:22, "And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp"; Numbers 2 6. (25-31) where the standard of Dan is said to be an eagle. The eagle is also a symbol of Saint John, who is denoted a patron saint of Freemasonry. Also see : Aben Ezra (1092- Jan. 28, 1167), *Monatsschrift*, xlii. 23, Naples: 1488, and Lekket Shikchah for a description of the standards.
5. The United Grand Lodge of England arms were derived from the standards of the four principal tribes of Israel. See *AQC*, vol 83 (1970) p. 376-77. London Masons Company seal. *AQC*, vol 83 (1970), p. 375. First Antient Grand Lodge arms. *AQC*, vol. 82 (1969) p. 240. Third Antient Grand Lodge arms. *AQC*, vol. 82 (1969) p. 241.

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### **Eighth Annual Grand Masonic Day**

**14 October, 1989**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,*

*Ron Clough, Chair.*

*Sponsored by The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research*

The Masonic Initiatory Process by Helio L. Da Costa

Postage Stamp Curiosities by Christopher L. Murphy

A Workshop for District and Lodge Education Officers by Andrew Law *et al*

Freemasonry and the Millennium by Jon H. Broadberry

The Management of Time by Bro. James R. Lister, North Vancouver

The Use of Computers in Lodge Business

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### **Grand Masonic Day**

**13 October, 1990**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,*

*Wilf Hoskins, Chair.*

*Sponsored by The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research*

Masonic Trivia by D. Cavanaugh, Prince George

RCMP Drug Awareness Program by J. Simpson, New Westminster

Our Masonic Penalties by V.W. Bro. John Salmon

Sponsoring, Investigating and Balloting for Petitioners

by Ralph Haugen, Surrey

A Tour of Scottish Lodges by G. Hanney, Richmond

Adoniram Players, The E.A. Degree in 1760

Freemasonry and Christianity by L. Atkinson, Surrey

The Mentor Program by Mike Raynor

### **Grand Masonic Day**

**19 October, 1991**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,*

*Murray Macdonald, Chair.*

*Sponsored by The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research*

The Modern Erosion of Morality in the United States

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### **Eleventh Annual Grand Masonic Day**

**17 October, 1992**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,*

*Bill Jackson, Chair.*

*Sponsored by The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research*

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### **Twelfth Annual Grand Masonic Day**

**16 October, 1993**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,*

*Mike Raynor, Chair.*

*Sponsored by The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research*

Protocol by V.W. Bro. S. E. (Steve) McVittie, Park 63  
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The First Written Record Anywhere of the Conferring of the Master Mason Degree by V.W. Bro. John Salmon  
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Craft Review Presentation by V.W. Bro. Stephen Godfrey, Haida Lodge 166, *et al*

### **Thirteenth Annual Grand Masonic Day 22 October, 1994**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Paul Steenhuisen, Chair.*

*Sponsored by The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research*  
What I need to Know to Visit a Lodge Anywhere, Anytime  
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Are We Really on the Level? by Bro. Robert J. Hornel  
Preparing for the Twenty-first Century - An Update by R.W. Bro. R. Clough, Capilano 164  
Architecture - The Five Noble Orders  
Financial Activities of our Grand Jurisdiction by R.W. Bro. John G. Teleske  
As a new member and now an officer, what can I expect? by W. Bro. Len Lifchus, Vancouver 68

### **Fourteenth Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day 21 October, 1995**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Ross Daniels, Chair.*

*Sponsored by The Lodge of Education and Research*  
Our Masonic Apron by V.W. Bro. John Salmon, Mount Zion 120  
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Freemasonry - A Religion by A.T.L.  
Freemasonry "Fact or Fiction" by M.W. Bro. E. A. Clarke  
Floorwork for Deacons, Stewards ... and other Officers by V.W. Bro. S. E. (Steve) McVittie, Park 63  
History, Background and Origin Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

### **Fifteenth Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day 19 October, 1996**

*Presented by Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Paul Steenhuisen, Ross Daniels, Co-chairs.*

