

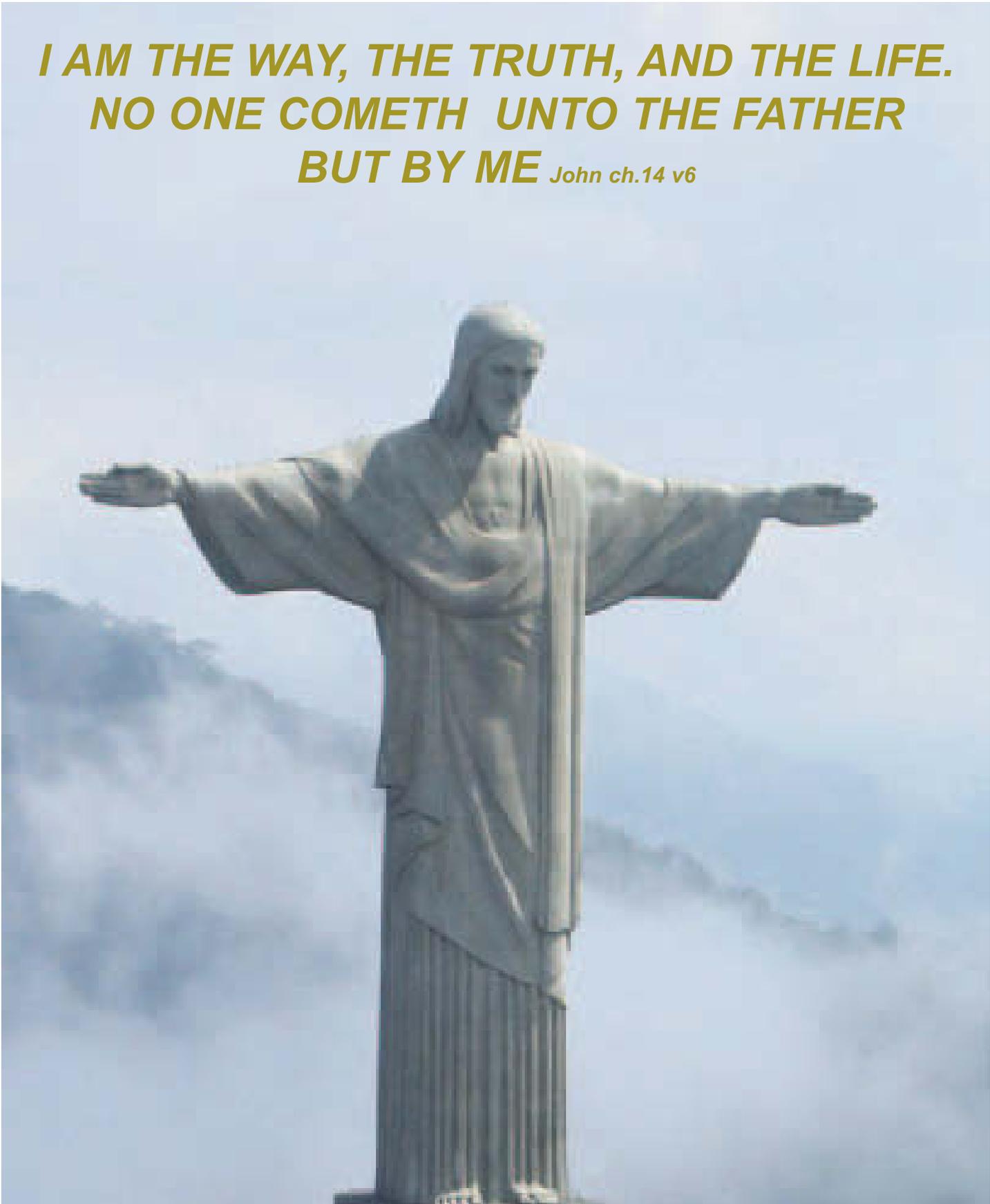


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***I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMETH UNTO THE FATHER
BUT BY ME*** *John ch.14 v6*



Grand Master's Message

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We shall.....
 Take pride in our achievements of the past
 Accept the realities of the present
 Embrace a positive vision of the future
 We publish with empathy for the writer and in compliance with our constitution.



