

**NEW BRUNSWICK
MASONIC CHARITIES AND
HOUSING COMPANY LTD**



BIRTH OF MASONIC CHARITIES & HOUSING

FORWARD

A Freemason is instructed as he proceeds through the ceremonies of his profession, that he should be aware and practice the social virtues. He is constantly reminded that charity is proper for his profession.

When considering the Masonic entity known as the "New Brunswick Masonic Charities & Housing Co. Ltd., it has to be realized to many N.B. Masons, it means Camp Goodtime and that only.

The purpose of condensing the recorded history since the first meeting on June 15, 1985, to the present is to inform those interested in the development, its aims and accomplishments as determined by its Directors.

Rt. Wor. DW "Bud" Gillrie,

Grand Historian Grand Lodge of N.B.

09 February 2019

Board of General Purposes Meeting; June 15/1985

Rt. Wor. Brother G. Donald Gruchy, Deputy Grand Master in 1985, noted that while traveling throughout the Province of New Brunswick on his job, he had become aware of the shortage and lack of quality senior citizen residences.

More importantly he had become concerned for our Masonic Senior Brethren, their wives and widows (the ones that are less fortunate financially than many here today). He also noted that sometime around 1936-1937 a committee was formed to study the same subject and again in the early 1970's but both fell on deaf ears.

Turning the gavel over to the Grand Master he then proposed the following: "Therefore": "I move that the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, appoint a committee with powers to add, from around the province to study the need and feasibility for a New Brunswick Masonic Senior Citizens Apartments and home, and to report their findings no later than the Board of General Purposes meeting just prior to the 1986 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick."

Motion seconded by Rt. Wor. Maurice Linkletter PASSED: As a result, this committee was to give a preliminary report in the late fall of 1985 and a full report of its findings no later than the

Board Meeting to be held just prior to the May 1986 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

All stories, no matter how long they are, no matter how they work out, have a beginning. Our story today has a happy ending but it all began with a death in the Masonic Family. Our Brother William Gibson Quinn, who received his three degrees in 1926 at Hiram Lodge #6 in Fredericton, died in 1974. He had been a highly respected and successful businessman who had in the fullness of time acquired a significant estate including his substantial residence which he hoped could be used as a residence for senior masons following his death. Brother Quinn donated this and a sizable portion of his estate to support his wish but a study of the facility soon proved that the residence was not suited to seniors living requirements. The property was sold and that money as well as the funds allotted to support his wishes were invested and the William Quinn Trust Fund was born. Some of the earnings from the fund were used for various purposes over the next several years.

The fall meeting of the BOGP was held on November 2nd and the Special Committee gave its first official report. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful J. William Murray, in his opening remarks of the meeting stated: "The possible future establishment of a Masonic Seniors complex was as yet, only

in the preliminary stages of investigation by the special committee I have appointed to study and report on the feasibility of such a project".

He emphasized that, "In no way should it be considered a "Fait accompli" as some current and unfounded rumours seem to be suggesting and he wished to completely dispel any such suggestions until the study is complete with facts known, and a final report and recommendations are made for the Board to deal with and possibly submit to Grand Lodge for a final decision".

Preliminary report of Masonic Senior Citizens complex study Committee

1. Committee met several times in "Full" as well as several "Sub" Committee meetings.
2. Several tours of existing Homes and Complexes were conducted.
3. Met with Canada Mortgage and Housing
4. Met with the Mayor and Town Clerk of the Town of Oromocto.

The Committee has studied many aspects of seniors' Complexes including: cottages, high-rise and ground orientated

nursing homes, etc. Other considerations were: building design and costs, land availability, location and costs etc.

The Committee is now making the following recommendations

1. To build a possible four (4) complexes of 25 units each, in different areas of the province over a period of approximately twenty (20) years.
2. The first to be built centrally in late 1986 or early 1987 (Land 3+ acres) is available in Oromocto West at no charge with an approximate value of \$75 to \$90,000)
3. The Committee be authorized to continue its work including the development of a "soft commitment " to C.M.H. C. (This would not commit the Masonic Order; but commits C.M.H. C. to allotting monies should our proposal be approved by Grand Lodge)
4. The Committee have the power to form "Sub-committees": to study building designs and costs, financing, corporations, etc.
5. That the sum of \$500.00 be floated for ongoing administrative purposes.

The Committee was authorized to continue the study and enter into a "soft" commitment with Canada Mortgage and Housing, re: possible funding, etc. in 1986. A sum not exceeding \$500.00 was to be made available for administrative expenses of the committee.

It was emphasized by the BOGP that the experience of other jurisdictions operating similar institutions should be considered when planning such a venture. The committee noted that there was a similar venture in Newfoundland (which was visited this past summer by Rt. Wor. Gruchy) and in Windsor Nova Scotia (later the building was closed and demolished).