*Sponsored by The Lodge of Education and Research*  
Whither Are We Travelling by M.W. Bro. Dweight L. Smith, Grand Lodge of Indiana (AQC reprint)  
Shriners and Their Hospitals by Howard W. Maundrell  
The Baltimore Convention of 1843 by Bob J. Jensen, Walter F. Meier 281, Washington  
Freemasonry : A Public Relations Nightmare by R.W. Bro. Jim Harrison  
Masonry and Mormonism by C. I. Walker  
Reducing Your Risks from Heart Disease

### **Sixteenth Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day 18 October, 1997**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Robert D. Gillon, Chair*

*Sponsored by The Vancouver Lodge of Education and Research*  
Masonic Behaviour and Ceremony by W. Br. George Eaton  
Leadership and Group Effectiveness by W. Bro. Stan Blank  
Usage of Ritual by R.W. Bro. Andrew Law  
The Bavarian Illuminati by W. Bro. Trevor W. McKeown  
Freemasonry in India by W. Bro. Gilli McLaren  
The Winding Staircase by R.W. Bro. Jim Lister  
Freemasonry in the New Millennium by R.W. Bro. Les Peterson

### **Seventeenth Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day 17 October, 1998**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Daniel T. Moffatt, Chair*

*Sponsored by The Vancouver Lodge of Education and Research*  
History of the Address to the Brethren by Bro. Mark S. Dwor  
The Regius Manuscript by W. Bro. Art Young  
Contemporary Anti-masonry presented by W. Bro. Bob J. Jensen  
Stress: Today's Most Prevalent Complaint by W. Bro. Stan Blank  
The Horseman's Grippin Word by V.W. Bro. Steve Godfrey  
Public Relations & the Lodge by W. Bro. John Keirstead  
What You Need to Know About Prostate Cancer by Dr. Michael Ross McKenzie

### **18th Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day October 16, 1999**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Trevor W. McKeown, Chair*

History of the Tracing Board by Bro. Mark Dwor  
The "We Can Help" Program by W. Bro. Larry Parent  
The Fundamentalist threat to Freemasonry by Rev. Bro. Gary Leazer  
Dr. Desaguliers and the European Enlightenment by Bro. John Hatton  
Freemasonry; a public relations nightmare, V.W. Bro. James Harrison  
The Queen of Sheba's visit to King Solomon by V.W. Bro. Art Scott  
The Pondering Chamber by W. Bro. Helio Da Costa

### **19th Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day October 18, 2000**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Alex S. Rollo, Chair*

Best practices: lodge success stories by W. Bro. Jon Broadberry  
Thoughts on the role of the Education Officer by Bro. Mark S. Dwor  
Freemasonry's solution to the problem of relativism by Bro. D.A. Asly  
Silent exemplification as an education tool by W. Bro. Keith Godfrey  
Your vision of the future of Freemasonry by W. Bro. Philip Durell  
What do you guys do? by R.W. Bro. Isaac Brower-Berkhoven  
Our origins and how that defines us today by V.W. Bro. John Hamill

### **20th Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day March 2, 2002**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Ernest H. MacDonald, Chair*

Black Sheep Lodges by VW Bro. James G. Bennie  
RW Bro. Jacques G. Boily ~ A History of Freemasonry in Yukon  
The Archives and Library of Grand Lodge by VW Bro. Trevor W. McKeown  
Our Landmarks by RW Bro. Stephen E. McVittie  
The Masonic Trial by Bro. Mark S. Dwor

**21st Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day  
March 1, 2003**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Keith Godfrey, Chair*

Some Questions about Early Freemasonry by Bro. Kent Johansen  
Fun With Forms and Funds by RW Bro. R. Lawrence M. Parent  
The Order of Women Freemasons: Lodge Victoria No. 124  
by RW Bro. Stephen Godfrey  
The District Grand Master: A Role at the Crossroads  
by M.W. Bro. Jack T. Harper  
The Masonic Trial  
by VW Bro. Mike Edwards, Bro. Dwight Ross and Bro. Mark S. Dwor