Most Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign of Canada, Roy Dawe

Cupids , NI
 March ,2014

Brethren and Sisters of the Order

I am pleased to deliver my message once again via our National publication, "The Sentinel". We all should be mindful of the wonderful work being done at Orange Headquarters, particularly M. W. Bro. Chalmers, in the process of editing and final distribution of this newsletter. It is a professional document and serves the Order well.

All of our Provincial bodies are now preparing for their individual Grand Lodge Sessions that are being held all across the country in April and May. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I want to thank the executives of the Provincial Grand Lodges for the effort which they make to ensure the success of these important sessions. If you are considering attending, I strongly urge you to do so, it will be a rewarding experience. Also, your Provincial Grand Lodge needs you to take part and offer yourself to help out with the work they are doing. I will

attempt to visit as many as possible but unfortunately, I will not be able to get to each and every one. Your Grand Lodge executive will ensure that where I am not able to be, there will be my appointed representative.

As I will be stepping down from my office in June in Fredericton, I wish to thank all of you for your support that you have given to me during my term of office. As I have said many times before, my wish is for each of you to enjoy the Order. The principles we hold and maintain are worthy of continuance.

Since the last Sentinel publication, I have continued to carry out the various duties associated with the Grand Master's position. I was invited to, and attended, the anniversary celebration of Prince Arthur LOL # 57 in Charlottetown, NL. This involved a church service, parade, and dinner, and was thoroughly enjoyed. If your lodge has not done that sort of activity for a while, why not try it. Similar celebrations could be a part of many of our lodges and they provide great networking opportunities to meet and greet fellow members.

Easter will soon be upon us as well. Orangemen and women are noted for being at worship, and I know you will find time to be in the house of the Lord during the Good Friday and Easter celebrations. My wife Rosalind, and I sincerely wish each of you good health and happiness, now and always.

Fraternally yours,
 W. Roy Dawe
 Grand Master & Sovereign

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1/2 Page	\$125	\$225	\$325
1/3 Page	\$100	\$170	\$250
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Chaplain's Corner

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

"I thank my God for every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3

As I am nearing the end of eight years writing this column for the Sentinel, I feel that I should recall some of the memories that have been mine and thank you in no small way for allowing it to happen. I am therefore considering this to be my last issue and would want to be able to say without any regret that it has been worth while.

Have you ever considered how wonderful memory itself is? It is said the human brain stores knowledge, as in a library, but one does not have to go through searching for its recall - it is immediately available. There are times, and most of us experience them, when we have to grope for a name to match a face, or where you had met before. After a temporary lapse of a little while it all comes back to us. What a very precious, and wonderful gift memory is!

How terrible life would be without it. From the earliest years, think what a vital role it plays in our development. In the education of our minds, how necessary it is to memorize so many facts, and figures. This continues all through our lives, and to have a good memory makes the acquiring of knowledge so much easier. One of the tragedies of old age occurs when people lose this faculty.

Memory stores up these memories and recalling the past is like flashing pictures on a screen. We can see scenes, hear voices from the past - family, friends, lodge members and many others that we have known. Whether they are pleasant or unpleasant to recall they all have a role to play. I believe that one can say without any doubt that they were all great lessons.

As for me I have many memories of people I have come to know over the years, in the lodge and out, in places I have been and which I have lived. Some of them remain so alive to me, that even though they have either retired or departed this life, they can still be recalled to mind. Even the unpleasant ones have their role to play - sometimes we learn great lessons from them.

In our biblical quotation of today, Paul in writing a letter to his little congregation at Philippi, who were very dear to him, "I thank my God," he says, "for every remembrance of you." He found those people sympathetic to what he was trying to preach - the love and saving power of Jesus Christ. It is truly one of God's greatest gifts to us, and with whom we are compatible. Jesus, when on earth, must have found great joy in the company of his disciples. They did not always understand his great mission, but they were close to him, as he said in these words - "You are they, which have continued with me and I appoint you to a kingdom, as my Father has appointed me."

