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The cancer car project

by RW Bro. Al Adams

The Masonic Communities Charity Cancer Car Project is the most visible charity the freemasons of British Columbia and Yukon have. It is a programme that brings the name of Freemasonry to the attention of the public and is seen by more people than any other charity. But the programme desperately needs your help. Not in a financial way—although all donations are welcome—but in a more active way.

At present there are seven cars on the lower mainland transporting approximately sixty-five patients—sometimes with their caregivers—each day, to and from cancer treatments at the various centres in Vancouver. In order to do this, an army of volunteers is required. The service runs Monday to Friday and, when needed, on the weekends. There are two shifts each day, 7:00 am to noon and noon to 5:00 pm. with each shift

requiring a dispatcher, a computer operator and seven drivers. The minimum number of volunteers required to operate the service each week is ninety. This does not allow for sickness, holidays and other personal commitments. If this, the most worthwhile charitable project we have, is to continue, we need the support of the freemasons on the lower mainland.

At present about 40% of the drivers are non-masons, including some women. Surely, if that number of non-masons are willing to work at a project that was instituted by us and is a masonic charity, then it behooves us to put forth an effort to support a programme that is ours and ours alone. There are no rewards except the many thank-you notes, letters of appreciation and some very delicious cookies that the grateful patients send in.

If you can spare a morning

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Started on 6 April 1989 in the Lower Mainland, the Cancer Car Project has since expanded to Vancouver Island (1991) and the Thompson-Okanagan area of the Interior (1998), with sixteen vehicles currently in use. There are approximately 500 volunteers in the three areas. So successful has this programme been that, in 1992 the National Board of Directors of the Canadian Cancer Society awarded the freemasons of British Columbia and Yukon the Citation of Merit Award.

or an afternoon once a week and can help by driving, dispatching or operating the computer, the committee would like to hear from you. The programme cannot continue to operate without your support. ■

To volunteer, contact W Bro. Don FitzPatrick at 604-465-0987 or the Cancer Car dispatch office at 604-872-2034.

Constitutions of Freemasonry in 1723 and was ascribed by Gädicke in *Freimaurer Lexicon* to the alleged initiation of William III of England in 1693.

Another suggestion as to the origin of the expression is the Biblical "royal law" where "royal" refers to anything that is of general concern and necessary for all, such as universal love.

From Anderson's use it was widely copied by subsequent masonic authors who suggested that it referred to King Solomon and the building

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Royal art

The term "Royal Art", as a reference to Freemasonry, first appeared in Anderson's



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Our "royal art"
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of his temple. In 1800
Freemasonry was described in
Prague as "The Royal Art;
because it teaches man how to
govern himself."

The term also appeared in a
lecture entitled, *The Royal Art
in a New Form*, given by Rudolf
Steiner in 1906. It is the last
lecture in a collection called,
The Temple Legend, published
by Rudolf Steiner Press of
London. In this lecture Steiner
describes the Royal Art of the
past as the enterprise of
developing our human capacity
to master the laws and forces
of the inanimate kingdom
through disciplines such as
geometry. In contrast, he
suggests the Royal Art of the
present into the future will be
the development of our
potential capacities to master
the laws and forces of the
animate or living world.

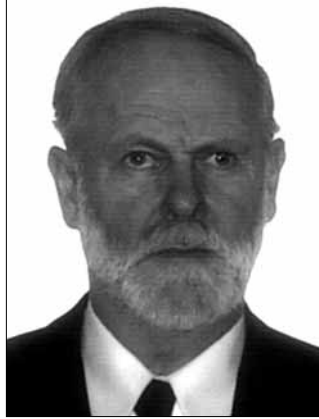
He also suggests that we
will be able to resolve the
growing, and now global, social
problems only through the
mastery of these living forces.
In that sense the Royal Art is
the new Social Art. ■



The passing
moments
short
appear
But constant
ticking
makes the
year.

W Bro. Palmer Cox, 1893

Our candidates for Junior Grand Warden



W Bro. Philip V. Alcock

Born in Victoria in 1946,
W Bro. Alcock graduated from
Camosun College and since
then has owned and operated
Vian Developments, building
rental housing.

He was raised in Goldstream
Lodge No. 161, Langford, in
1987 and later affiliated with
Confederation Lodge No. 116.
He served as Worshipful Master
of Goldstream Lodge No. 161
in 1991-1992 and 1994-1995
as well as Worshipful Master of
Confederation Lodge No. 116
in 1993-1994.

He continues to be active in
Confederation Lodge No. 116,
where he served as Secretary
from 1996 to 1998, and since
then has served again as Inner
Guard and Senior Deacon.

W Bro. Alcock married
Janice Lynn in 1969 and they
have one son and two
daughters. ■



W Bro. George Blane

Born in Toronto in 1955,
W Bro. Blane relocated to
Coquitlam where he graduated
from high school and entered
the automotive business as
district manager of Chrysler
Canada from 1974 to 1988 and
service manager of O'Conner
Chrysler from 1988 to 1996. He
is currently a service manager at
a Chevrolet dealership in
Abbotsford.

