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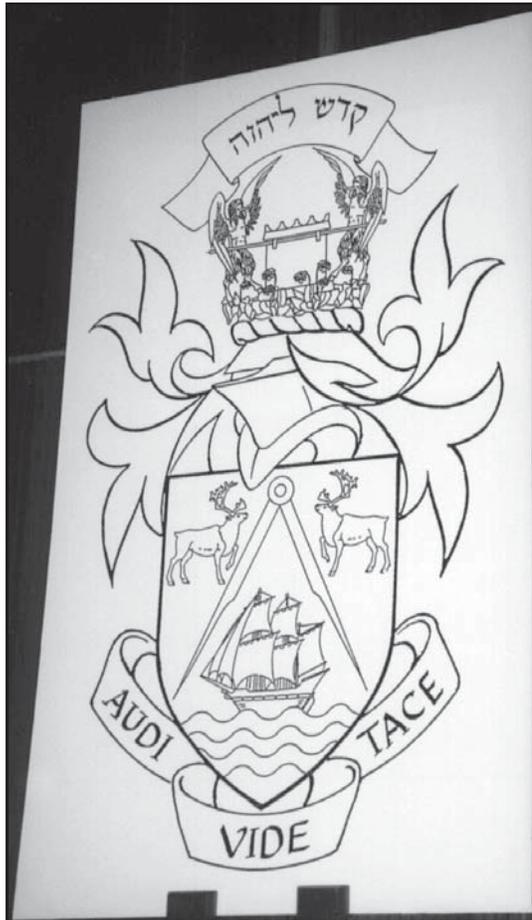
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## Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador

On the 500th Anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot, another historical event took place when the twenty-four Lodges under the District Grand Lodge of the United Grand Lodge of England and a few Scottish Constitution Lodges voted by ballot in favour of forming an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Grand Master, MWBro Hugh Young and a delegation of Brethren from the Grand Lodge of Alberta joined with Freemasons from North America and the United Kingdom for the Inaugural Meeting and Consecration of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Ceremony of Consecration and the Installation of Bro Herman W. Starkes as Grand Master, was performed by MWBro the Rt. Hon. Lord Farnham, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. In his address to the assembly, Bro Farnham brought a message from Edward, Grand Master: "I send to the Brethren of the new Grand Lodge my best wishes



*Coat of Arms of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador*



*From left: Grand Director of Ceremonies, UGLE, VWBro P.G. Lowndes & MWBro Starkes, investing Officers.*

for a long, successful and happy future as it takes its place among other Grand Lodges in the Provinces of Canada and alongside its former sister District under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. May Brotherly love and affection ever distinguish this Grand Lodge and its members."

MWBro the Rt. Hon. Lord Burton, Grand Master Mason, Grand Lodge of Scotland said: "I know that I speak for the whole of the Grand Lodge of Scotland when I say that our sincerest hope is that the camaraderie, the exchange of visitors, the sharing of premises and the management of Masonic Park which existed here between the Constitutions of England and Scotland in the past will continue to flourish between the Constitutions of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Scotland in the future. I have a very soft spot for Newfoundland, and the friendly Newfoundlanders. I love your beautiful countryside which has many similarities to the Highlands of Scotland; we also see the sun from time to time and suffer wind and rain quite frequently."

MWBro Maurice Kershaw, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, had the distinct honour of bearing greetings from the sister Grand Lodges attending from the four corners of the world — "We thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for making the



*L-r: RWBro Vernon Burke Jr. JGW, Texas; MWBro Ernest R. MacDonald, PGM, Vermont; RWBro Ross Van Ness Bayer, DGM, NJ; MWBro Edward Weisser, GM, PA; Lord Burton, Grand Master, Scotland; Lord Farnham, Pro Grand Master, UGLE; VWBro Cannon W.F. Roan, GCHAP, UGLE, MWBro Gary A. Henningsen, GSEC, NY; RWBro CDR. Higham, GSEC, UGLE*

