

**Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon  
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*Freemasonry in Action*

*Jack Merits' 100th Grand Lodge Certificate Presentation*



*Thanks to;*

*R.W. Bro. Danny E. Parker*

*District Deputy Grandmaster*

*District #1*

*V.W. Bro. Strange for the pictures.*

*Shown here with our*

*Grandmaster M.W. Bro. Don Stutt.*



## *Freemasonry in Action*

*V.W. Bro. Ron BROWN receiving his 50 pin and jewel*



*From left to rt. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dan Larratt, DDGM Dist 9, M.W. Bro. C.W. Ferguson, Past Grand Master, V. W. Bro. Ron BROWN, Salmon Arm Lodge #52 receiving his 50 yr. pin, Bro. Craig BROWN, Ron's son and Jr. Warden Summerland Lodge. W. Bro. Dale Townsend, Worshipful Master Salmon Arm Lodge #52.*



***Plaque*** Mounted and Placed outside Kordyban Lodge in Prince George to celebrate the Cancer Car Program coming to Prince George.

***"In celebration of the 25 year partnership between the Freemasons of British Columbia and Yukon Cancer Car Program and the Canadian Cancer Society BC & Yukon Division.***

***Presented by the Most Worshipful William Cave – May 4, 2012"***

## *Freemasonry in Action*

On November 9, 2013 Officers and members of Concord Lodge #79 as well as visitors from Cumberland #26, attended at Trillium Lodge Care Facility to honor Brother Bill Broadley. The honor was to present Bro. Broadley with a Tyler's Jewel as the Tyler Emeritus of Concord Lodge.

As Bro. Broadley is unable to attend lodge and has been a resident of the care home for some time, Worshipful Master Mike Ragan and the officers decided to take the lodge to him. It was an honor for the officers and members of Concord Lodge to bestow the honor and respect to a very fine Freemason.



# *Freemasonry in Action*

## *Upcoming Events*



*Welcome to the 2014 Masonic Leadership and Ladies Conference presented by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with like-minded leaders of our organization (young, old, past, present and future) in an environment conducive to working, learning, sharing knowledge and experience and forming relationships that will be beneficial to you and your Lodge now and in the future. It will be an enjoyable event which recognizes our partners and extends an opportunity for them to relax and enjoy a weekend in a resort setting while learning a bit more about our gentle craft.*

*The program will provide Brethren key Leadership Skills to be applied in any organization, exposure to “best practices” in Lodge Leadership and useful information about our Grand Lodge. This weekend will present food for thought, discussion, consideration and hopefully application in our Lodges when we return home. The value of “networking” with Brethren of all generations and experience from around the jurisdiction is an opportunity not to be missed.*

*See the Grand Lodge Website for more information and to register for this great event.*

# **This is DeMolay**

## **Brother Stevie Boom Blue Mountain Lodge**

When I joined lodge, I was quite honestly baffled and disappointed at how little my new brethren knew about DeMolay. When it became known that I was a senior DeMolay, I fielded questions like “Do the DeMolay have a ritual?”, “Are there DeMolay in BC?”, and even, “What IS DeMolay?”... I was floored. Especially given that DeMolay in Canada traces much of its history to British Columbia and the involvement of the Masonic community in its birth, development and growth. A number of our current and past Grand Lodge officers trace their first involvements in Masonry to their DeMolay experience.

In DeMolay, we are taught about the Masonic Family. Some have suggested the notion that DeMolays are kind of like ‘junior masons’, or ‘masons in training’, and that when you reach the age of majority (which is 21) the next natural step is Lodge. So when I was welcomed into lodge, I was confused to say the least as to how some of my brethren knew so little about a ‘Family member’. I realized that something had gone astray somewhere along the way. But more importantly I realized a role that I could serve amongst my new brothers and an opportunity to teach them about the organization that has led me here.

So this is DeMolay 101.

Jacques DeMolay was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar. During the twilight years of the Crusades, he and his brethren were rounded up, captured, stripped of their fortune, tortured into false confessions, and burned at the stake in 1314 by King Phillip IV of France. Jacques DeMolay was relentlessly beaten, tortured and placed on the rack but no amount of punishment could make him give up the names of his fellow Templars.