The Special Committee in its study late 1985 and early 1986 said it was seeking information of the number of widows, their age groups, residential information. It was suggested that consultation and soliciting the support of the District Deputy Grand Masters might be able to find the answers of this difficult and important aspect of the fraternal obligations. It was thought the survey might or could cover approximately 20% of the general membership, with a preliminary report of the results being ready by 30 April 1986. The committee by a motion requested the Grand Master to appoint Bro. Douglas Ellsworth of Moncton, as legal advisor and sub-committee chairman to prepare a report on legal requirements and recommendations. For reasons connected with some of the

wording of the motions of this report, the BOGP "tabled" the report.

As with any good story, this was where it was felt that hope was fading and good had lost the battle against evil and we and all our plans were about to go down in flames. Like every good tale, here is where we introduce our first hero, Rt. Wor. Maurice Linkletter stepped up on behalf of the "Study Committee at the next Grand Lodge meeting in May 1986. After getting everyone's attention had the report of the BOGP's rejected with the following motion: "That this Grand Lodge endorse the concept of Masonic Senior Housing and that the committee appointed to study this AND the BOGP make all efforts to make this project possible. That a Special Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge with the commitment to build as soon as the report is completed and the date to be no later than 20 Oct.1986 at a place chosen by the Grand Master."
MOTION PASSED

Board of General Purposes Meeting: 25 January 1986

A short up-to-date report was presented by Rt. Wor. Gruchy indicating that a final report would be ready for the Board by March 1986.

There were some concerns on the concept categorized as why? when? and where? It was stated that all Board of General Purpose members had to be provided with a full and comprehensive report on all aspects of the committee's findings and recommendations that each could study before 01 March to vote and render a final decision. " It was also reiterated that the decision by the Board had to be unanimous before any presentation would be put before the Grand Lodge." "This motion was defeated by a majority vote".

The survey of Spring 1986 was reported as having surveyed some 1300 members at random, which represented some 18% of the membership at that time which showed an accuracy level of 99%.

The report of March 1/1986, the terms of reference of the committee were:

- 1) Is there a need for Masonic Senior Citizen Housing in New Brunswick?
- 2) If so, would such a project be feasible?
- 3) Preliminary report on findings to be presented at November 1986 meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

- 4) Final report to be presented at Board Meeting in March 1987
- 5) Study Committee to make recommendations to BOGP at that time

Rt. Wor. Gruchy outlined changes that had happened in the area of Seniors Housing since the last report, which included:

- 1) CMHC and NB Housing were working together on such developments and/or projects.
- 2) That any group seeking funds were to find their own sources, then if acceptable may receive the backing of CMHC.
- 3) Rents would be based on income percentages and NB Housing required control of 50% of the apartments.

A letter of intent was prepared by the committee and hand delivered to C.M.H.C. on January 15/1986, indicating that the committee was working towards the possible Masonic establishment of a senior's complex.

A motion at the Grand Lodge Communication of May 10, 1986 was duly passed calling for a final decision at a special

communication of Grand Lodge to be held no later than October 20/1986.

This "Special Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge" was actually held on October 25/1986, (under the proclamation of the Grand Master). There were 19 Grand Lodge Officers for a total of 169 in attendance presided over by the Grand Master: Most Worshipful John William Murray. The business of the day was "Masonic Senior Citizens Housing."

The gravity of the situation being what it was, a motion was moved by Rt. Wor. Gruchy and subsequently passed that "Any motion on the committees' report require a Two-Thirds majority in order to pass." MOTION CARRIED

Rt. Wor. Gruchy, after stating the findings of the committee for those present, moved the following two-part motion:

1. That Grand Lodge endorse the erection of a Masonic Senior Citizens complex and authorize the steps necessary to ensure the project will see fruition, keeping in mind that there be no liability to Grand Lodge and that guarantees are to be in place to provide for non-deficit operation of the complex.
2. That a Corporation be set up to administer the operation and the construction of the complex and occur at such a time and place as the directors of the Corporation deem best.

Much, and sometimes heated discussion followed. The motion was then voted on by "secret ballot" to ensure that none present would feel pressure to do anything except that which their own conscience dictated.

The result: With 169 Masons in attendance was 75% in favour of the motion and the Seniors Housing Project was a reality. This same motion laid the groundwork for the formation of the N.B. Masonic Charities and Housing Co. Ltd.

More than 7,000 Masons of the province were united to achieve this important and charitable objective for the care of older citizens.

The first Officers for this new corporation were appointed by The Grand Master: from Fredericton, G. Donald Gruchy the company's first President; from Sussex the 1st Vice President Myles Chown; from Fredericton, Leonard Desormeau the 2nd Vice President; from Oromocto, Thomas Winter, Secretary; from Saint John, James McKenna as Treasurer, and from Saint John William O'Mahoney as Public Relations Chairman. Each of the Masonic Districts of New Brunswick would have District representatives on the Board of Directors.