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*Editorial*

**Our Future Is Up to Us — Now!**

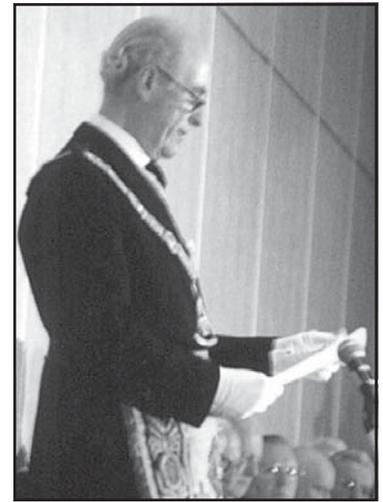
Under this caption the December 1997 issue of *The South Dakota Masonic Messenger* published a valid concern of their Grand Master, MWBro Lowell C. Holmgren, a concern not limited to our sister jurisdiction. He addressed his Brethren, saying:

“Each of us has to make a decision — what do we want the future of Freemasonry to be? If it is enough to have a Lodge to attend when we want to go, then little effort is required. If we want Masonry to be here for our sons and their sons, we must make a greater effort!

“Some Lodges in South Dakota are suffering because no one will step forward and accept office — to be secretary, or tyler, or whatever. Some Lodges have closed their doors for this reason, and more are discussing it. Are you comfortable with the loss of a Masonic presence in your town because you don’t have time to take part? Once a Lodge closes its doors, it will be near impossible to re-establish that Masonic presence in the community. That is a real loss!”

How do we compare, in Alberta? Of the 199 Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, since 1905, more than a quarter have gone out of existence either by amalgamation (39 Lodges) or by surrendering the charter (14 Lodges). One of every four Lodges seemed to be doomed. Why? Do we find the reason merely in the unwillingness of Brethren to accept office and to attend regularly, as intimated in the South Dakota message, or are there other reasons? One such additional reason may be seen in the demographic shift from rural communities to urban centres of the population at large, necessarily affecting Lodges. So who is to be blamed for that? Certainly not the average Brother — it just happens because the early founders of Lodges in small towns and villages, mostly along the tracks of the CP or CN railways, could not possibly foresee future developments. In their days the Masonic meeting represented a (if not the) highlight of rural, social life in a male dominated society, aided by the willing help of the “womenfolk.” Today’s entertainment (and learning) scene is vastly different and a Lodge meeting does not seem to hold the same appeal for the members as in the days of yore. Therefore we must compete for the leisure hours of our Brethren wisely and with imagination. That means pro-

gramming, it means offering unique experiences unattainable elsewhere, not to be found on the TV screen, the worldwide web, certainly not the ball park, or wherever.  
 Brother Holmgren further said:  
 “All it takes for Masonry to be a success in your town is for you to take an interest — to take an office — to learn a part — to bring in a petition. No one else has that responsibility — just you! Attend the next meeting of your Lodge and express an interest in the future of Masonry in your town. Help make plans for the future success of Masonry. It is your responsibility.”  
 Preventing the demise of a Lodge, in the face of all the odds, is a challenge to anyone who has earned for himself the appellation of “Master Mason” - of being a builder, not of being one who idly stands by and lets things happen as they may.  
 There are such positive thinkers (and doers) around in Alberta, as even now we observe dedicated Masons doing their best to serve Dynamic Lodge in the tiny community of Holden. If their honest efforts will be crowned by *lasting* success, only time will tell. These Brethren, however, set an example for others in the Province to emulate.  
 Be optimistic, be positive, be enthusiastic, be dedicated and, above all, be convinced that the cause you serve is the most noble and worthy one. As the caption says, it’s up to us — Now!



*Top: MWBro Rt. Hon. Lord Farnham, Pro Grand Master reading a message from Edward, Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of England. Above, from left: RWBro Neil M. Chaplin, DGM, MWBro Herman Starkes, Grand Master.*

by you and your Brethren, and the majestic sense of splendour and purpose which radiates from this Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador.”