Fast forward a few years, in 1919, a mason of Ivanhoe Lodge #446 in Kansas City, named Frank S. Land met a young man named Louis Lower whom he had been asked to find employment for. Like many sixteen year olds at the time, Lower had just lost his father in WWI. As the director of the Masonic Relief and Employment Bureau of the Scottish Rite, Dad Land thought "how lonely it must be for a boy not to have a man to talk with, or a man to provide some type of inspiration and direction." Dad Land decided there was a need for an organization where boys would have the opportunity to associate with other boys, a place they could share common interests, learn responsibility and other skills that would benefit them throughout their lives. Masons taking interest in the young people, being a friend to them, advising them, and perhaps even providing them with employment opportunities.

Dad Land asked Louis to invite some friends to a meeting who would become the original group of nine DeMolays. At the second meeting, there were a total of 31 young men present. By the fall of 1920, Mother Chapter as it became known had an outstanding baseball team, a DeMolay marching unit, and even a 100-piece band. Today there are active DeMolay chapters throughout the US and Canada, Italy, Germany, Romania, Peru, the Philippines, Australia, Aruba, Bolivia, Serbia, Japan, and Brazil.

The Order of DeMolay is not that different from the organization that all of you love. Books could be written about the similarities and parallels but we are just going to touch on a few. DeMolays are a group of young men who try to live clean, manly, upright and patriotic lives. We do this while learning how to run an organization, mature as leaders among our peers, make life long friendships and have a blast along the way. They have a ritual just like us, they take obligations just like us, and they're striving to become better men just-like-us.

There are two degrees, Initiatory and DeMolay degree. In the initiatory degree, the candidate is conducted around the room and instructed in the symbolisms, grips, passwords and secrets of that degree. They take upon themselves a similar obligation to live by the virtues that DeMolay teaches which is then recited back from memory. The second degree consists of the candidate observing a play that is put on by the members, depicting the capture, trails and death of Jacque DeMolay, followed by a second obligation.

Like a Masonic Lodge's candles around a volume of sacred law, DeMolay places seven representing seven cardinal virtues: Filial love (love for the parents), Reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness (thought, word and deed), and patriotism. On the altar, DeMolay also places school books, as a symbol of intellectual liberty as the foundation for our country's greatness.

Like a lodge, DeMolay has the three principle officers, Master, Senior and Junior councilors. The Master sits in the east as a symbol of the morning of life and rising sun. Junior councilor sits in the south as the noon of life where half of your years lie before and half behind. The senior is seated in the west as the eve of life and setting sun. They also have a chaplain, marshal, stewards, deacons, orator, scribe, treasurer, seven preceptors, almoner, sentinel, standard bearer, and some chapters are even lucky enough to have an organist.

Among the other officers, each chapter also has an office at the left hand of the master councilor of particular relevance to you, Chapter Advisor. Chapter Advisor has historically been held by a Mason but in more recent years has been adapted to be held by any member of the chapter's advisory council. Chapter Advisor serves as the representative to the chapter's advisory council at meetings and functions. But a Chapter Advisor is so much more than a chaperone to the young men. They are a mentor, a leader, a good person, both a role model and a friend. Some of the greatest mentors in my life have been and continue to be Masons who were involved in our DeMolay chapter. As a member of lodge, you have the unique opportunity to play a pivotal role in the life of a young man who could one day sit beside you as your brother in lodge. You could be helping to mold the minds of the future of Lodge from as early as 12 years old. When you stop and think about it for second, that is a very powerful thing in so many different lights. It becomes clear that one of the best, easiest and most fruitful ways to ensure the future of this Masonic organization is to invest in DeMolay.

So why not share the craft that you all love so much with a grandson, nephew or even the little annoying neighbor kid next door. Why not start a proud Masonic heritage in your family? If for some reason you are unable to think of someone eligible, why don't you yourself become involved through the parents club or advisory council. Become a chaperone and go hang out on ski trips, sporting events and travel to other DeMolay conventions. Or quite simply attend a DeMolay meeting and learn more and show our Masonic support.

