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The Royal Society

In the beginning of speculative fraternity under the Grand Lodge system the freemasons avowed their devotion to the sciences more boldly, and even dramatically. The Royal Society was in the British public mind synonymous with science, and for more than a century it, and its offshoots, were the only exponents and practitioners of science in Britain. It began in 1660 and took its first organized form at a meeting of scholars in Gresham College who had assembled to hear a lecture by Bro. Sir Christopher Wren. Sir Robert Moray was elected its first president, 6 March 1661. He was made a freemason at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 20 May 1641. Dr. Desaguliers, who later became its secretary for a long period of years, was the "father of the Grand Lodge System" and was one of Sir Isaac Newton's closest friends. A lodge largely composed of Royal Society members met in a room belonging to the Royal Society

Club in London. At a time when preachers thundered against these scientists, when newspapers thundered against them, street crowds hooted at them, and neither Oxford nor Cambridge would admit science courses, masonic lodges invited Royal Society members in for lectures, many of which were accompanied by scientific demonstrations. ■

H.L. Haywood, Supplement to Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry. Macoy Publishing. Richmond, Virginia: 1966, p. 1363. Also see Ars Quatuor Coronatorum Vol XXI, p. 233.

Lodge notes

Dormer Lodge No. 191, Surrey, has established a Community Outreach Fund designed to put something back into the Surrey community. Supported by the members of the lodge for the last four years, this fund has been used for such diverse



The many accomplishments of gifted mathematician, scientist and architect Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723) included the designs for St. Paul's Cathedral. He personally oversaw the work from 1675 to completion in 1710. Records in the Royal Society archives state Bro. Wren was adopted into the Fraternity of Accepted Masons on May 18, 1691. Records of the Lodge Original, No. 1, now the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2 mention him as being Master of the lodge. In all he left fifty churches, and many buildings at Oxford and Cambridge to remind us of his legacy. According to John Aubrey, a founder member of the Royal Society, and close friend of Sir Christopher Wren: This day (May 1691, the 18th being monday after Rogation Sunday) is a great Convention at St. Paul's-church of the Fraternity of the Accepted ['Free' being struck out]-Masons where Sr. Christopher Wren is to be adopted a Brother: and Sr. Henry Goodric ... of ye Tower, & divers ['sev'al' being struck out] others - there have been Kings, that have been of this Sodalitie. [AQC Vol. 78 (1965) pp. 201-6; 109, p. 188]

projects as paying for a teenager's baseball registration, contributing \$500 to a local high school's programmes for mentally challenged students and donating another \$500 to

the South Delta Blue Jays baseball team. In memory of Dormer Lodge No. 191's first Master, RW Bro. Ralph Haugen, this past year the fund donated

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Lodge notes
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two park benches and an ornamental water fountain to the Rosewood Care Facility in Langley.

Lynn Valley Lodge

No. 122 recently marked two milestones in its history. RW Bro. Donat McMahon, DDGM in 1949, was initiated in 1930, making him a freemason for seventy-five years. The lodge also recently honoured RW Bro. Leonard S. Churchill on his hundredth birthday and his many years of service to the Craft and the concordant bodies.

"Music teaches the art of forming concords so as to compose delightful harmony by mathematical and proportional arrangement of acute, grave and mixed sounds." On Saturday 13 March, **Corinthian Lodge No. 27** and Bethel No. 4, IOJD, organized an evening of music for freemasons and friends, resulting in fourteen performers entertaining 92 attendees. The idea was to make available different music for the brethren, have guests, have some older musicians mix with new senior students and, of course, the refreshment time was also a great opportunity for all to talk.

The officers and members of **Eureka Lodge No. 103**, were surprised last month when District 2 organized a mystery trip and led thirty-three brethren on a merry chase to Langley. It was step-up night for Eureka Lodge, to confer the



W Bro. Palmer Cox

entered Apprentice degree on Mr. Walter Allen Lee. After the Senior Warden, Bro. Bob Rae, had received his unexpected visitors and got them seated, he was once again surprised by the entrance of our Grand Master, MW Bro. William Unrau, who was received and given Grand Honours in the entered Apprentice degree. So as not to detract from the candidate's evening, our Grand Master graciously declined to retire with Grand Honours but remained so that the lodge could be closed in regular form. All in all, one of the finest evenings of masonic fellowship enjoyed by your editor in recent memory. ■

Aged?

