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the late Bro. Donald Kerr



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RECEPTION

The photo on the right is a happy family, its the night of the Reception of our very own V.W.Bro. A. Shahab Soltanzadeh held on October 17, 2003 where he received his Grand Steward Regalia.

From left to right :-

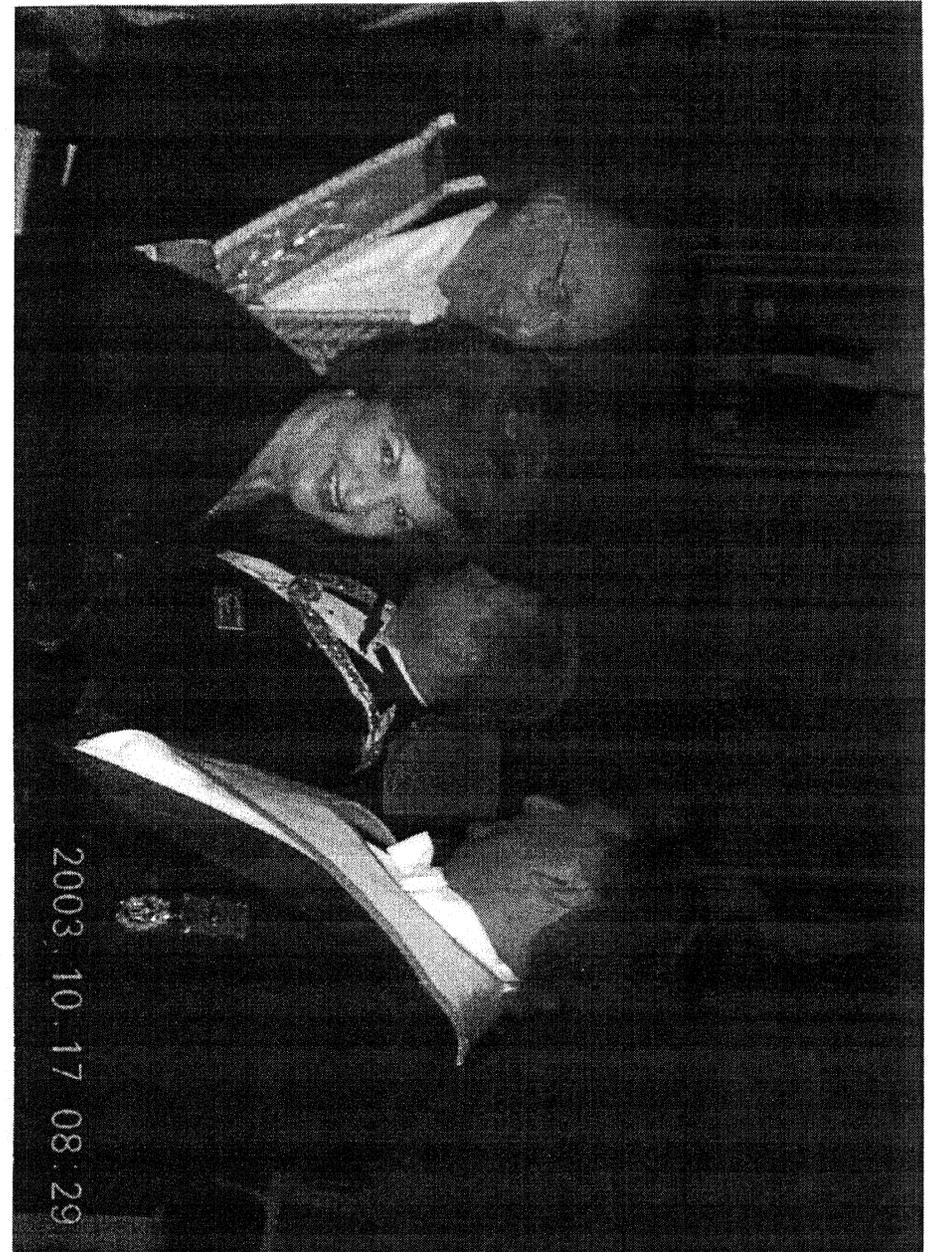
R.W.Bro. S. Alaeddin Soltanzadeh, his Father
Mrs. Farideh Soltanzadeh, his Mother
W.Bro. Jeffrey J. Stewart, Worshipful Master
V.W.Bro. A. Shahab Soltanzadeh, Grand Steward
Also on the far left is Shahab's Brother, Amir, and it looks like he is peeking around the corner.

50 YEAR OLD REGALIA

On October 17th.2003 V.W.Bro. A.Shahab Soltanzadeh was presented with his regalia, having been appointed Grand Steward.