The Brethren from this jurisdiction expressed their feelings of exhilaration in being present at this event which may well be the final Grand Lodge Consecration in North American Freemasonry.

Gerald T. Webber, Grand Secretary

## Why Is the Grand Stewards' Apron Red?

*Condensed from a paper by MWBro Robert Juthner, Charter SW of FIAT LUX Lodge of Research No. 1980*

Bernard Jones informs us that the Grand Steward's crimson was taken from the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, revived by George I in 1725. Why is it Red? I have not really found a definite answer to that, not even in Mackey's or Coil's encyclopædias. It is, however, necessary that we establish the reason for setting the Grand Stewards apart from all other Grand Lodge Officers.

In 1723, the Grand Regulations were enacted and in Article XXIII the Grand Wardens were charged with the duty of preparing and serving the "Grand Feast." Stewards could be appointed to assist them. At that time, Stewards were of equal rank with the Wardens because, if there was a disagreement between the Wardens and Stewards, they — together — were to decide by majority vote. Somehow this co-operation between Wardens and Stewards did not work out and so it came to pass that twelve Stewards were made permanent officers of Grand Lodge and given the right to nominate their successors. Moreover, around this time, it was decreed that, with the exception of the Grand Master, all other Grand Officers were to be selected from the ranks of Past Stewards. From about 1735, Past Stewards wore a distinctive jewel suspended from a red ribbon around the neck and aprons lined and bordered with red silk, and were granted the privilege of forming themselves into a permanent Lodge with twelve votes in Grand Lodge.

This at least gives us an approximate time when the custom of wearing crimson aprons started, but not the reason why.

In 1792, the Stewards' Lodge became the Grand Stewards' Lodge and was placed at the head of the list of Lodges without a number. To this day we can find it shown that way, as in the annually published *List of Lodges Masonic*, of which every Lodge in this Jurisdiction has a copy.

In the United Grand Lodge of England, as it now exists, the Grand Master appoints 19 Grand Stewards annually, one each from the 19 Lodges known as "Red Apron Lodges." These 19 Lodges in effect control the appointment of all Grand Lodge Officers, except the Grand Master, with the result that no one may ever hope to become one of the Grand Lodge Officers unless he is first admitted to one of these 19 Lodges.

The issue of the apron of a different colour may not be all that important, but what is more important, it seems to me, is that a long time ago the early Brethren of Speculative Masonry gave recognition to those among them who — as Stewards — devoted their Masonic lives to the service of their Fellows of the Craft.

Service — stewardship — exceptional contribution — recognition by an apron of a different colour: something to

think about!

*FIAT LUX Lodge of Research invites questions regarding their papers. Please send questions to the Editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin.*

**\*\*Note** — The next meeting of FIAT LUX Lodge of Research will be held at King George Masonic Hall, 2323 Osborne Crescent SW, Calgary, on Saturday, March 28, 1998 at 2:00 PM. **All visiting Master Masons are welcome.**

## What Masons Do... Elsewhere

From *The Idaho Freemason*, Vol. V, No. 3, we learn that Grand Master David A. Olehy has instituted a rare program of recognition, whereby he requested that the Constituent Lodges of Idaho initiate a teacher recognition program, so that each Lodge should select an outstanding teacher from their respective school district and honour that teacher with the presentation of a plaque, a certificate and a monetary award.

The Grand Master explained that "Freemasonry has always strongly supported the development and implementation of public education, and that we should reward those who set high standards and good goals for our children." A large number of Idaho Lodges followed through on the Grand Master's request and have presented awards to outstanding teachers.

The article does not explain the criteria used in the selection process, something that would be of great interest to any Alberta educator who, in the past, had to grapple with this elusive problem (remember the "Master Teacher" concept?).

## "Proud to Be a Mason"

reads the caption of a brief profile which appeared in *The New Mexico Freemason*, Vol. 62, No. 3, here reprinted:

Brother Burl Ives performed in every major concert hall in the world, with command performances before royalty in Europe and Presidents of the United States. He received numerous music and drama awards and even won the coveted Oscar for his supporting role in "The Big Country" in 1958.