RW Bro. Harold G. King

Attention should be called to the advanced average age of our members.

I have asked the secretaries to work out for me the average age of their members and it is a matter that should concern us all that the average age is between 45 and 50 years. ■

Reprinted from our Annual Proceedings for 1936.

In Trail

Bro Chris Bonde

The Communication of Consolidation of **Corinthian Lodge No. 27**, **Fidelity Lodge No. 32** and **Friendship Lodge No. 144** was held on 15 December 2004 in the Trail Masonic Hall.

The Tyler of Corinthian Lodge No. 27 was just informed that the Worshipful Master had opened the lodge on the Master Mason degree. He then gave three distinct knocks, the brethren outside the door heard the Inner Guard say, "Worshipful Master, there is an alarm at the door." Then the Inner Guard opened the door and inquired the cause of the alarm. The Tyler said, "It is Friendship Lodge No. 144 and Fidelity Lodge No. 32"

Our candidates for Grand Master



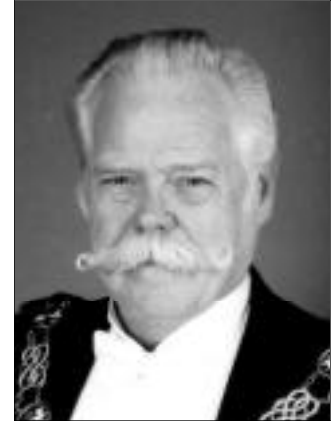
RW Bro. Robert Donald McSween

RW Bro. McSween, a member of Mount Zion Lodge No. 120, in Chilliwack resides in Sardis. Master of that Lodge in 1994, he is an Honourary Member of Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 in Nooksack, Washington. Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1998 and Chairman of the Leadership Committee in 2000, he has also served on the Ritual Committee and is a DeMolay advisor. As your Deputy Grand Master for the current year, he also chairs the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

A retired civil engineer with the Canadian Armed Forces for 36 years, he is married with one son.

RW Bro. McSween says, "Our goal should be to share and communicate our ideas, through this *Bulletin*, your lodge and the internet: on living a masonic life; on attracting and retaining new members; on developing leadership qualities; and building friendships. ■

The Deacons received the members of the individual lodges who, following the Deacons, perambulated once around the lodge room and then came to a halt on either side of the altar but west thereof. The Senior Deacon then announced, "Worshipful



MW Bro. William Unrau

MW Bro. Unrau, a member of Tsawwassen Lodge No. 185, in Delta, resides in Surrey.

Worshipful Master of Tsawwassen Lodge for 1982-1984, and North Star Lodge 167 in 1967, he is a member of seven lodges and was DDGM in 1987. He currently holds the office of Grand Master for this jurisdiction

A retired business manager, and administrator, MW Bro. Unrau is married with four children. He is active in community groups and is a founding member of both the Fraser Valley Society for the Challenged and the Surrey Little Theatre. Proud of his support of the masonic family, he has also been an advisor for DeMolay, Job's Daughters and the Rainbow for Girls, who have presented him with their Grand Cross of Colour.

MW Bro. Unrau says, "By local commitment and involvement we as freemasons can command respect in our community." ■

Master, Friendship Lodge No. 144 on the Grand Registry of BC and Yukon." The Junior Deacon followed with "Worshipful Master, Fidelity Lodge No. 32 on the Grand Registry BC and Yukon." Grand Honours were then given by

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Our candidates for Junior Grand Warden



RW Bro. Robert "Glenn" Allen

Born in Carman, Manitoba in 1937, RW Bro. Allen was educated in Victoria, BC. He and his wife, Laura, have one daughter and two grandchildren.

Working for most of his life in the cartage and contracting industry, he was general superintendent and vice-president of Progressive Contracting for many years, and has owned and operated Glennbrook Contracting Ltd. since 1982.