Raised in Ionic Lodge No. 19
(now Ionic Kent) in 1994, he
served as Worshipful Master in
2000 and was appointed
Director of Ceremonies in 2004,
an office he continues to hold.
W Bro. Blane is also active in
several concordant bodies.

Married to Gail Louise in
1985, they have two
daughters. ■



W Bro. Herbert F. T.
Chow

W Bro. Chow was born,
raised and educated in
Vancouver, BC. Later the family
moved to Prince George where
W Bro. Chow was employed in
the Logging Industry and also
served as County Court Clerk.

W Bro. Chow later worked
as Chief Engineer at Mission
Hospital for thirty years, until he
retired.

He is currently executive
producer of a movie production
company, "Chow Time
Productions" in which he and
his son, Bro. Brian Chow star in
a soon-to-be released tv series.

W Bro. Chow is married to
Lorraine, they have two sons, a
daughter, and three grand-
children.

W Bro. Chow was raised in
1980 into Blue Mountain Lodge
No.182, becoming Worshipful
Master in 1990. He is also a
Charter Member of Dogwood
Lodge No. 192, Aldergrove.
W Bro. Chow affiliated with
Landmark Lodge No. 128,
Maple Ridge and is active,
serving when needed.

W Bro. Chow is current:ly
Senior Warden at Cascade
Lodge No. 12, Vancouver, and
has also affiliated with North
Star Lodge No. 167, his
recently-initiated son's lodge.

W Bro. Chow founded and
sponsored a free "Prostate Test
Programme" for Blue Mountain
Lodge brethren, which he
continues to maintain. ■



RW Bro. Lawrence W. Link

Born in 1944 in California, RW Bro. Link relocated to Canada in 1966 after serving four years in the US Air Force as an electrician. A Canadian citizen since 2004, he has been a transportation coordinator and driver trainer for School District No. 8 for the last twenty years.

Married to Sandra since 1963, they have a son and daughter, and two grandchildren.

Raised into Nelson Lodge No. 23 in 1970, he first served as Worshipful Master in 1977, and has filled that office subsequently four more terms. He was appointed Grand Marshal in 1989 and later served as District Deputy Grand Master for MW Bro. Harold C. Nordon in 1998. He is also an honorary member of Granite Lodge No. 154, Nelson. ■



RW Bro. Brian M. Tuckey

Born in New Westminster on 21 March 1947, RW Bro. Brian M. Tuckey was member of the RCMP from 1968 until 1989, when he joined the BC Liquor Distribution Branch's Security/Loss Prevention Department, first as an investigator and later as Department Director and Director of Distribution. His organizational and team building skills were instrumental in the success of this new endeavor.

He and his wife Wendy have been married for thirty-five years and retired to Kamloops in 2004. They have two married sons and one grand daughter.

RW Bro. Tuckey was raised in Union Lodge No. 9, New Westminster, in 1988, and served as Worshipful Master in 1994-95. He was District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2 in 1997-98. He affiliated with Mount St. Paul No. 109, Kamloops, in 2005 and is currently the Director of Ceremonies.

He has served on various Grand Lodge Committees: the Ad Hoc Committee on Masonic Advancement (1995-1996), the Ad Hoc Committee on Lodge Buildings in the Lower Fraser Valley (1998-1999) and the Masonic Commission (2001-2002). He served as chairman of the Education Committee for part of 2000. He is currently the chairman of the Fraternal Relations committee. ■



VW Bro. Michael D. Yule

VW Bro Yule became a member of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7 in 1995 and later affiliated with Melrose Lodge No. 67 in Vancouver, as well as the Vancouver Lodge of Education and Research. He was Worshipful Master of Melrose Lodge in 2000, and Mount Hermon Lodge in 2001 and 2002. He is active as Director of Ceremonies in both lodges, as well as serving as the current Grand Pursuivant.

VW Bro Yule was appointed District Education Officer in District 13 in 2003 and 2004, and was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on the Mentorship Program in 2000. He was also a member of the Vancouver Grand Masonic Day Committee in 2003 and 2004, and has delivered original papers at Grand Masonic Day in 2004, the Vancouver Lodge of Education and Research, Victoria Lodge of Education and Research, and many other lodges. He is an enthusiastic supporter of education, ritual excellence, and other opportunities to make the lodge an enriching experience.

Educated at UBC, VW Bro Yule has been employed at Telus in various marketing and product/project management capacities since 1977, where he has demonstrated his cooperative team building, communication and leadership skills. ■

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Chaplain's corner

by VW Bro. Doug Sowden,
Grand Chaplain

How often have we heard, in lodge and at the festive board, "Brethren, I am pleased and honoured to..."? Variations exist, but this or a similar phrase is often used to start a pleasant duty of introducing, investing, installing, or inducting. As with many phrases which are often used, the true meaning and purpose of the words are lost in familiarity.