The newspapers of the province all printed articles on the development and purpose of the Masonic Charities and Housing Corporation as well as its mandates.

A Charitable Foundation number was reported as being applied for at the June 10/ 1987 Board meeting. The Masonic world of New Brunswick was very optimistic in the direction it was heading. Thanks in large part to the work of Brothers Douglas and Scott Ellsworth of the Moncton area, the legal problems surrounding the formation of the Company had been overcome. Before all the paperwork was final, the efforts of Rt. Wor. James McKenna, Wor. Freeman Dunnett and Bro. Peter Crocco were required to ensure that the Company achieved its charitable status under registration number 0787226-01. An amendment to the By-Laws was proposed and adopted, which basically stated that the phrase "Masonic charitable organizations" should be inserted in the By-Laws of the Corporation. This was in reference to the assets of the company should dissolution ever be necessary.

A budget committee was appointed to set up and prepare a budget on or before June 30/1987.

"Charter memberships" for the Masons of New Brunswick were made available to those Masons who subscribed on a

form printed in the " "Mostly-Masonry" publication. The cost for charter membership was set at \$20.00 and by December 1987 it was reported that there were 400 Masons from around the province became Charter Members. The Board reported with Membership and other donations received a sum of \$15,375.00 had been raised and \$5000.00 was invested to achieve a positive return.

The Charities aspect of Masonic Charities and Housing

In 1989 there were approximately 7,000 Masons in the Province compared with 5,000 ten years later.

During a meeting of the Board of NBMCH on 15 June 1988, mention was made of the Canadian Cancer Society hosting a camp for children who were afflicted with cancer at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Rather than use any of the Board's funds at this time, the members of the Board present dipped into their own pockets and wallets and managed to donate \$190.00 to assist in Camp Goodtime in NS.

By October 1989, the Camp Goodtime idea was beginning to be more apparent and the Board donated \$500.00 to the Canadian Cancer Society for this Camp, though still considered to be a Nova Scotia camp. The money was donated as there were reported to be New Brunswick children attending the Yarmouth Nova Scotia Camp.

The thought that here was a camp for children in the 8 to 13 age bracket who were afflicted with cancer, who had a chance to go to a summer camp and for a time live a relatively normal life, touched the Masons who were the original members of the Board.

Initially the money was to assist in the transportation of the children who were gathered in a central location and then transported by the Cancer Society.

In many instances Masons picked up the children in their own cars and took them to the Cancer Society's collection point.

By 1992, the donation to Camp Goodtime had increased to \$4,000.00. It was during this year that the Grand Lodge had donated \$3,000.00 to the Company to be used for charitable purposes.

Rt. Wor. Bro Gruchy relinquished the chair after serving as Chairman and the first President since June of 1985, (7 years).
Rt. Wor. Bro Winter retired from the Secretary's office and

became the President and Rt. Wor. Bro Fred Pollett took over as the Secretary.

It was during this year that the opinion was expressed that a per capita of \$1.00 per year per Mason be encouraged. Before the 1992 year had ended, the Canadian Cancer Society, New Brunswick Division began looking for a site to hold Camp Goodtime in New Brunswick. By October 1992 The Society had arranged to rent Camp Glenburn on the Kingston Peninsula for one week during the month of July, for a New Brunswick Camp Goodtime.

There was an expectation that 40 to 60 New Brunswick Children might attend. The cost was expected to be between \$8,000.00 and \$9,000.00 this was based on a cost of \$205.00 per week per child. The children or rather the family of the child attending, was at that time expected to pay an amount of \$60.00.

The Board of Directors voted to donate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the 1993 Camp Goodtime being held in New Brunswick.

Early in 1993, a Worshipful Brother Peter Alexander of Plymouth England had heard of the efforts of New Brunswick Masons to fund Camp Goodtime and sent a Ten Pound Note to assist in the fund raising.

At a meeting held on 3 April 1993, the Board approved an amount of \$12,400.00 for Camp Goodtime as well as a further

\$2,400.00 as funds became available. There were 40 children at this, the first Camp Goodtime held in New Brunswick.

The Corporation was notified in 1994 that the cost of Camp Goodtime would be up to \$16,000.00

It was apparent that a Fund Raising was necessary. Caps, T Shirts, and lapel pins were decided upon by the Board's "Ways and Means Committee" to solicit funds from the province's Masons.

During the next meeting of the Board, held 09 February 1994, it was decided to ask Grand Lodge for an annual grant of \$1,000.00.

It was suggested and approved that Quinn House join the New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association. Quinn house at the time of this writing was still a member of this provincial organization and the membership has created some savings in maintenance, materials, etc.