**22nd Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day  
February 21, 2004**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Mark S. Dwor, Chair*

L'Ordre des Elus Coens by Bro. Marc Desjardins  
The history of Freemasonry as its future by Bro. John Chacko  
Our Grand Master's Initiatives by W. Bro. John Shandalla  
The Emulation Ritual: Some issues and problems  
by R.W. Bro. Keith V. Godfrey  
The British Columbia "Canadian Work" Entered Apprentice Degree  
explained

**23rd Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day  
February 19, 2005**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
John A. Gundry, Chair*

Thracian Culture and the Mysteries  
by Bros. Jacob Andrew and Kent Johansen  
Secrets and Mysteries: an introduction for the Entered Apprentice  
by W. Bro. Michael Yule  
The historical Hiram, King of Tyre by R.W. Bro. Ian Thompson  
New things learned by Bro. Kenneth Littley  
Discussion on the benefits of a two year term for the Grand Master  
by R.W. Bro. Keith Godfrey and Bro. Mark S. Dwor

**24th Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day  
April 22, 2006**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
Trevor W. McKeown, Chair*

Grand Lodge Ritual Committee: A simplified funeral ritual

Four dimensions of leadership by W. Bro. Danial J. Zrymiak  
The E.A. education programme by V.W. Bro. Lawrence Burden  
Shibboleth explained by R.W. Bro. W. Ian Thompson  
Membership and stewardship by V.W. Bro. Larry L. Atkinson  
The Victoria Cross, Freemasons' Band of Brothers  
by W. Bro. Granville S. Angell, 2006 Prestonian Lecturer

**25th Annual Vancouver Grand Masonic Day  
April 21, 2007**

*Presented by the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee,  
W. Ian Thompson, Chair*

Voting rights at Grand Lodge Communications: Discussion of the two  
resolutions proposed in 2006 and the option offered by The Committee  
on Membership and Voting Rights at Grand Lodge, presented by  
M.W. Bro. Isaac B. Brower-Berkhoven  
Round-table discussion on issues facing lodges: criteria for merging  
or closing lodges, and how we deal with aging lodge halls and the  
associated financial burden, facilitated by  
M.W. Bro. Isaac B. Brower-Berkhoven

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Names and rank as noted are taken from the *Proceedings*.

The first Grand Masonic Day *Proceedings* titlepage credits the Grand  
Lodge Committee on Education and Research, R.W. Bro. J. M. Heaps, Chair.  
The committee's annual report in the June 1993 *Grand Lodge Proceedings*  
noted an attendance of 300. The second *Proceedings*, for 1983, has no  
titlepage or colophon. The third *Proceedings* notes the event was sponsored  
by the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research, R.W. Bro. V. M.  
Halverson, Chair. In 1985 it was titled *Fourth Annual Grand Masonic Day*,  
presented by the Grand Masonic Day Committee, Harvey Kennedy, Chair,  
and sponsored by The Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research,  
R.W. Bro. V. M. Halverson, Chair.

There is no record available as to when the Junior Grand Warden was  
first invited to give an after-lunch address but it may have been 1987.  
Regardless, this address has subsequently been an annual opportunity for  
the brethren to gain an insight into their newly-elected Junior Grand Warden.  
This year, 2007, marks the first inclusion of the address in the published  
*Proceedings*.

It is unfortunate that the remarks—or in some cases presence—of such  
guest speakers as Michel L. Brodsky, and others, have not been recorded.

Although the annual report from The Grand Lodge Committee on  
Education and Research for 1995 notes an attendance of 194 to hear Michel  
L. Brodsky, and the 1996 report notes "a very successful Grand Masonic  
Day, as the Prince Hall Masons were present...", there is no mention of the  
committee's withdrawal of sponsorship. In 1997 there was no mention of  
Grand Masonic Day in the *Grand Lodge Proceedings*, and subsequent events  
have been sponsored by the Vancouver Lodge of Education and Research.

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