I had the opportunity to hear a brother use these words the other day. I was visiting with him to drop off a few lapel pins. He told me that he would be "pleased" to show me what he does with these pins. He left the room, and then returned with a beautiful vest covered with pins. Each pin had a story of acquisition, and I could see the pleasure in his eyes as he recalled past events in his masonic and Shrine career.

Then he asked if I would like to see his "special" room. He got a key and walked with me to a small building behind his house. Inside was a table, sink and refrigerator... but the first thing that caught my eye was the walls. They were covered with pictures and certificates. There were certificates of honour from his fellow Shriners and freemasons. There were pictures of installations, cheque presentations, hospital visits, and outings. This man had received many masonic honours in his life, and it was obvious that he treasured them all. I was "pleased and honoured" that he shared them with me.

Our gentle Craft is special. We have the opportunity "to carry into active operation the practice of the four cardinal virtues, combined with the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity." If we do

this well, we too may be pleased to receive honours and rewards. Value them, for service to others is the greatest treasure. ■

Global masonry

Olive Branch No. 47, Sturgis South Dakota, will hold a breakfast and lodge meeting on 9 August 2006 to coincide with the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and Races. Brethren in motorcycle attire are welcome. Brethren are welcome to bring their own lodge aprons. Be prepared to show a current paid-up dues card and answer a short examination. ■

Report from Board of Custodians,
Grand Lodge of South Dakota
<crest@rushmore.com>.

Lodge notes

An initiative developed by members of **Admiral Lodge No. 170**, recently raised the funds to erect an 864 square foot building on Community Services property, to be used solely for the local Food Bank.

This building provides the Food Bank with adequate space to accommodate food delivery, storage, packing and distribution as well as a washroom and small kitchen for the volunteers. The Food Bank and the majority of these programmes have operated from the Community Centre building which was constructed in 1914 as the Lady Minto Hospital.

The Food Bank was open one day per week and provided a three day supply of plentiful, good quality food to approximately 1,300 families and individuals annually. The service is operated by volunteers and is entirely supported by donations of food and money from the community. No government or any other form of funding is received.



Grand Master's Itinerary MAY, 2006

4	Thu	Board of General Purposes (12:30 pm)	Vancouver
4	Thu	Line Officers Meeting (3:00 pm)	Vancouver
6	Sat	Country Living Days parade	Chilliwack
9	Tue	District No. 27 Temple No. 33	Duncan
10-12	Wed	Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star	Penticton
11	Thu	Crab Night Joppa No. 112	White Rock
18	Thu	District 11 Whitehorse No. 46	Whitehorse
20	Sat	Yukon No. 45	Dawson City
22	Mon	White Pass Lodge No. 1	Skagway
27	Sat	District No. 19 Peace No. 126	Dawson Creek

We anticipate that the Food Bank will significantly increase the hours of operation to meet the needs of those in need.

Construction commenced on 16 July 2005 and was completed in late October, although the facility was not opened until March 2006 when an opening ceremony was conducted by our Grand Master, MW Bro. Robert D. McSween. Participating Grand Lodge officers included the DDGM of District 27, RW Bro. Tom Tams and Bro. Don Wagner, who had just received his 60 year jewel, bearing the *Book of Constitutions*. ■

Cowans

There are many words and expressions used in masonic lectures and rituals that are not in common usage, and perhaps need some explanation for the newer freemason. Cowan is one such word.

COWAN, s. 1. A term of contempt; applied to one who does the work of a mason, but has not been regularly bred. 2. Also used to denote one who builds dry walls, otherwise denominated a *dry diker*. 3. One unacquainted with the secrets of Freemasonry. "A boat-carpenter, joiner, cowan (or builder of stone without mortar) get 1s at the *minimum*

and good maintenance." P. Morven, *Argyles. Statistic, Act., X, 267*. N. "Cowans. Masons who build dry-stone dikes or walls." P. Hallirk, *Carthn, Statistic. Acct., XIX, 24*. N. Old Swedish: *kujon, kuzhjohn*; silly fellow. French: *coion, coyon*; coward, base fellow.

Sir James A. H. Murray's *New English Dictionary* says that the word's derivation is unknown. Albert G. Mackey's *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* suggests—without proof—that the word comes from the Middle English *coen* or *comon*; early variants of "common", as in: "the common people". ■

See *An etymological dictionary of the Scottish language*, John Jamieson. *Edinburgh: 1808. 2v.*

Charity

Bro. Ernie L. Sherman of **Euclid Lodge No. 158** writes to the editor, urging his brethren to register as organ donors, and further suggests that lodges organize competitions or "drives" to register their members.

Information can be found on the BC Transplant Society website, www.transplant.bc.ca, or the Kidney Foundation website, www.kidney.ca. To register, your driver's license is no longer enough. ■