While appearing as a guest on the Rev. Robert Schuller Sunday morning *Hour of Power* from the Crystal Cathedral in California, a program witnessed by the largest religious television audience in the world, he was asked by the Rev. Schuller, "Of all the great honors and awards that you have received in your long and successful career, what do you hold as the highest?" Brother Ives replied, "WHEN THEY MADE ME A MASTER MASON." It was one of the finest testimonials that Masonry has ever received.

Bro Ives was a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 242, Santa Barbara, CA and a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

## Canadian Tartan Degree Team

reads the caption above an item in the December 1997 *Montana Masonic News*. It informs the Montana Brethren of a First Degree "in full color, kilts and bagpipe," put on by the Alberta Brethren for those of the Great Falls Craft Lodges, on October 24, 1997. It is also reported that the degree team collected over \$400 which they contributed to the Great Falls Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic. A group picture of the team accompanied the article. (*So why wouldn't the Alberta Bulletin be told about it?*)



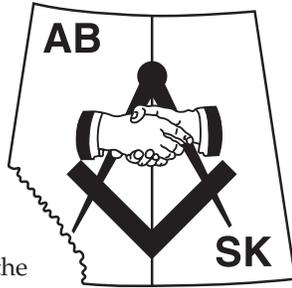
## Hands Across The Border

April 4 & 5, 1998

### Lloydminster

Beginning with a light lunch at noon, April 4th at the Presbyterian Church, the 1998 "Speak-Off" will commence at the Church at 2:00 PM and will end at 4:30 PM. Following an "adjustment period" at the Wayside Inn, the Banquet, at 6:00 PM, will feature a guest speaker and the trophy presentation. On April 5th a service will be held at the Presbyterian Church, with a brunch to follow. The Registration fee is \$5.00 and the three meals are reasonably priced.

For registration, accommodation reservation and any further information contact the co-ordinator RWBro Bill Bryce, 4716 - 58 Avenue, Lloydminster, AB T9V 1A8 — phone 403-875-7738, fax 403-875-7142. Other contacts are the DDGMs of Battle River and Lakeland Districts, RWBros Jim Christensen (phone 403-755-3763) and Lorne Langman (phone 403-455-3656).



pete by returning to our roots and providing the required aid and assistance needed by the society. At one time people wanted to join our fraternity because the example set by those who were members was there for all to see. The pillars of society were Masons. They were pillars of society not because they were Masons, but rather they were Masons because they were the moral and ethical pillars of society. How about being there when needed, not only by a Brother but also by a neighbour or a friend? Offer a helping hand, a supporting shoulder, or even a friendly advice! By demonstrating the very reason that Freemasonry has lasted for these many years, we will build it stronger.

**Crescent Lodge No. 87:** Here is a Lodge where, for the past six years, Lodge summonses were enriched by a column named "Did You Know?" The articles touched on a variety of topics, in part taken from the own Lodge history, but going beyond local interest. More than fifty such items were written, or compiled, by WBro Don McLaren who would certainly be willing to provide samples of his work and advice on how to copy the example of Crescent Lodge to any Brother in the jurisdiction eager to render such information to the Brethren of his Lodge. He can be contacted by writing to Don McLaren, 2312 Charlebois Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2L 0T3, or by phone 403-282-2621 or by fax 403-284-4150.

## Alberta Miscellany

*from Lodge summonses and other sources:*

**Lochearn Lodge No. 151:** "The Wages of a Mason" — Masonic labour is a labour of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of Masons are earned and paid in their dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason. May you be paid handsomely in brotherly love and kindness.

**Pembina Lodge No. 126:** As the days shorten, the dark is greater. I hope the opposite is true in your Masonic life and that your light and understanding are increasing. In this respect, what have you learned about another Mason or his Masonic life and ideas? A short report to the Lodge may be appropriate.