Sometimes, as we look backward, we see, even though we may not have been aware of it, that God was directing us, and keeping our feet from falling. At times such as this we were given strength and increased trust. They proved to be the 'touchstone' on which our faith was founded never to fail. Life is too short to dwell on bitter memories. These are not what we should dwell on or cherish. They would only add burdens and darken our lives. It is the memories of love, of shared experiences, of help given along the way. Thanks for the memories! They scent the world with the fragrance of God's love. I trust that someday people will say of me - "I thank my God for every remembrance of you"

Memory

***Into my heart's memory I slipped a coin,
That time cannot rust nor a thief purloin;
Ah, better than the minting of a gold-crowned king,
Is the safe-kept memory of a lovely thing.***

Ralph Roberts
GRAND CHAPLAIN
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada



Secretary-Treasurer / C.E.O's 2013 Synopsis

In the spirit of compliance and transparency, I am using the CEO's synopsis to keep members informed on the status of their insurance department. For clarification, be reminded that the license to operate a federally regulated financial institution is held by Grand Lodge Canada and that the Grand Master by virtue of his office has a seat on the Orange Insurance board. In order to stay abreast of industry and regulatory standards, our by law is being updated this year.

The competition in our market niche is still challenging, and continued low interest rates have impacted our available reserves and revenue stream. We received a clean audit report and are very happy with our new audit firm. Although premium revenue is below target we continue to keep our books balanced notwithstanding the impact of market valuation. Details can be seen in our financials, auditor's and actuary's reports.

Orange Insurance assists with the travel and accommodation costs of the Grand Master and all of the Grand Lodge executive except that of the Grand Secretary, who is not a member of the insurance board.

The publishing and financing of the Sentinel was assumed by Orange Insurance over 13 years ago. As Editor in Chief I take great pleasure in thanking our Grand Secretary John Chalmers, for his outstanding work as Managing Editor of the Sentinel over this past year.

Orange Insurance continues to provide an office and administrative support for the Grand Secretary as well as space for our museum. Please visit us at 94 Sheppard Ave. West.
Museum hours are 9:00 – 4:00 Monday – Thursday.

By sharing its financial infrastructure, investing experience and personnel with Grand Lodge, investment revenue of our association continues to increase.

Direct financial support is given to all levels of the association upon request by the Benefit Fund. The following are some examples of fund recipients. Lodge sponsored charities and projects, computers and web sites, Queens Jubilee celebrations, bands and advertising for parades, funds for new banners, key boards for the LOBA, financial help for members sick or in distress and many more which are often profiled in the Sentinel

Again, I wish to thank our board members, management, staff and external professionals.

James Bell
Sec.-Treas. / CEO

Full financials can be viewed at www.orange.ca or contact us Orange Head Quarters for a hard copy.



Independent Auditors' Report

To the members of The Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2013, and the statements of net income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund as at December 31, 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

C.W. PARTNERS LLP
Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
Toronto, Ontario
February 24, 2014

Opinion of the Appointed Actuary

To the members of The Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund:

I have valued the actuarial liabilities for policy liabilities, reinsurance assets and other contract liabilities of The Grand Orange Lodge of British America Benefit Fund for its balance sheet as at December 31, 2013 and their change in the statement of income for the year then ended.

In my opinion, the amount of policy liabilities makes appropriate provision for all policy obligations and the financial statements fairly present the results of the valuation.

Louis Mercier
Fellow, Canadian Institute of Actuaries
February 24, 2014



Grand lodge of british America Benefit Fund Statement of Financial Position
(in Canadian \$) for Year Ended December 31, 2013

	2013	2012
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 604,885	\$ 515,393
Interest and dividends accrued	193,196	212,575
Premiums receivable	12,547	5,682
Investments (note 4)		
Bonds and debentures	20,130,019	21,782,076
Common and preferred shares	2,620,734	2,343,513
Loans on policies	254,999	239,591
Current income tax	20,837	31,604
Property and equipment (note 6)	1,170,379	1,193,000
Accrued benefit asset (note 11)	<u>243,500</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>\$25,251,816</u>	<u>\$26,323,434</u>
Liabilities		
Other liabilities (note 7)	\$ 648,835	\$ 653,163
Claims payable	196,376	188,025
Policy liabilities (note 8)	19,993,311	21,112,155
Deferred income taxes	70,434	57,361
Accrued benefit liability (note 11)	<u> </u>	<u>101,800</u>
	<u>\$20,908,956</u>	<u>\$22,112,504</u>
Equity		
General surplus	4,025,842	4,023,528
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>317,018</u>	<u>187,402</u>
	<u>4,342,860</u>	<u>4,210,930</u>
	<u>\$25,251,816</u>	<u>\$26,323,434</u>