At the 08 June 1994 meeting of the Board it was reported that the "Quinn House" had been the recipient of an Award from the Province's Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing in recognition of the excellent manner the project had been operated.

The meeting of 15 October 1994, the Board discussed and agreed to support two children and their interveners to the

"Canadian Deaf Blind Rubella Association" of New Brunswick to the camp at a cost of \$1,300.00 or \$650.00 per camper.

The Board decided it was time to promote its efforts throughout the Province in form of a brochure describing the efforts and the work of the Charities and Housing Company.

The meeting also saw the Board approve a donation of \$17,000.00 for the 1995 Camp Goodtime, with the expectation of 50 or more children attending.

At the 08 February 1995 meeting, the Board discussed ways in which they with the support of the Masons of the Province could expand their children oriented funding. At this time the possibilities of constructing additional senior's Complex was not feasible. The Directors agreed to approach the Lodges for input into such an expansion. The decision made at this time saw the aid for children oriented projects should be primarily for Camp Goodtime with the Deaf Blind Rubella Association as the secondary challenge.

Then at the meeting of 28 April 1995 it was decided to sponsor 2 additional children to the Deaf Blind Rubella Camp at a cost of \$2,600.00. (A total of 4).

There was also some consideration in 1995 to the expansion of the interest area for Camp Goodtime to out of the province needs, possibly even to Maine. Eventually the decision was

realized that camper selection was the prerogative of the NB Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Also in 1995 the Board presented to Grand Lodge for display at the Grand Lodge Temple, Germain Street, Saint John of a framed photograph of the presentation of the 1995 donation to the Cancer Society representatives.

A further donation of \$5,000.00 was made to the Cancer Society to cover transportation costs. The board emphasized that the Board could not guarantee such a donation in future years.

In 1996 Wor. Bro. Brian Francis was elected President and Wor. Bro Stewart Brenton assumed the office of Treasurer for the Charities and Housing. .

The Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge at its February 1996 meeting proposed that in their opinion requests for charitable purposes should first be referred to NB Masonic Charities and Housing for their consideration. Then if, in the opinion of their Board of Directors they were unable or unwilling to commit to the request, it should then be referred back to Grand Lodge. It was noted that Grand Lodge was informed of this decision.

1996 saw the initial printing of 2,000 copies of the Company's brochure, which were distributed to the Lodges during that year's Grand Lodge Communication.

At the 20 April 1996 Board meeting, the Directors approved a \$17,000.00 donation for the 1996 Camp Goodtime. Also agreed was the sponsorship of two campers to the Deaf Blind Rubella Camp, still at the \$650.00 per camper rate.

11 June 1996 the Directors approved the funding of two additional campers to the Deaf Blind Rubella Camp. (total of 6 children).

The 19 October 1996 meeting, reported that 44 children were in attendance at Camp Goodtime this summer. The involvement of the Province's Masons was well advertised in daily and weekly papers as well as CBC Radio.

At the 01 February 1997 meeting the Board was given to understand there would be no Camp Goodtime rental fee increase expected. The Directors considered they would be able to once again to financially support four campers to the Deaf Blind Rubella Camp.

The Board approved participation in the Saint John Festival of Trees. The tree again being decorated with ornaments the campers made while at the 1996 camp.

It was apparent that the reported media coverage of the Masons involvement with Camp Goodtime was bearing results, when three Irving Mainway Stores of the Kennebecasis Valley region donated the profits from coffee sales in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for Camp Goodtime.

During a 19 April 1997 meeting the Board discussed, whether they were in a position to become involved in the Non-profit Habitation for Humanity project in Moncton. It was determine at this time that the financial position would not allow further extension to this sort of participation.

In 1997 the Board was informed the fee for rental of Camp Glenburn was to be substantially increased. The fee for a seven day camp would be \$18,500.00 and in the future would increase to \$20,000.00.

This decision by the YM/YWCA of Saint John to increase the rental fees causes both the Cancer Society and the Board to look for other sites to hold the camp. The decision was made to move Camp Goodtime to the Rotary Club's Camp at Princess Park on Grand Lake. The cost would be \$24,000.00 for an eight day camp and once reviewed it was realized that the facilities were better for the attending children.

This was the year that saw authority given for the preparation of Certificates of Appreciations to honour those Masons who had served on the Board in Previous Years. It was decided that

once the Certificates were prepared and signed by the President and the Grand Master, the Directors would present the certificates in their respective districts.

The Board agreed that Charities and Housing would again participate in the Saint John Festival of Trees.

At the 14 February 1998 meeting, the point was made that between the years of 1994-1997, there were donations of \$104,825.00. The average donations of the Board for Camp Goodtime during that period were \$17,125.00 and the average donation to the Deaf Blind Rubella Camp was \$2,762.00.