**Connaught Lodge No. 69:** I want my Lodge to be a place where I can always find an abundance of love, understanding and kindness. I want my Lodge to be composed of well-informed Brothers who appreciate the privilege of being Masons and who are ever willing to devote their time and talents to the welfare of the Lodge and to the well-being of its members. I want my Lodge to be a place in which I acquire Light and more Light; a place where the officers are ever aware of their responsibilities, are proficient in their Work but keep in mind that there is a great deal more to Masonry than the ritualistic ceremonies. I want to think, act and walk in life so that I may be worthy of membership in my Lodge and to help make it the kind of Lodge I want it to be.

**Griesbach Lodge No. 191:** If Freemasonry is to survive or actually to flourish in the next century, we have to provide a reason for good men to join. Indeed it is only by demonstrating that we are still relevant in today's society that we will survive. We have to compete for members and we can com-

## A Travelling Lodge

In 1921, Concord Lodge No. 124 was formed by a group of men who were commercial travellers, but since then Concord members have also travelled a lot in their capacity as Masons. A reciprocal arrangement has developed with the Brethren of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, resulting in many visits and return visits. Then bus loads of Masons and their spouses have travelled on fraternal visits to Regina, SK, to Great Falls, MT, and to Spokane, WA.

September 19-21, 1997 saw a busload of Concord members and their wives visit Selkirk Lodge No. 55, BCR in Kimberley, BC. Dispensations having been duly received from the Grand Masters of Alberta and British Columbia, for the Alberta Lodge to hold a meeting on BC soil, on September 20th the Grand Master of Alberta, MWBro Young, and his party were received into Selkirk Lodge by the Grand Master of British Columbia, MWBro Tomlin. Following the appropriate ceremonies, the BC GM closed the Lodge in the Canadian Rite, according to BC usage and the AB GM then opened Lodge, also in the Canadian Rite, but according to Alberta custom (there are slight differences in the Work). The WM of Concord Lodge and his Brethren then conferred the FC degree on Bro Glen Battad.

While the Masons were at their combined meeting, the wives of the Concord and Selkirk members travelled to Fort Steele for lunch and a tour of the Heritage Town. An evening banquet rounded off the celebrations and following breakfast on Sunday the Concordians boarded their bus for the return trip. As the scenery unfolded in magnificent fall colours, conversation centered on the great weekend that was ending. The question of the day was "Where are we going next year?" (Perhaps to the other Travellers' and Saturday Lodge in Alberta: Commercial No. 81? — Ed.)

WBro John A. Hausberg  
Concord Lodge No. 124

*Update on this year's*

### Lodge at Kananaskis April 17-19, 1998

Perhaps after 280 years of hearing the term "Anti-Masonry," Freemasons should attempt to nullify its deleterious effects on the Fraternity by first diluting the name to "Counter-Masonry."

The program for the 33rd Masonic Spring Workshop, to be held at Kananaskis this year, will convey a dual emphasis.

The first consideration of the Workshop will be to provide neutralization in an acceptable manner. Dr. Gary Leazer will deliver his keynote address on the subject and will conclude with a Saturday session in which he will share his thoughts on how this end can be achieved. As author of *Fundamentalism & Freemasonry*, Dr. Leazer will also attend at the bookstore to personalize his book for any interested Brother who would like to take home this valuable keepsake. The second emphasis of the Workshop will be devoted towards a "New Direction" of adopting a pro-active Masonic activity. We will endeavour to incorporate this element into each of the Schools of Instruction shown below.

The Committee is also exploring the merits of a five-year plan for the Masonic Spring Workshop to perpetuate a pre-determined direction for future years. We look forward to your participation at this year's workshop.

Tom Hargreaves, General Chairman

### Schools of Instruction

(Note: the final program is subject to modification)

*Schools for Officers of Lodges*

#### Lodge Visitations

- Participants will learn the benefits of frequent and planned visitations.
- How to encourage return visitation.
- How to achieve maximum enjoyment out of visitation.