Grand lodge of british America Benefit Fund Statement of Net Income (loss)
(In Canadian \$) for Year Ended December 31, 2013

	2013	2012
Revenue		
Gross life premiums	\$ 1,895,784	\$ 1,895,445
Gross annuity premiums	13,943	9,820
Less: reinsurance	<u>(25,298)</u>	<u>23,410</u>
Net premiums	1,884,429	1,968,855
Net investment income (loss) (schedule 1)	<u>(570,137)</u>	<u>1,344,134</u>
	<u>1,314,292</u>	<u>3,312,989</u>
Expenses		
<u>Certificate</u>		
Death claims	979,802	833,940
Matured endowments	213,748	262,311
Surrender benefits	125,332	192,590
Annuities	26,894	80,172
Increase (decrease) in policy liabilities	<u>1,118,894</u>	<u>372,287</u>
	<u>226,932</u>	<u>1,741,300</u>
<u>General</u>		
Salaries and benefits	482,050	456,166
Commissions	274,284	333,733
Financial and compliance	273,181	184,905
Travelling and selling	187,956	220,747
Office and general	96,135	126,413
Building	51,421	50,207
Licences taxes and fees	37,631	36,534
Depreciation of property and equipment	23,286	24,668
Interest on benefits and deposits	<u>18,960</u>	<u>19,315</u>
	<u>1,444,904</u>	<u>1,461,688</u>
	<u>1,671,836</u>	<u>3,202,988</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	(357,544)	110,001
Income taxes (recovery)		
Current	(35,031)	4,046
Deferred	<u>79,550</u>	11,075
	<u>(114,581)</u>	<u>15,121</u>
Net income (loss) for the year	<u>\$ (242,963)</u>	<u>\$ 94,880</u>



Grand lodge of british America Benefit Fund Statement of Comprehensive Income
(In Canadian \$) for Year Ended December 31, 2013

	2013	2012
Net income (loss) for the year	<u>\$ (242,963)</u>	<u>\$ 94,880</u>
Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes		
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale assets, net of income taxes of \$68,081 (2012 - \$58,652)	180,201	<u>155,696</u>
Realized gain reclassified to net income, net of income taxes of \$21,778 (2012 - \$53,303)	<u>50,585</u>	<u>76,727</u>
	<u>129,616</u>	<u>78,969</u>
Actuarial gain (losses) for the defined benefit plan recognized in general surplus, net of income taxes of \$92,623 (2012 - 14,590)	<u>247,277</u>	<u>34,410</u>
	<u>374,893</u>	<u>44,559</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>\$ 131,930</u>	<u>\$ 139,439</u>

Grand lodge of british America Benefit Fund Statement of Changes in Equity
(In Canadian \$) for Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Accumulated other comp. income	General Surplus	Total
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 108,433	\$ 3,963,058	\$ 4,071,491
Net income		94,880	93,880
Other comprehensive income, excluding actuarial losses for the defined benefit plan	<u>78,959</u>		78,959
Actuarial losses for the defined benefit plan		(34,410)	(34,410)
Balance at December 31, 2012	<u>\$ 187,402</u>	<u>\$ 4,023,528</u>	<u>\$ 4,210,930</u>
Net loss for the year		(242,963)	(242,954)
Other comprehensive income, excluding actuarial losses for the defined benefit plan	129,616		129,616
Actuarial gains for the defined benefit plan		<u>245,277</u>	<u>245,777</u>
Balance at December 31, 2013	<u>\$ 317,018</u>	<u>\$ 4,025,842</u>	<u>\$ 4,342,860</u>

Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) consists of accumulated unrealized gains and losses on financial assets designated as available-for-sale, which will be reclassified in net income upon the disposition of the assets



Grand lodge of british America Benefit Fund Statement of Cash Flow
(in Canadian \$) for Year Ended December 31, 2013