The 1998 Camp Goodtime would be an eight day camp with a maximum number of 64 campers at the new Camp Rotary location. The 1998 cost from Charities and Housing would be \$20,000.00 and the Rotary Club of Fredericton would sponsor campers in an amount of \$4,000.00. A total camp cost of \$24,000.00.

While authorizing this expenditure the Directors also authorized a donation of \$2,600.00 for a total of 6 children to Deaf Blind Rubella Camp.

1998 was the year the Masons ceased to transport the children to camp. This occurred because of the requirements, that in order to transport children the driver and any accompanying adult had to be cleared by the RCMP or other local law

enforcement, including fingerprinting. Two years prior to this ruling Wor. Br. "Bud" Gillrie accompanied by his wife and one of their sons transported children to the camp with vehicles donated by Elm City Motors of Fredericton.

That same year, Quinn House at St Andrews was the site of the Boards 10th anniversary meeting. It was considered to be the most appropriate location and the Board members were warmly welcomed and please to be there.

At this meeting the President presented Certificates of Appreciation to both Rt. Wor. Donald Gruchy, the First president and to Rt. Wor. Thomas Winter first secretary and the second President.

Rt. Worshipful Brother Gruchy, in accepting his certificate said he was really pleased "that he felt the Board had gone beyond its original goals set."

Between the tenth and twentieth Anniversaries of the Corporation, the Camp Goodtime camps and its other charities were mostly financed by the Masonic Lodges throughout the province through annual fundraisers. Between the years 1999 and 2019 the following charities were added to its Charitable list of well deserved organizations:

- A. Dyslexic Learning Center-Moncton
- B. Portage Atlantic (Youth Addictions)
- C. DeMolay N B (Rendezvous Advertising)

There were other Children's groups that benefited from donations on short term assistance over the years. Masonic Charities and Housing have raised and donated in excess of one-million dollars in its first thirty years of operation and extend its appreciation and gratitude to the Freemasons of New Brunswick for their loving assistance to the children of our fine Province.

During 1988, negotiations were ongoing with the Town of St. Andrews and St. Marks Lodge No.5 having set up a committee to negotiate with the town on behalf of the Board of Directors.

By August 1988, the Board reported \$4,156.00 in the bank and \$20,000.00

invested in Bonds at 9%. Grand Lodge announced that an additional \$75,000.00 from the Quinn Trust Fund was available "if and when needed".

September 1988 saw a firm commitment for an eight unit building at St. Andrews at a cost of \$ 487,620.00. The Town of St. Andrews provided \$25,000.00 and Charities and Housing \$15,000.00 to purchase the lot. The deed would be held by New Brunswick Mortgage and Housing for \$487,620.00 amortized over thirty five years.

The Official opening of the newly constructed "QUINN HOUSE" at St Andrews took place on Saturday April 22/1989 with over 300 Masons, family and friends in attendance.

APPENDIX "A"

- (1) Federal and Provincial Agreement signed 75% and 25% cost sharing.
- (2) Only 15% of Occupants in subsidized Housing are in the low-income range. (Tighter Control)
- (3) 87-88 Agreement has a controlled budget system.
- (4) "No Deficit" operation (Difference between revenues and operating costs paid by NBHC Monthly).
- (5) "Complex owner" (Corps. Etc.) seek competitive interest rate loans and is guaranteed no-risk development and operation.
- (6) Income verification required for tenants.
- (7) Maximum income: 1 Person - \$13,000/year & 2 Persons- \$14,500.
- (8) Rental rate equals 30% income of tenant.
- (9) Guarantee for projects of 10-apartment complexes: "Owner" tenants may have property, investments, etc. as long as income maximum applies.
50% Apartments filled by owner (Corp.) Rental Selections Committee: 50% from NBHC Applicants also selected by Owner Rental Committee. (applicants belonging to same list) (100% selection done by owner).

- (10) "Project Development Funding" loan for groups wishing to survey facts of proposal. (If project is not approved by NBHC this loan is forgiven)
- (11) NBHC "Designated Areas" study to be available to all interested groups
January 1987. These areas mean where the highest percentage of need for senior housing is required.
- (12) If more than one non-profit Group wishes to build in same area, they compete. (The most cost effective project is chosen).
- (13) 5% Equity required. (This can be in the form of money, labour, grants, etc. sometimes the land bought by municipality).
- (14) Land required for a 10 unit project to be one to one and one half acre (City or Town water and sewage systems preferred) (If not then 2 acres).
- (15) Project may be financed for up to 100% of acceptable Capital Costs for a period of 35 years.
- (16) Nine complexes of 10 apartment units approved in 1986 (75 to 90 planned for 1987).
- (17) These complexes have cost approximately \$420,000 to 520,000 each in 1986.

