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Grand Master's Monthly Bulletin

Grand Master's Message



Greetings brethren, I hope you all enjoying the beginning of fall. As we return to our labours, it has been wonderful to get out and visit the brethren around the jurisdiction.

One of the key focus points for the year is ensuring our history is recorded for future generations. To this end as I am visiting the lodges I am leaving a document for lodges to use with the secretaries.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of W. Bro. Judicael Moukoui as the Grand Junior Warden for the 2025-2026 Masonic year, I wish him well in the completion of his term of office and look forward to serving with him on the line.

We have a busy couple of weeks with the visits listed below as well as the upcoming Hands Across the Border meeting being hosted by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba this year in Brandon on November 1st. Our very own N.W.M.P. No. 11 Degree team will be performing a third degree. More information to follow.

October is going to be quite exciting with the following visitations planned and confirmed. If you are wanting an official visit, please contact the Grand Lodge office to make arrangements.

Yorkton No. 12 October 1st, 2025

Elfros No. 145 October 2nd, 2025

Assiniboia No. 49 October 3rd, 2025

Saskatchewan No. 16 October 7th, 2025

King Solomon No. 58 and Indian Head No. 5 Joint Meeting October 9th, 2025

St. John's No. 106 October 11th, 2025

Elstow No. 147 and Goose Lake No. 99 October 14th, 2025

Western Canada Conference Banff, AB Oct 15th-17th

Nipawin 100th Anniversary Oct 18th, 2025 + Nipawin No. 183 and Tisdale No. 76 Joint Meeting

Rosetown No. 85 Oct 21st, 2025

NWMP. No. 11 Oct 28th, 2025-Police Night



Swift Current No. 26

September 2nd, 2025

Official party: RW. Bro's Mike Keogan DGM, Gord Davey Grand Senior Warden, Doug Haroldson Grand Chaplain and the most senior as well as PGM, MW. Bro. John Leyshon and most junior member of the lodge Bro. Franz Deburzman. A wonderful visit and chance to catch up with our brethren in the West, thank you again for the hospitality.



Wascana No. 2 Regina, Saskatchewan.

September 3rd, 2025

Had the honour and privilege to present a long service pin of twenty-five years to my good friend and fellow member of the ritualistic unit of the WAWA Shrine RW. Bro. John Booker (seated centre). Official Party: MW. Bro. Jonas Cossette PGM, RW. Bro. Gord Davey GSW, RW. Bro's Russ Tataryn and Adam Booker DDGMs for East Central and South East districts respectively. VW. Bro. Derris Warren Grand Pursuivant. As well as the following Senior Brethren RW. Bro's Terry Yanko, Larry Couse John Booker and most Junior Brother Randal Trapane. A wonderful visit, thank you again for the hospitality.



Kindersley No. 86 Kindersley, Saskatchewan.

September 4th, 2025

Official party: MW. Bro. Patrick Davis PGM, RW. Bro.'s Mike Keogan DGM, George Frederick DDGM West Central District, as well as W. Bro. Scott McDonald WM of Mystic Tie No. 213 and the most senior W. Bro Richard MacDougal and most junior member of the lodge Bro. Andrew Downey. A wonderful visit and thank you again for the hospitality.



Ionic No. 31 North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

September 11th, 2025

Official party: RW. Bro.'s Mike Keogan DGM, DDGM's Ron Crush and George Frederick North West and West Central respectively, VW. Bro. Al White Grand Steward, VW. Bro. Jim Ramsay Past Grand Piper, (VW.) Bro. Daniel Stokalko Grand Organist, W. Bro. Judicael Moukoumi and the most senior RW. Bro Kevin Monsebroten and most junior member of the lodge Bro. Sean Peterson. A wonderful visit and I enjoyed the degree work for the newly initiated brother, congratulations again on this step in your Masonic Journey. Thank you again for the hospitality.



Mystic Tie No. 213 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

September 12th, 2025

Official party: MW. Bro.'s Dean Elliott PGM-Grand Secretary, Patrick Davis PGM, RW. Bro.'s Mike Keogan DGM, Gord Davey GSW, DDGM's Ron Crush, George Frederick North West and West Central respectively, W. Bro. Frank Cuevas WM Imperial Lodge, W. Bro. Judicael Moukoumi PM Lodge Progress, (VW.) Bro. Daniel Stokalko Grand Organist, and most senior brother RW Bro. Ron Peterson, and junior member Bro. Allan Wolinski. Thank you for the hospitality and warm welcome. I enjoyed the degree work for the two newly raised brethren and congratulations again on this step in their Masonic Journey.