V.W.Bro. A. Shahab Soltanzadeh was the recipient of the same regalia that was once worn by V. W. Bro. Basil J. Griffiths. This regalia was presented to Zetland Lodge on October 17th. 1953 by members of Batavia Lodge in Buffalo, New York, with which Zetland Lodge use to exchange visits. 50 years to the day and no-one was aware of this great coincedence until that day.

V.W.Bro. A. Shahab Soltanzadeh



THE ZETLAND LODGE EIGHTY PLUS CLUB

By W.Bro. Kenneth W. Heans, President

At the present time The Zetland Lodge eighty plus club has fifteen members, as listed below in order of descending age.

BRO. WILLIAM VALLANCE (Our centenarian)	Age-102
BRO. ARTHUR A. McCREA	Age-89
BRO. CHARLES JEFFERS	Age-88
W.BRO. KENNETH W. HEANS	Age-86
BRO. JOHN R. MENS	Age-86
BRO. GORDON FOLLETT	Age-86
BRO. GEORGE W. RALPH	Age-83
W.BRO. JAMES McGIBBON	Age-83
W.BRO. DONALD L. CAMPBELL	Age-83
BRO. WILLIAM ELLIOTT	Age-82
BRO. CLIFFORD LEWIS	Age-81
BRO. HOSSIEN ABHARY	Age-81
BRO. KENNETH OSWELL	Age-81
W.BRO. JOHN H. ENGLERT	Age-80
W.BRO. RICHARD STANBURY	Age-80
R. W.BRO. S. ALAEDDIN SOLTANZADEH	Age-80

A GRAND TOTAL OF 1,351 YEARS

Combinations of ages, health and distance make it impossible for most of these brethren to attend our Lodge regularly, if at all. Some are domiciled many miles from where we meet. We should keep their names before us, less they be forgotten I am certain that most of them, especially in the Toronto area would welcome a short visit or a wee note, or even an occasional telephone call, from those who knew and remember them, and from the Lodge officers, whose duty should be to get to know them.

On a happier note, we are able to look forward with anticipation to welcoming one more member into the Eighty Plus Club in the year 2004, Bro. William Treleaven, who will reach the golden age in March.

May the Most High be with us all.

“ SO MOTE IT BE “

W. Bro. Kenneth W. Heans



This picture was taken at the Dinner for our new Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Jeffrey J. Stewart.
Front row W. Bro. Kenneth W. Heans, W. Bro. John H. Englert, R. W. Bro. Kamil Sadiq,
Back row W. Bro. J. Campbell Grassie, Bro. William Gosse, V. W. Bro. G. Richard Morgan,
W. Bro. Jeffrey J. Stewart, Bro. Octai Kelly, R. W. Bro. Sydney R. Whiteley, and
W. Bro. Werner O. Salge, (Picture was taken by R. W. Bro. A. Nezam Soltanzadeh)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MASONRY

Modern or speculative Masonry originated with the British stonemasons of the Middle Ages. In approximately 1350 these Operative Masons began to form guilds for the practice of their trade. Commencing in the late sixteen hundreds these Operative Lodges began to admit Non-operative. This probably had something to do with the Great Fire of London in 1666, whereby the King gave license to any one who could shoulder a hammer. Over the next one hundred and twenty-five years, non-operative outnumbered the Operative Masons. We repeatedly emphasize to our newer Members that we are not operative, but rather Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons. On June 24, 1717, four London Lodges met together and formed a Grand Lodge. This was the originator of the Grand Lodge of England. In 1725 a Grand Lodge was formed in Ireland; and in 1736 a Grand Lodge was formed in Scotland.

The first recorded Mason in the New World was John Skene. In 1670 he is listed as a Merchant and a Mason, on the membership roll of the Lodge at Aberdeen, Scotland. John Skene came to North America in 1682 and settled in what is now Burlington, New Jersey. He served as Deputy Governor for East Jersey from 1685 - 1690.

By 1730 there were various groups of men meeting as Masons. The influx of British troops into the New World also saw the arrival of Masonry. The soldiers brought with them Travelling Warrants - these warrants allowed the soldiers, who were also Masons, to meet and assemble in Lodge.

In this year the Grand Master in England appointed Daniel Coxe as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, for a two year term. Several local groups were given Warrants and by the year 1736 Masonry was well established in the Colonies. A Provincial Grand Master was appointed in Massachusetts in 1733; this Provincial Grand Lodge, operating from Boston, warranted several Lodges, which are now situated in Canada. These Lodges are situated in Annapolis, Nova Scotia - 1738, St. Johns, Newfoundland - 1738 and in Halifax, Nova Scotia - 1750. St. John's Lodge of Friendship No.2 met in Newark, Upper Canada, now Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario. This Lodge is now known as Niagara Lodge No.2. Our Grand Lodge has petitions for membership dating from September 14, 1782. This Lodge is the oldest Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. As a matter of interest, there are 648 Lodges, with a membership of approximately seventy thousand in the jurisdiction.