	2013	2012
Operating activities		
Net income (loss) for the year	\$(242,963)	94,880
Items not requiring an outlay of cash		
Depreciation of property and equipment	23,286	24,668
Increase in policy liabilities	(1,118,844)	372,287
Unrealized gains - FVTPL	1,668,771	(147,205)
Realized loss (gain) on sale of investments	(98,273)	(140,284)
Deferred income taxes	(125,853)	11,075
Net cash impact on accrued benefit liability	<u>(7,400)</u>	<u>(26,600)</u>
	<u>98,724</u>	<u>188,821</u>
Net change in non - cash working capital balances		
Interest and dividends accrued	18,659	8,302
Premiums receivable	(6,865)	(2,231)
Current income tax	10,767	(18,758)
Other liabilities	(4,328)	(75,909)
Claims payable	<u>8,351</u>	<u>(4,120)</u>
	<u>26,584</u>	<u>(92,716)</u>
Cash provided by operating activities	<u>125,308</u>	<u>(96,105)</u>
Investing activities		
Purchase of investments	(2,532,400)	(1,580,260)
Proceeds on sale and redemption of investments	2,512,658	1,703,132
Repayments of policy loans, net of advances	(15,408)	5,158
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(666)</u>	<u>(13,607)</u>
Cash provided by (applied in) investing activities	<u>(35,816)</u>	<u>114,423</u>
Increase in cash during the year	89,492	210,528
Cash and csh equivalents, during the year	<u>515,393</u>	<u>304,865</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 604,885</u>	<u>\$515,393</u>

2014 Provincial Meetings

Western Canada
New Westminster BC
April 25 - 26

Ont. West
Burlington ON
April 24 - 25 - 26

Ont. East
Kingston, ON April 5 - 6

Quebec
Kinnears Mills May 2 - 3

New Brunswick
Fredericton NB April 10 - 11 - 12

Newfoundland/Lab.
Clarks Beach NL May 6 - 7

GOL Canada
Fredericton NB June 8 - 13 2014

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IN MEMORIAM

Wor. Bro.
MacGregor Roulston
Past Master LOL 2856
Past Preceptor RBP 686
Past County Master Toronto
January 14th. 2014

Bro. Roulston, a veteran of the Black Watch Canada, served in the european conflict during World War II "Mac" as he was known to all, was also an active member of the "Living History Speakers Bureau" which visited schools inthe G.T.A. area speaking to students about their experiences .

His service to community and to Canada is remembered, and he is sadly missed by his family and his Brethren.

Wor. Bro. Gordon S.Frew
Wor. Master Vimy LOL 2697
Whitby Ont.
December 18th. 2013

RW Bro. G.E. Ted Elmer
P.G.M. Ont. West
Tottenham Ont.
March 2014

Wor. Bro. George Warren
Past Master Eglinton LOL 269
Toronto
January 2014

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Thank you for
your continued Support!

Lodge News

Belfast Purple Star LOL 875 Toronto Celebrates Christmas



members of LOL 875 at the annual Christmas celebrations of 2013

The Officers and Members of Belfast Purple Star LOL 875

Would like to take this opportunity to wish the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West best wishes for the upcoming Sessions to be held in Burlington Ontario



Huron County C208 Donation

The Huron County Orange Lodge No. C208 donated \$1,000.00 to the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation on November 16. The funds will be put toward the hospital's current project - installing a nurse call system in patient rooms. In the picture (l to r) Bros. Art Bolton, Alex Nethery, Larry Dupee and Charles Reid make the donation. Darren Stevenson Chairman of the Foundation is shown receiving the gift. This is another in a series of donations made to Huron County hospital foundations and to other local organizations

70 year Certificate Presented



Bro. Newman Greer (R) was presented with a Long Service Cert. (70 years) by Bro. Vincent Galbraith, PCM of Saint John County. Bro. Greer is Rec. Secretary of LOL #16 St. Martins NB



Bursaries Presented

On February 1, 2014 in Saint John, N B R. W. Gr M, William Carlisle presented two Bursaries of \$500.00 each, on behalf of the GOL of N B. to Rebecca Schofield and Bradley Nice. At left we see Rebecca flanked by the Grand Master, William Carlisle and Rebecca's grandfather, Wor. Bro. Gerald Schofield of Mount Purple LOL # 29. Above is the Grand Master presenting to Bro. Frank Nice of LOL # 8 (Saint John) accepting on behalf of his son, Bradley who is in Ontario with his studies. Lunch was served to mark the occasion by Rebecca's grandmother, Marion Schofield."