#### Lodge Leadership

- How to prepare for the year as Master and Leader.
- A pro-active step by step approach with handy checklists for the Wardens.

#### Towards the Master's Chair

- What a Deacon should be thinking about as he approaches the three principal offices.
- Learning & Participating

#### *Topics of General Interest*

#### Beyond the Craft Lodge

- A continuance of a Mason's Masonic career path within the concordant bodies.
- What do each of the concordant bodies have to offer?
- The right time and the progression alternatives.

#### The Added Depth of Masonic Etiquette

- Examines the significance of this important and essential leadership tool.
- Highlights the dos and don'ts while in Lodge and at the festive board.
- The rapidly changing scene of Masonic etiquette, to which we must adjust, will also be examined.

#### Broadening our Horizons

- The Grand Master's tour - a model for Masonic growth.
- The benefits of expanded visitation - cultural, social and historical.

#### *Freemasonry Tomorrow*

#### Master Mason Shriners

- A panel discussion of the pros and cons of the less stringent requirements for Shrine membership.
- Possible implications for the Shrine, Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Masonry.
- A positive approach to managing the inevitable.

#### Committee on the Work

- A debate on the value of rigorous adherence to the ritual.
- The benefits and detriments of allowing more latitude in performing ritual.

#### Counter-Masonic Trends in Great Britain

- Recent trends towards self-disclosure of Freemasons.
- An examination of this form of Counter-Freemasonry

#### *Responding to our Critics*

#### Keynote Speaker, Dr. Gary Leazer

- Exploring suitable and intelligent methods of responding to Masonic criticism.

Brant Irwin and David Roth

## More Prince Hall Grand Lodges Recognized

The *Grand Lodge News* issued after the meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England on 10 December 1997 informs us that, during that meeting, the Prince Hall Grand Lodges of Colorado (formed in 1876), Washington State (formed 1903), Wisconsin (formed 1925) and Oregon (formed 1960), which are all descendants of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio which was recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, have received formal recognition also.

As a result, the list of North American (US and Canadian) Grand Lodges which UGLE members should not now visit (because they allow at least reciprocal intervisiting with Prince Hall Grand Lodges not recognized by the UGLE) has diminished.

It now consists of only Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico,

North Dakota, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### March

- 4 Oyen-Crocus Lodge
- 10 Patricia Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 13 Strathcona Lodge, Acacia Hall Edmonton
- 14 Ye Olde Craft Lodge, Edmonton
- 19-21 All Canada Conference, Winnipeg
- 26 Grand Session, Job's Daughters, Red Deer

### District Meeting

March 21 — Central District, Ponoka Masonic Hall

## We All Can Visit...

Once again my work allowed me to travel. This time Boston, Massachusetts was my destination. During the time I was there I was able to take the "T" — otherwise known as the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, shortened to a single letter — and then a bus to Lexington, home of the A&ASR, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Supreme Council, 33°, owns a large estate which consists of a large modern museum and two stately old homes. The "old" refers only to the age of the building, not their beautiful architecture.

The museum is called the "Museum of our National Heritage" and is located at 33 Marrett Road, Lexington. It is located just to the right inside the property. Four exhibits were featured during my visit. The first was "Theater of the Fraternity." This exhibit examines some of the elaborate theatrical settings used in the 19th century dramatizations of the Scottish Rite degrees. The exhibit also illustrates how set designers created new equipment to portray aspects of the ceremonies. Some of the staging was as elaborate as what we might expect to see today in a major theatrical production, even in New York City.

The second exhibit, "Altered States: Alcohol and Other Drugs in America," begins with a review of the 1600s, when Europeans were introduced to tobacco. Most people also believed that alcohol nourished the body, eased its pains, cheered the heart, and prolonged life. As one progresses through the exhibit, one sees how attitudes changed during the American frontier days, the temperance movement, prohibition, and its repeal. The use of other drugs such as marijuana from early in this century through the psychedelic sixties to the present day is portrayed. The multitude of drugs available to those who crave them today is also discussed. I found the historical background to some of the modern drug abuse very interesting.