Initiated in Maple Leaf Lodge No. 74 in 1967 and serving as Worshipful Master in 1972, he is currently a member of Maple Leaf Park Lodge No. 63, Vancouver and also a founding member of Tsawwassen Lodge No. 185. He served as DDGM of District 13 in 1987.

A member of both Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies, RW Bro. Allen is a Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He has been a member of the Gizeh Shrine Provost Corp for twenty-eight years, the Gizeh Shrine Building Committee for ten years, and was Housing Chairman for the Shriners' 2004 Imperial Session held in Vancouver. He has also been a director of the Vancouver Masonic Cemetery Association for ten years. ■



W Bro. Herbert F. T. Chow

Born in 1935 in Vancouver, W Bro. Chow successfully owned and operated a restaurant for several years before moving to Prince George where he worked as a magistrate clerk. While in Prince George he qualified as a pilot and worked as log scaler and industrial first-aid attendant, while working many hours in the logging industry.

Later he was employed as chief engineer at Mission Hospital, while continuing his involvement in the restaurant business, producing a Chinese cooking television show and writing and publishing several Chinese cook books.

In 1980, he was initiated in Blue Mountain Lodge No. 182, Port Coquitlam, serving as Worshipful Master in 1990. He is a charter member of Dogwood No. 192, and an affiliated member of Landmark No. 128 and Cascade No. 12.

W Bro. Chow is a present or past officer of most of the concordant bodies within both the Scottish and York rites.

He is a Past Grand Officer in both the Holy Royal Arch and the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

W Bro. Chow is also active in the Shrine, belonging to three Shrine Clubs, the Oriental Band, and serving as Captain of the Guard for 2005. ■



VW Bro. Basil Roland Hobbs

Born in 1946 in Montréal, VW Bro. Hobbs was educated in Vancouver and called to the New Brunswick Bar in 1979. A member of the Law Society of BC and the Canadian Bar Association, he is currently senior partner in the law firm of Hobbs Hargrave, in Nanaimo.

VW Bro. Hobbs has been president of Board of Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society and the Nanaimo Rotary Club.

Active in many of our concordant and appendant bodies, he is a member of Gizeh Shrine, a supporter of Nanaimo Masonic Building Society, and was Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons last year.

Worshipful Master of Nanaimo Lodge No. 110 in 1993 and Manoah Lodge No. 141, Tofino, in 2004, he is also a member of Comox Lodge No. 188. He currently holds the office of Senior Grand Deacon while also chairing the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence.

He believes the greatest challenge facing Freemasonry today is its relevance.

"The challenge for us all is to continue to grow the organization, to maintain its principles, and to make Freemasonry more relevant both in our lodges and in our communities." ■

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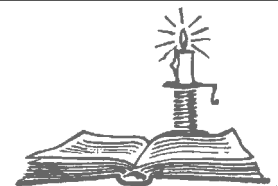
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the brethren of Corinthian Lodge and all visiting brethren. The Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge accompanied by the District Deputy Grand Master and Director of Ceremonies received the members of the two lodges on the level.

This was the start of the consolidation ceremony of Corinthian, Fidelity and Friendship lodges. It was the end of a long journey of discussions conducted over a long period of time by the leaders of the three lodges. If it were not for this leadership in the three lodges, one lodge would have continued on with its plans to go into darkness and dispose of its assets. This would have led to another lodge closing for lack of a meeting place, and disrupted the meetings of at least three concordant bodies. Without this leadership, another result could well have been the closing of at least one of the other lodges. But, on the contrary, the steadfast leadership of the three lodges brought the lodges to consolidation.

The brethren about the lodge, some sixty-seven—representing twelve lodges and three districts, hailing from as far away as 400 km—witnessed the consolidation ceremony bring the three lodges into one.

The emotions the brethren felt, saw and expressed moved from the sadness of a wake to the happiness of a wedding and back again.

The ceremony continued with the Worshipful Master of Fidelity Lodge and Friendship Lodge presenting their respective warrants to the District Deputy Grand Master who accepted the warrants with great reluctance.