The Ten Dollar Veteran

If you look at the back right-hand side of a Canadian \$10 bill, you will see an old veteran standing at attention near the Ottawa war memorial. His name is Robert Metcalfe and he died in September, 2007, at the age of 90.

That he managed to live to that age is rather remarkable, given what happened in the Second World War. Born in England, he was one of the 400,000 members of the British Expeditionary Force sent to the mainland where they found themselves facing the new German warfare technique - the Blitzkrieg.

He was treating a wounded comrade when he was hit in the legs by shrapnel. En route to hospital, his ambulance came under fire from a German tank, which then miraculously ceased fire. Later, while being evacuated from Dunkirk on HMS Grenade, two of the sister ships with them were sunk.

Following his recovery, he was sent to allied campaigns in North Africa and Italy. En route his ship was chased by the German battleship Bismarck. In North Africa he served under General Montgomery against the Desert Fox, Rommel. Later, sent into the Italian campaign (which made him a D-Day Dodger), he met his future wife, a lieutenant and physiotherapist in a Canadian hospital. They were married in the morning by the mayor of the Italian town, and again in the afternoon by a British padre.

After the war they settled in Chatham where he went into politics and became the warden (chairman) of the county and on his retirement he and his wife moved to Ottawa. At the age of 80 he wrote a book about his experiences.

One day out of the blue he received a call from a government official asking him to go downtown to the War Memorial for a photo op. He wasn't told what the photo was for or why they chose him. "He had no idea he would be on the bill," his daughter said.

And now you know the story of the old veteran on the \$10 bill.

Orange and Protestant Childrens Foundation for Quebec (Formerly The Rosemere Home)

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REFLECTIONS

Bro. D. Griffin PGM Canada

In the year 2000 following the Grand Lodge Sessions held in Charlottetown PEI it was my privilege to accompany the Imperial Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. John McCrea to the Chapel of the Mohawks in Deseronto where presentations were made on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Canada and the LOBA of Canada towards the restoration of the Chapel. A Church Service was held in the Chapel where the presentations were made followed by a luncheon held in the Orange Hall. During the luncheon the Queen Ann's Silver was displayed for all to see



The pictures displayed here show the presentations being made by myself as Grand Master on behalf of Canada and John McCrea on behalf of the GOL of Ireland, the congregation leaving the Chapel, R. W. Bro Elmer Maracle, Little Beaver. John McCrea and myself in front of the LOL 99 Banner If you have not visited the Chapel I would urge you to take every opportunity to do so. Also note some of people buried in the Cemetery. Among them of course is Oranyateka. A prominent Doctor, Orangeman, and first Medical Referee of Orange Insurance. He was also the Founder of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Loyal True Blue News

RW Bro. R. Weller RWPGM LTBA Ontario #4 with RW Sis. Rita Hill PGM at 2013 Sessions in the LOL #1 Orange Hall in Brockville Ont.

Executive Officers

RWPG Master - Robert Weller
 RWPG DGM - Noel Hill
 RWPG IPGM - Rita Hill
 RWPG Treasurer - Peggy Mitten
 RWPG Secretary - Marilyn Irish

The 138th MW Supreme Grand Lodge of Canada sessions were held in Brockville, Ontario August 23rd 24th hosted by Merivale Lodge #454. Sessions commenced on Friday Aug. 23rd Several members received Grand Honors in their highest office and 7 Loyal True Blue Home Board Directors were given a hearty welcome and extended our thanks for all the work they do on our behalf. A moving Memorial Service for our departed members was held following the draping of the vacant chair. Supreme Grand Lodge Officer Reports were received from Supreme GM Sister Dora Birtch, Supreme DGM Sister Rita Hill, Supreme Grand Secretary Sister Diana MacKay and Supreme Grand Treasurer Sister Peggy Mitten. A collection was taken up and donated to the LTBA and Orange Home. The Traveling Gavel for most new members is shared by Astor City #380, Guelph, Ontario and Lady Princess May #53, Westville, Nova Scotia. Next year's sessions will be held in Nova Scotia hosted by Lady Princess May #53, Westville.