If I have but sparked the slightest interest or curiosity about DeMolay in you here, then I urge you get out to a DeMolay function and learn more about our Masonic youth and our future.

# *Freemasonry in Action*

## *Visitors*



*W. Bro. Bill Wright, W. Bro. Billy Mitchell, and W. Bro. David Armstrong of Lodge Brimmond number 1535 of the Scottish Constitution journeyed from Scotland to attend the installation of R. W. Bro. Charles Mitchell as Worshipful Master of Mount Hope Lodge #139. Our Brotherhood extends over the years and over the miles. What a great fraternity!*

# *Grand Lodge Awards*

## *25 Year Service Awards*

*W Bro Larry Richard Mort      Omenica Lodge #92*  
*W Bro P. White      Tsawwassen Lodge #185*  
*W Bro C. Smith      Tsawwassen Lodge #185*

## *50 Year Service Awards*

*W Bro Ernst Mark Porter      Nechako Lodge #86*  
*Bro Archie Walker      Eureka Lodge #103*  
*RW Bro Don Wrightman      North Star Lodge #167*

## *60 Year Service Awards*

*RW Bro William McSeveney      Discovery Lodge #149*  
*Bro Gordon H. Clarke      Discovery Lodge #149*  
*Bro M. Easton      Pythagoras Lodge #194*  
*W. Bro L. Whitmore      Pythagoras #194*



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## *Medal of Merit Awards - 2013*

<i>Brother</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Baird</i>	<i>Perfection</i>	<i>75</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Barry</i>	<i>Beaulac</i>	<i>Cranbrook</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Clarence</i>	<i>J Diebold</i>	<i>Eureka</i>	<i>103</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Peter</i>	<i>Jenkins</i>	<i>Yukon</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Kenneth</i>	<i>Kilby</i>	<i>Mount Garibaldi</i>	<i>127</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Lang</i>	<i>Britannia</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Stephen</i>	<i>McKenna</i>	<i>Temple</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Prince David</i>	<i>101</i>

## *2012*

<i>Brother</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Carlson</i>	<i>Euclid</i>	<i>158</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Eldon</i>	<i>Davidge</i>	<i>Goldstream</i>	<i>161</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Eberman</i>	<i>Kalamalka</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Eric</i>	<i>Fawcett</i>	<i>Mount Hope</i>	<i>139</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Garnet</i>	<i>Graham</i>	<i>Prince George</i>	<i>178</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Ralph</i>	<i>Hoyme</i>	<i>Tuscan</i>	<i>138</i>
			<i>Duke of</i>	
<i>Brother</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Scudamore</i>	<i>Connaught</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Shaver</i>	<i>Doric</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Mount Garibaldi</i>	<i>127</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Donald</i>	<i>Tulloch</i>	<i>Vancouver Quadra</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Brother</i>	<i>Ted</i>	<i>Weddell</i>	<i>Kamloops</i>	<i>10</i>

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*Upcoming Events*

The Vancouver Lodge of Education & Research Presents:

# Grand Masonic Day

BC & Yukon's Premier  
Masonic Education Event **2014**



**February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 9:30AM to 4:00PM**

Registration Opens at 8:30AM

Featuring:

**Bro. Martin Starr, Chicago IL.**

*Author and Historian, Vice-President Scottish Rite Research Society*

**Bro. Frank Albo, Cambridge University**

*Huygens Scholar, Department of Hermetic Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam and  
Doctoral Candidate in the History of Architecture at the University of Cambridge, UK*

*Plus a Panel Discussion on the State of Masonic Properties*

Opening remarks by **MW Bro. Donald E. Stuft, Grand Master GLBCY**

Luncheon address by **RW Bro Ian Bowman, Junior Grand Warden**

MC and Panel Moderator **W. Bro Wes Regan**



**Sizeh Shrine Burnaby 3550 Wayburne Dr.**

Tickets at: <http://gmd2014.Eventbrite.ca>

Or contact: Wes Regan, [wes.regan@shaw.ca](mailto:wes.regan@shaw.ca)

\$45 advance ticket price (\$50 at door) includes refreshments, morning snacks and lunch. Cash bar open for lunch and afternoon session.