Victory No. 144 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

September 13th, 2025

Official party: MW. Bro. Rob Montague PGM, RW. Bro.'s Gord Davey GSW, DDGM's George Frederick West Central District, RW. Bro. Kent Pizzie WM Lodge Progress, RW. Bro. James MacGregor WM Elstow, W. Bro. Judicael Moukoumi PM Lodge Progress, and most senior brother RW Bro. Josph Angel, and junior member VW. Bro. Rodney Ramos. Thank you for the hospitality and warm welcome. I enjoyed the degree work for the newly initiated brother and congratulations again on this step in your Masonic Journey, it is always great to see a son following in his fathers' footsteps.

Historical Sketch of Freemasonry in Saskatchewan

MW. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, PGM.

"Look backward wit Gratitude,
Look upward with Confidence
Look forward with Hope."

This quotation well characterizes the spirit which has activated the growth of Freemasonry within our territorial Jurisdiction.

The story of the establishment of Freemasonry in Saskatchewan is an epic, interwoven with the pioneer initiative of the early settlers, — a story of a great achievement, — a record of an ever-growing influence for the development of the best type of Canadian citizenship.

On May 2nd, 1670, King Charles II granted to "The Governor and Company of adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay" a Charter which gave them power to hold and alienate lands together with the exclusive right "to trade in all lands drained by waters finding their outlets in the Bay."

For two centuries the fur trade was practically the sole enterprise carried on in this vast and unexplored area, known as "beaver-country," and the various river systems were the main arteries of trade and travel.

The immense profits accruing from the fur trade inevitably invited competition and the story of the rivalry among the French interests led by the intrepid Le Verendrye, the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company, for supremacy, degenerating at times into virtual warfare and their final merger in 1821, was dramatic.

In this struggle more than three dozen strongly manned posts were established of which, after the union, a dozen were retained. Of these, one, known as Prince Albert, located thirty miles west of the confluence of the "fast flowing" North and South Saskatchewan Rivers, was retained.

Nearby, James Isbister in 1862 formed a settlement of English-speaking Metis whose fathers and grandfathers were mainly Scottish. In 1866, to minister to them, the Rev. James Misbet, accompanied by a group of pioneers, came up the North Saskatchewan River and founded, at Prince Albert, the first Presbyterian mission west of the Red River.

Following Confederation on July 1st, 1867, and the purchase in 1870 by the Dominion Government of the rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, Prince Albert and the surrounding area developed rapidly as a trading, governmental and cultural centre.

In step with this expansion came the natural urge of a group of local Craftsmen to form a lodge, and the appropriate action was promptly undertaken.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, formed in 1875, exercised jurisdiction from the western boundary of Ontario on the East to the eastern boundary of British Columbia on the West and all North of the International Boundary. In 1878 a schism developed in Manitoba of which the Prince Albert brethren had knowledge and therefore they decided to present their application for dispensation to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

This was granted on May 22nd, 1879. At that time there was no rail connection and the settlement was dependent for contact with the outside world on river boat, ox or pony cart or stage to Winnipeg, some 700 miles distant. As a result of these transportation difficulties it was not until October 13th, 1879, that everything was in order and the lodge finally instituted. The lodge was named Kinistino Lodge and numbered 381 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

ADIEU, A HEART-WARM, FOND ADIEU

by Bro. Robert Burns

Adieu, a heart warm, fond adieu,
Dear brothers of the mystic tie!
Ye favored, ye enlightened few,
Companions of my social joy!
Tho' I to foreign lands must hie,
Pursuing fortune's slidd'ry ba',--
With melting heart and brimful eye,
I'll mind you still, though far awa'.

Oft have I met your social band,
An' spent the cheerful, festive night;
Oft, honored with supreme command,
Presided o'er the sons of light;
And by that Hieroglyphic bright,
Which none but Craftsmen ever saw,
Strong memory on my heart shall write
Those happy scenes, when far awa'.

May freedom, harmony and love
Unite you in the grand design,
Beneath th' omniscient Eye above,
The glorious Architect divine; --
That you may keep the unerring line,
Still rising by the plummet's law,
Till order bright completely shine,
Shall be my prayer when far awa'.

And you farewell, whose merits claim
Justly that highest badge to wear,--
Heaven bless your honored, noble name,
To Masonry and Scotia dear!
A last request, permit me here;
When yearly ye assemble a',
One round, -- I ask it with a tear
To him, the Bard, that's far awa'.