The most interesting exhibit for me was "Initiating America: Three Centuries of Lodge Life." This exhibit portrayed the role of all sorts of fraternal societies in the development of America. Early trade unions (e.g., Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers), the Odd Fellows, Elks, Improved Order of Redmen, and several others are examined. Some of these orders were formed to provide fellowship, aid and self-improvement to their members. Many provided an early form of social safety net which did not exist in the 18th and 19th centuries (e.g., Ukrainian Workingmen's Association). All of these groups used ritual to help form a bond among the members. The evolution of these organizations from their earliest beginnings in 1733 to the present day is covered. Many know that George Washington was a Mason, but I learned he also was a member of the Improved Order of Redmen as well. It should be noted that one non-Masonic organization had its members ride a mechanical goat and also used an exploding, collapsing chair. Freemasonry is also examined and many interesting antiques are on display.

The last exhibit, "Lexington Alarm'd," portrays colonial Lexington. It also examines Lexington's role as a launch site for the American Revolutionary War.

The Van Gorden-Williams Library contains a beautiful collection of books, collections and archives. It is open to anyone interested in research.

After spending a considerable time in the museum, I walked up the gentle hill to a lovely white house. At first I thought it was a private residence. However, the large double

headed eagle over the door convinced me I was heading in the right direction. One of the young ladies working for the Supreme Council showed me around. The house had been renovated to contain all the offices needed by the Council. The other house was used to house the records and computers. While touring around, I met Ill Bro Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction. It was a pleasure discussing my visit to Boston with him and our mutual interest in the Scottish Rite. After the chat he sent me down to the kitchen to have some birthday cake that was left from coffee break celebrations. Another one of the ladies working for the Council was originally from Newfoundland, so we had to discuss a few Canadian matters.

While the day had been cloudy and drizzly, I walked back down the hill to catch the bus feeling very warm. Once again I had been made to feel very welcome by everyone from the Sovereign Grand Commander, staff at Council, and all the staff in the Museum. The brief bus and subway ride gave me time to reflect again on how fortunate it is that we all can visit these interesting places and feel welcome.

WBro Loren W. Kline (142)

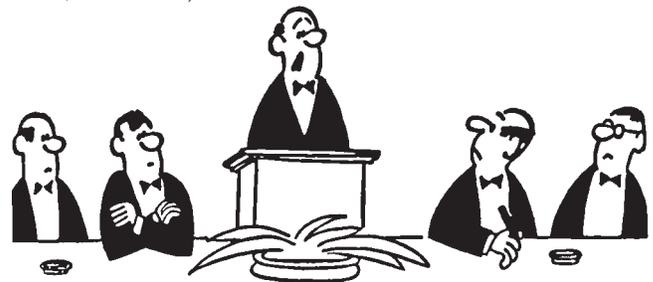
## John Philip Sousa

The man, on whom an English brass band journal was to bestow the title "march king," and whose grandparents had been refugees from Portugal, was born in Washington, DC, on November 6, 1854. He died March 6, 1932. The composer of so many well-known military marches and, incidentally, three written for the Shrine (over 100 marches in all), has also composed ten comic operas, 15 suites, many songs and a symphonic poem. He was, of course, well known as a conductor and bandmaster.

Himself the son of a Freemason, Sousa was initiated, passed and raised in Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, DC, in 1881, and in 1886 he received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in Eureka Chapter No. 4 and Columbia Commandery No. 2, also in Washington, where he was also initiated in the AAONMS, Almas Temple, in 1922.

After Sousa's death, a Masonic memorial service was held at the grave site in the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC.

(*Encyclopædia Britannica & MSA Short Talk Bulletin* Vol. 75, No. 11, Nov. 1997)



*Our guest speaker tonight doesn't need an introduction because he didn't show up!*

S.M.L. Pollard, *Tied to Masonic Apron Strings*, Macoy Publishing