The District Deputy Grand Master noted that these warrants had been entrusted to the keeping of many worthy and distinguished brethren and that each lodge had done great

work. He concluded by saying that the warrants were being returned to Grand Lodge, "pure and unsullied."

The Worshipful Master of Corinthian lodge asked the Master of Fidelity Lodge and of Friendship Lodge to accompany him to the east and to place their gavels, the symbol of authority, on the Master's pedestal. The Worshipful Master went on to say that the placing of these three gavels made them one, as are now the three lodges. The officers of both lodges deposited their collars and the various items of their respective offices on reception tables in the east, then took their place amongst the brethren.

So ended a great era of Freemasonry in the Trail Rossland area.

Through consultation and coöperation, the brethren of the three lodges wrote, directed and performed a Ceremony of Consolidation that was dignified, respectful, and, in its execution, remarked on by visiting brethren for its beauty.

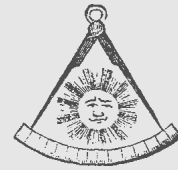
At the festive board much reminiscing was done. All brethren travelled home with a good feeling of brotherhood.

The Ceremony of Consolidation, in detail, is available upon contacting the Secretary of Corinthian Lodge No. 27. Grand Lodge does not have any ceremony for such purpose. ■

Chaplain's corner

by *VW Bro. Ian Paton,
Grand Chaplain*

Most of us have heard the great old story about the little girl who was busy with her crayons and pencils, laboring over a drawing on her sketch pad. Her mother asked her by way of conversation what she was doing "I'm drawing a picture of God" said the little girl, in a somewhat exasperated tone.



GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY MAY, 2005

3	Canadian Cancer Society Meeting, 11:00 am	Vancouver
5	Job's Daughters	New Westminster
7	Wild Game Night	Langley Lodge No. 128 Langley
11	Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, 12:00 pm	Vancouver
11	G.: M.: Washington visit	Tsawwassen No. 185 Delta
12	Grand Lodge Line Officers Meeting, 10:30 am	Vancouver
12	Crab Night	Joppa No. 112 White Rock
13	Spring Ceremonial	Shrine Duncan
14-15	100th Anniversary	St. Georges No. 41 Kelowna
20-22	District No. 11	Yukon Lodge No. 45, Dawson City
27	Empire Night	Alliance No. 193 Vancouver
28	50th Anniversary	Mt. Shepherd No. 159 Sooke
30-31	Grand Sessions	Eastern Star Kamloops
TBA	District No. 19	Fort Saint John 131 Fort St. John

"You can't draw a picture of God," said her mother, patiently. "No one knows what God looks like."

"Don't worry, mum," said the little girl. "Everyone will know after I finish this picture."

Good little story, and a great message.

Freemasonry is free in such a wonderful variety of ways. We are free to each draw our own picture of that wonderful mystery from which we draw strength and support, healing and help, comfort and companionship.

In lodge, we are not questioned as to our school of theology, or the address of our church, mosque, synagogue or temple. We are simply asked this question In times of difficulty and distress: "in whom do you place your trust?"

Like the little girl, when we have completed our own private picture we each have our own personal answer.

If we want to embellish and highlight our vision of the Great Architect through study or congregational worship within our community, that is our prerogative

In lodge, however, on this subject we each draw our own picture. What a privilege. Thanks, little girl. ■

Safety

These are dangerous times we live in, and the duty of the Tyler is not one to be dismissed as merely ceremonial.

For years we have lived a life of carefree security that has even effected the way we conduct our lodge meetings, where—through lack of a Tyler—the Inner Guard will be instructed to look out into an empty antichamber and announce that the lodge is properly tyled.

Recently there have been incidents where the brethren have come out of their lodge meetings to find the refreshments for the festive board stolen by silent intruders. There have also been reports of brethren's coats and wallets gone missing while the lodge is in session.

Brethren: lock the outer door; have the Tyler sit within the open entrance to the lodge, or at least leave the lodge door open; and guard our gates. ■