ADDENDUM # 1

QUINN HOUSE

OFFICIAL OPENING AND

DEDICATION APRIL 22/1989

While the spectators gathered near Quinn House, the Masons of the Grand Lodge gathered at St. Marks Lodge # 5 where a procession was formed of approximately 200 "plus" Masons which included a Colour Party carrying our National Flag of Canada, the Provincial Flag of N B and the Masonic Grand Lodge Banner, four drummers of Luxor Shriners as well as many Grand Lodge Officers. Once formed they marched the streets of St Andrews to Quinn House for the Dedication and Corner Stone Ceremony of the newest Senior's residence in New Brunswick.

With the arrival of the Masons, Rt. Wor. G. Donald Gruchy, President of Masonic Charities and Housing and Master of Ceremonies described the concept, planning and purpose of the gathering on this remarkable and historic day.

Rt. Wor. Brother James McKenna was then directed to lead the gathering in singing our National Anthem: "Oh Canada".

Rt. Wor. Gruchy then invited The Grand Master, Most Honourable, The Reverend Kenneth Lagassick to perform the Ceremony of Laying the Cornerstone of Quinn House. His address completed, he was then presented with a Silver Trowel by Keith Lodge, with which he could complete this task. The Grand Master outlined the purpose and the ceremony which he and The Grand Lodge Officers would perform.

The Symbolic Instruments to be used were presented to the respective officers by the Grand Director of Ceremonies Rt. Wor. Graham Pelley to:

Deputy Grand Master; Rt. Wor. Ralph Andrews: The Square

Senior Grand Warden: Rt. Wor. Douglas Mayes: The Level

Junior Grand Warden: Rt. Wor. Wayne Bannister: The Plum

The Deputy Grand Master then proved the Stone was Square; The Senior Grand Warden proved the Stone was Level and The Junior Grand Warden proved the Stone was Plum. The Declaration was then made:

"The Craft had done their duty well".

The Grand Master then Blessed the Stone with "Corn" representing "Plenty".

with "Wine" representing "Refreshment".

Finally with "Oil" representing "Joy".

Then stated: " The Stone was True and Well Formed".

The Benediction was given by The Grand Chaplin.

Worshipful Brother James McKenna then led the gathering in:
"God Save The Queen"

The ceremony continued with a brief explanation of the name "Quinn House". It was to commemorate the memory of the late Brother William J Quinn, a member of Hiram Lodge #6 and past Illustrious Potentate of Luxor Shriners and at the time of his death in 1974 was the most senior Past Potentate of Luxor Shrine.

Brother Quinn had offered his Fredericton residents as a possible Masonic home for the elderly. Government regulations did not find the building appropriate. Following an intensive study throughout the Province by Masonic Charities and Housing, the final decision from New Brunswick Housing Corporation, selected the Town of St. Andrews as the community in great need for a low cost housing. Masonic Charities and Housing stepped up to the plate before the end of the 1988 construction season. Tenders were called and the contract was awarded to Stairs Building Ltd. of Meductic to build the eight Unit Complex.

The Master of Ceremonies then introduced the dignitaries present and asked each to speak.

The architect of the project, Mr. Blair Roma spoke briefly and presented the keys to Quinn House to President Donald Gruchy.

Next to convey remarks was the first occupant, Ms. Nancy Turner.

Further remarks were offered by the following : Honourable Greg Thompson, MP representing Federal Government, Peter Trites, NB Housing Corp. He was followed by Reid Hurley, MLA Charlotte West, followed by Bev Lawrence, the Mayor of St. Andrews. The Masonic Building Chairman, Worshipful Brother Peter Williamson of St. Marks Lodge #5 rapped up this portion of the ceremonies.

The remarks of the dignitaries were followed by a presentation of Patio Furniture by Wor. Brother Blaine Calhoun from Alexandria Lodge #33.

The completion of the Ceremonies and the Dignitaries remarks saw an invitation given for all spectators to come inside and view the building and partake of some refreshments at the main reception being held at the Algonquin Hotel. It was estimated that approximately 400 were in attendance for this historic day in the Town of St. Andrews.

Thirty years have passed since the official opening of Quinn House.

New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Co. Ltd. and the Masons of New Brunswick are very proud that it was erected in the beautiful Town of St. Andrews.

Very Worshipful D W "Bud" Gillrie

Grand Historian, Grand Lodge N B.

Rt. Wor. G Donald Gruchy

Past Deputy Grand Master 1985,

February 9/2019



QUINN HOUSE

310 Queen St. St. Andrews N. B.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

N B MASONIC CHARITIES & HOUSING CO. LTD.

QUINN HOUSE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

APRIL 22 2019



Rt. Wor. Keith C. Burgess

President 2019

Quinn House Rededication: April 22 2019

Church of St. Andrew Hall -212 Parr St. St. Andrews N.B.

