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## The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

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# Grand Master's Monthly Musings



***“If you build it, he will come”***

**MW Bro. Dean Elliott, Grand Master, 2022-23**

This month's Annual Communication in Saskatoon marks the end of my term as Grand Master. It has been an incredible journey over my five years on the Grand Line as I attended Lodge meetings, special events, Masonic conferences in various jurisdictions and Board of General Purposes meetings.

The state of Masonry in Saskatchewan is overwhelmingly positive most Lodges have returned to a normal schedule of meetings, invitations for fundraising events and other celebrations abound and many Lodges are busy initiating new candidates.

Unfortunately, there have been some distressing events over the past year that have the potential to undermine Freemasonry in Saskatchewan. These events led me to form a Grand Master's Special Committee to investigate bullying and hazing in the fraternity, which I will report on further at the Annual Communication. A key takeaway from the work of the committee has been the need for more education to help clarify the process by which we bring men into our Fraternity and how we mentor them throughout their journey.

My last two examples of my theme, “if you build it, he will come, ” highlight the need to help our members, new and old, understand the essence of Freemasonry, which goes far beyond memorized ritual to a focus on how we choose to live and act towards one another, the Fraternity and society in general.

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Thank you to all who supported me during the past five years. I look forward to continuing to serve the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in various ways for many years to come.

Grand Master's challenge coins are still available for a minimum donation of \$20 to the Masonic Youth Leadership Camp. Please contact me at [dean.elliott@saskmasons.ca](mailto:dean.elliott@saskmasons.ca) if you wish to obtain one or more coins.