The 107th RW Prov. Grand Lodge #1 Nova Scotia sessions, were hosted by Sydney #202, May 17th & 18th in Sydney Nova Scotia. A special welcome was extended to MW Supreme Grand Mistress Sister Dora Birtch and her husband MW Past Supreme Grand Master Bro. Ron Birtch from Richmond Ontario to attend these sessions. R.W. Grand Lodge Officer Reports were received from RW Grand Mistress Sister Janet Hilton, R.W. DGM Sister Elaine Dixon, R.W. Grand Secretary Sister Diana MacKay and R.W. Grand Treasurer Sister Ina Thompson. Primary Lodge reports received from Sydney #202 and Lady Princess May #53 Westville who received the Plaque for most new members. Next year's sessions will be hosted by Lady Princess May #53, Westville. A special dispensation was granted by Supreme GM Sister Dora Birtch for R.W. Brother Donald Fraser to retain his position as 1st Lecturer and R.W. Sister Loudelle Matheson to retain her position as Chaplain. Both dedicated members absent due to ill health.



County of Bruce-Dufferin-Grey 12th. Parade 2013



Above, HMS Mountjoy as rebuilt by Bro. Bill Thompson.
Below (L) RW Bro. D. Dailey with MPP Bill Walker

Above pictures taken at 12th parade held in Bognor which was held by Bruce-Dufferin-Grey County with Sarawak LOL 1302 taking a leading role in organizing the event.
Shown above is the Beaver Valley Pipe Band which led the parade and a 1931 Model A Ford driven by Bro. David Lawrence



H.M.S MountJoy a Crowd Pleaser at Parades
The H.M.S Mount Joy sailed into Three Christmas parades in 2013. Owen Sound, Kemble and Chatsworth. Sarawak LO.L #1302 was well represented and a big thank you to the members who helped decorated the Orange boat at these parades. The Mount Joy was well received at all parades, with winning a cash prize at the Chatsworth parade.



Elected Officers of the County Lodge of Toronto for 2014. County Master RW Bro. Don Guy front row 2nd from left



MW Bro. D. DiStasi
PGM Canada

Dominic DiStasi Bursary

The Bursary which came into being to pay tribute to, and to honour one of Canada's more prominent Grand Masters in recent times. Dominic DiStasi was a Past Master of Toronto's Italian Lodge, Garibaldi LOL 3115, Past County Master of Toronto, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ont. West, and a Past Grand Master & Sovereign of Canada. At the beginning of his term Dominic initiated a project to which donations could be made, which would see the creation of a water fountain in Rose Cottage Park in Toronto. This was the same location of the tree from which the leaf fell and inspired Alexander Muir to write the song "The Maple Leaf Forever" (sadly this tree fell down in the 2013 ice storm) The fountain was to be presented to the city from the GOL Canada with suitable inscriptions. Sadly, Bro. DiStasi was taken from us before he was able to complete his full term as Grand Master having suffered a stroke. Following his death, the project stalled due to the changing politics of city hall, and GOL Canada concluded that this project was no longer wanted. Things remained in this limbo until 2002 when the GOL Canada decided to do something with the funds which had been donated. Given that Bro. Dominic had been an educator and teacher, the GOL executive made a decision to create a Bursary which would help students as they continued on from High School to further themselves in Post-Secondary Education.

Some of the 2013 Bursary Recipients
And What some of them had to say about our Association

(statements made are not related to picture position)



J. Bishop

"the LOL has played an important part in both the Political and Social development of Canada for over 200 years



"while the LOL may not be as strong as it was in the beginning, it still has an important part to play in Canada going forward"



L. Tayler



A. Whittaker



"a very important way in which the LOL has impacted Canada is it's involvement in the community. Orange associations right across Canada are involved in community organizations and charities" - "many of these groups often find that they are financially challenged and the local LOL steps forward to provide assistance to these groups and their worthwhile causes"



D. Ackerman

"the LOL is committed to supporting and caring for all children at all levels" - "children are the future of a nation, and by supporting Canada's youth, the LOL has impacted Canada in a very positive way"