1:00 Meet & Greet

The Blessing: Rt. Wor. James McKenna

1:45 Welcome

1st President 1985-1992: MC Rt. Wor. G. Donald Gruchy:

1:55 Opening Remarks and Introduction of Dignitaries

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| President MC&H Co. Ltd: | Rt. Wor. Keith Burgess |
| Mayor of St. Andrews: | His Worship Douglas Naish |
| Intergovernmental Affairs: | Hon. Greg Thompson |
| N. B. Housing: Portfolio Manage: | Troy Saunders |
| Quinn House Resident: | Gloria Johnson |
| Manager Quinn, St.Marks Lodge 5: | Wor. Morton Mitchell |
| Past Pres. MC&H Co. Ltd: | Most Worshipful Miles Graham |

2:15 Introduction of Ceremony to be conducted, Quinn House

Most Worshipful The Grand Master John A. Watson

*Short address and Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers before
proceeding to Quinn House.*

REDEDICATION CEREMONY: "Grand Lodge Officers"

BENIDITION: The Grand Lodge Chaplain: V W Rev. Douglas Cosman

2:45 Closing Remarks: Rt. Wor. KEITH BURGESS

QUINN HOUSE: THIRTY YEARS LATER

Good afternoon Ladies & Gentlemen: I am Donald Gruchy, your MC for today. Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Brethren, and Guests; I welcome you here today on this very special occasion.

It is indeed a great pleasure to be Master Of Ceremonies again after thirty years from our official opening on this date, April 22/ 1989.

I feel that a brief history is necessary at this point. In 1935 the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Percy Burchill suggested the Masons of N B conduct a survey on the feasibility of Masonic senior housing in the province. this suggestion, after a brief effort, failed to achieve acceptance.

In 1976 Very Wor. James McKenna, Grand Historian of the day again brought the subject of Masonic housing up at the 150 th anniversary on Albion Lodge #1 in Saint John and again it fell on deaf ears.

At our first meeting of the Board of General Purposes June 1985, as Deputy Grand Master I presented a motion to study the feasibility of Masonic apartment housing in N. B. It was Seconded by Rt. Wor. Maurice Linkletter, voted on and Passed. Most Wor. The Grand Master William J Murray appointed the Provincial Study Committee.

After many meetings and study, a "Special Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge" was held on the 25th October 1986 (ONE YEAR LATER) with 169 voting Masons in attendance. Finally the Vote resulted in a 75% favour to accept the proposal for Masonic Senior Housing. Thus, the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. was born.

And here we are today Thirty years later.

Why "Quinn House"

Bro. William Quinn, was a successful Fredericton business man, and a member of Hiram Lodge #6 in Fredericton. Brother Quinn was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and at the time of his death in 1974 he was also the most senior Past Potentate of Luxor Shriners of New Brunswick.

He was a member of many other groups including: the Board of governors of Rothesay Collegiate School, associated with Mount Allison University, UNB and Harvard Law School.

Among the many requests in his "Will" he directed that his residence and property be designated as an accommodation for Senior Masons. The property was deemed unsuitable for that purpose. A substantial portion of his estate was also directed to The Masonic Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The value realized from the property and the allotted portion of his estate were invested, thus creating; "The William Quinn Trust Fund". His wealth was also distributed to many places of Learning: Yale, Wycliffe, Rothesay Collegiate Sch. UNB; PLUS: churches in Fredericton and St Andrews.

"Charity" is among one of the many fine characteristics of Freemasonry. This is not only among our brethren, but to those less fortunate who can be assured we, "The Masonic Fraternity" will assist those in need.

Today, The Masonic Charities and Housing AND the Freemasons of New Brunswick have come to this beautiful Town of St. Andrews to Celebrate and Re-Dedicate "QUINN HOUSE".

To honour those who have lived in Quinn House during the past 30 years.

To thank and honour those Brothers of St. Marks Lodge # 5, who have taken care of the administration, the building and our Guests.

To remember the Charitable Spirit of Brother William Quinn and summer resident of "St. Andrews Town" and a Patron to "All Saints Anglican Church" here in town , in whose memory "Quinn House" was in Faith and Memory constructed and Dedicated.

AND FINALLY:

To Express the interest of Freemasons in their endeavours towards charitable relief and demonstrate the Masonic Creed of Tolerance to all.

I thank you and it is now my pleasure to introduce the

President of The N B Masonic Charities & Housing Co. Ltd:

Rt Wor. Keith Burgess:

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master John A Watson and Grand Lodge Officers conducted the rededication ceremony in fine Masonic fashion.