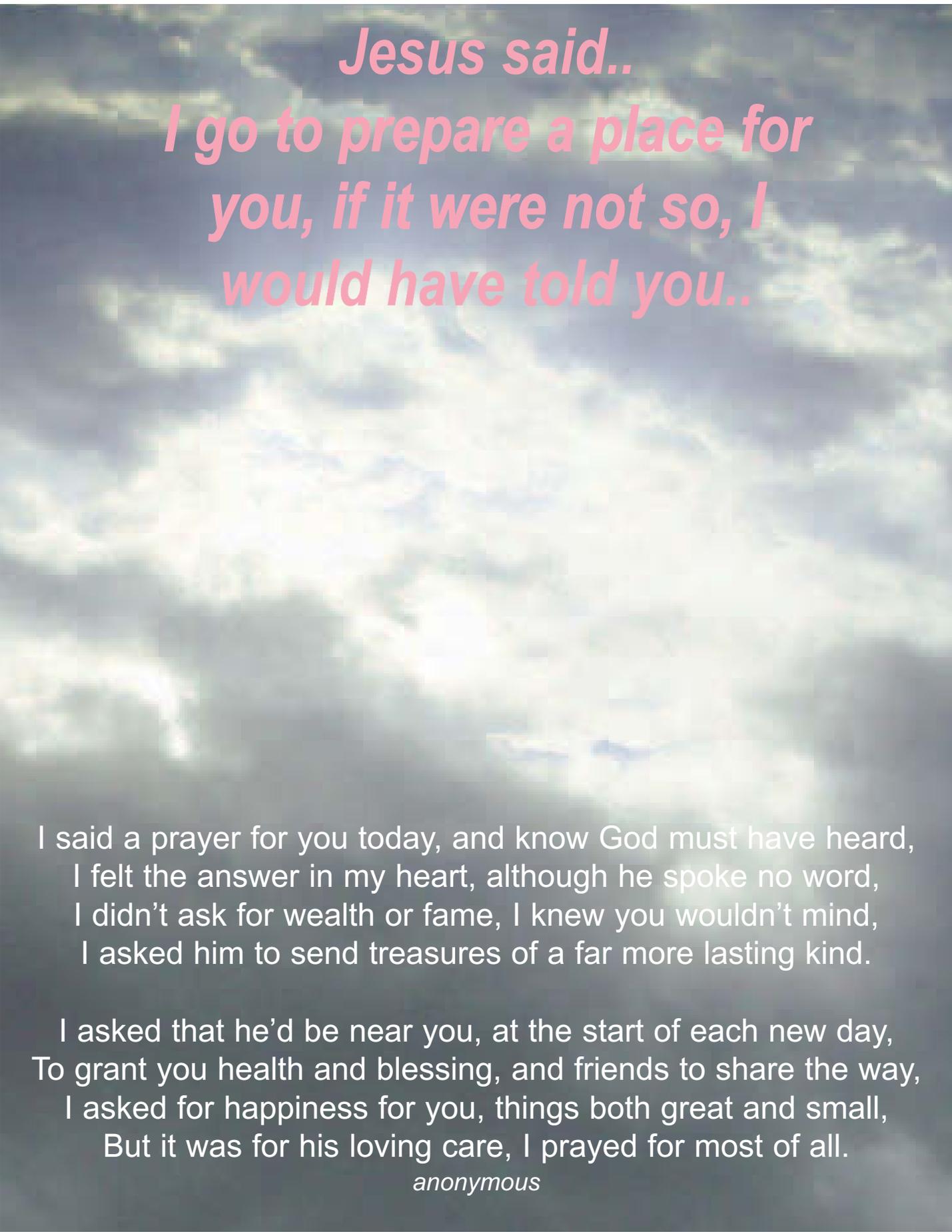


"this summer I saw the Megantic Lodge raise funds to send to Lac Megantic after the tragedy that took place there" - "I am proud to say that I have been raised to know who the Orangemen of Canada are, and, what they have done for Canada"



S. Henderson





Jesus said..
I go to prepare a place for
you, if it were not so, I
would have told you..

I said a prayer for you today, and know God must have heard,
I felt the answer in my heart, although he spoke no word,
I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you wouldn't mind,
I asked him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that he'd be near you, at the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessing, and friends to share the way,
I asked for happiness for you, things both great and small,
But it was for his loving care, I prayed for most of all.

anonymous