The participating officers were as follows:

Most Wor. Grand Master: John A Watson

Deputy Grand Master: RWB Randall W Nelson

(Acting) S G W: RWB Edward G Stansfield

Junior Grand Warden: RWB Mark Ouellette

Grand Secretary: GDC Graham Fraser (acting)

Cup Bearers: RWB Daryl Moore, DDGM #1

RWB David (Bud) Gillrie, G

Historian RWB Robert McLeod,

Grand Chaplain: ~~PAGM~~ Rev. Douglas Cosman

Grand Piper: Bro. Scott J Murray

Grand Tyler: WB Armand Cormier

Distinguished Past Grand Lodge Officers:

PGM: MWB Stephen H Allen

PGM: MWB Miles R Graham PP. MCH Corp.

PGM: MWB Clyde M Townes

PGM: MWB Peter M Whittaker

PDGM: RWB G. Donald Gruchy PP. MCH Corp.

PSGW: RWB Douglas S Mayes

PGS: VWB James McKenna P. MCH Corp.

PDDGM #6: RWB Keith Burgess Pres. MCH Corp.

PDDGM #2: RWB Chris Kitson

PDDGM #6: RWB Darrell Munn

OTHER BROTHERS ATTENDING:

St. Marks Lodge #5: WB Morton Mitchell MCH Corp.

St. Marks Lodge #5: WB Julian Riva MCH Corp.

Hiram Lodge #6: Bro. Daniel Dort

Hiram Lodge #6: Bro. Kevin O'Neill

Hiram Lodge #6: Bro. Antonio Rosales

Residents of Quinn House attending:

Gloria Johnson who spoke on behalf of all the residents of Quinn House
Verna McFarlane
Margaret Richards

* There were also many ladies of the Masonic Brethren present for the ceremonies.

The President RWB Keith Burgess sincerely thanked the following guests:

His Worship Mayor Douglas Naish, for his kind words of welcome.
Hon. Greg Thompson who sent "congratulations" as he was in hospital.
Mr Troy Saunders, NB Housing sent his congratulations.
Gloria Johnson, Quinn House resident spokesperson.
Rt. Wor. Donald Gruchy, "Planning and MC" of the 30th Anniversary.

**The President and Directors of Masonic Charities and Housing
thank all who have attended this important milestone today and
wish everyone a safe trip home.**

THE QUINN LEGACY

PARTING WORDS FROM THE GRAND HISTORIAN

William Quinn was a successful Fredericton business man, well known, respected and generous. He was a Mason, initiated at Hiram Lodge No.6 at Fredericton 06 October 1926, a became a Master Mason on 02 December 1926. he was a Thirty Second Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and a Past Potentate of Luxor Shriners. The only son of William and Jane Robinson Quinn who died at an early age, Brother Quinn was raised by his aunt , Miss Mary Quinn.

He, at one time was a member of the Fredericton City Council and was on the local School Board. A member of the Governors of Rothesay Collegiate School, associated with Mount Allison University, the New Brunswick University and Harvard Law School. A member of the Royal Trust Company and New Brunswick Advisory Board.

He passed away on 09 December 1974, while wintering at St. Petersburg, Florida. He was returned to Canada. Hiram Lodge No 6 held a Masonic Memorial Service on 15 Dec ember 1974. His funeral service was conducted on 17 December 1974, where he was interred in a vault until his burial in the Old Protestant Cemetery, on Brunswick Street, Fredericton. He now lies with his family to the right of the Brunswick Street entrance.

His place of rest is marked with a tall granite pedestal, marked with the Shiner's emblem. His will bequeath a sum of money to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, which for a time was invested, It eventually was used to assist in the construction of a Senior's Home in St. Andrews, which now bears his name in memory and respect for the man and his generosity.

In his memory, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Masons, created a medal, "The Quinn Medallion" which recognizes, the charitable efforts and Masonic respect from the Masonic Order. The Quinn medallion is awarded once a year to specifically chosen Masons to recognize their extra efforts for the good of Freemasonry.

Rt. Wor. David (Bud) Gillrie

Grand Historian

Presidents Message

Since it's inception in 1987 NB Masonic Charities and Housing has been guided by two principle objectives: The relief of children in need and the provision of sustainable housing for seniors.

It serves to focus the charity of the Masons of New Brunswick towards the realization of these two objectives through support for Camp Goodtime, a seven day camping experience for children afflicted by cancer delivered by the Cancer Society of New Brunswick as well as other children charities ,and the active management of Quinn House Seniors Complex by the Brethren of St Mark's Lodge #5 over these past thirty years.

This serves as testament to the legacy not only of a Brother Master Mason and patron but also to the vision and dedication in those early years of the Masons of New Brunswick to bring Quinn House to a reality.

The Board and Officers of Masonic Charities and Charities Co. Ltd stand ready to guide and support these initiatives into the next thirty years of service to those less fortunate among us. Thus giving true meaning to the principles of Freemasonry to which we all are dedicated.

R.W.B. Keith Burgess

President