The above was read in open Lodge on December 2nd. 2003 by V. W. Bro. A. Shahab Soltanzadeh.

From the

FRIEND TO FRIEND DRAFT

***SEASON GREETINGS TO ALL
FROM THE
SECRETARY'S DESK***

BRO. WILLIAM GOSSE

WHAT IS A MASON ?

That's not a surprising question. Even though Mason's (Freemasons) are members of the largest and oldest fraternity in the world, and even though almost everyone has a father, grandfather or uncle who was a Mason, many people aren't quite certain just who Masons are. The answer is simple. A Mason (or Freemason) is a member of a fraternity known as Masonry (Freemasonry). A fraternity is a group of men (just as a sorority is a group of women) who join together because:

- * There are things they want to do in the world.
- * There are things they want to do "inside their own mind."
- * They enjoy being together with men they like and respect.

A Mason is a man who has decided that he likes to feel good about himself and others. He cares about the future as well as the past, and does what he can, both alone and with others, to make the future good for everyone.

"Grow or die" is a great law of all nature. Most people feel a need for continued growth as individuals. They feel they are not as honest or as charitable or as compassionate or as loving or as trusting or as well informed as they ought to be. Masonry reminds its members over and over again of the importance of these qualities and education. It lets men associate with other men of honor and integrity who believe that things like honesty, compassion, love trust, and knowledge are important. In some ways, Masonry is a support group for men who are trying to make the right decisions. It's easier to practice these virtues when you know that those around you think they are important, too, and won't laugh at you. That's a major reason that Masons enjoy being together. It's good to spend time with people you can trust completely, and most Masons find that in their Lodge. While much of Lodge activity is spent in works of charity or in lessons in self-development, much is also spent in fellowship. Lodges have picnics, camping trips, and many events for the whole family. Simply put, a Lodge is a place to spend time with friends. For members only, two basic kinds of meetings take place in Lodge. The most common is a simple business meeting.

To open and close the meeting, there is a ceremony whose purpose is to remind us of the virtues by which we are supposed to live. Then there is the reading of the minutes, voting on petitions (applications of men who want to join the fraternity), planning for charitable functions, family events, and other Lodge activities; and share information about members (called "Brothers" as in most fraternities) who are ill or have some sort of need. The other kind of meetings is one in which people join fraternity-one at which the "degrees" are performed. But every Lodge serves more than its own members. Frequently, there are meetings open to the public. Examples are Ladies's Night, "Brother Bring a Friend Nights," cornerstone laying ceremonies, and other special meetings supporting community events and dealing with topics of local interest.

A degree is a stage or level of membership. It's also the ceremony by which a man attains that level of membership. There are three, called Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. As you can see, the names are taken from the craft guilds. In the middle Ages, whenever a person wanted to join a craft, such as the gold smiths or the carpenters or the stonemasons, he was first apprenticed. As an apprentice, he learned the tools and the skill of the trade. When he had proved his skills, he became a "Fellow of the Craft" (today we would say "Journeyman"), and when he had exceptional ability he was known as a Master of the Craft.

The degrees are plays in which the candidate participates. Each degree uses symbols to teach, just as plays did in the Middle Ages and as many theatrical productions do today. The Masonic degrees teach the great lessons of life - the importance of honor and integrity, of being a person on whom others can rely, of being both trusting and trustworthy, of realizing that you have a spiritual nature as well as a physical of animal nature, of the importance of self-control, of knowing how to love and to be loved, of knowing how to keep confidential what others tell you so that they can "open up" without fear.

Taken from "Whats a Mason"

**The Ancient and Accepted Scottish
Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Valley of Toronto**

The Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection
2004 Spring Reunion
Thursday, April 29th. 2004
Closing Date for Applications

February 19th. 2004

Contact Your
Scottish Rite Lodge Representative

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**The Ancient and Accepted Scottish
Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Valley of Toronto
Master Masons Night**

A very special evening open to all Master Masons who want to learn more about Masonry, make a difference in the lives of others, and have a great time doing it.

Location:- York Masonic Temple
1100 Millwood Road
Toronto, Ontario

Date:- Thursday, May 20th. 2004

Time:- 7:30 p.m. sharp

Admission to this event is by ticket only

There is no admission charge for master masons, but a ticket is required to attend.

Contact your
Scottish Rite Lodge Representative

TEENAGER'S RIGHTS

My son came home from school one day with a smile upon his face.
He decided he was smart enough to put me in my place.
"Guess what I learned in Civics Two, that's taught by Mr. Wright?
It's all about the laws today, the "Children's Bill of Rights".
It says I need not clean my room, don't have to cut my hair,
No one can tell me what to think or speak, or what to wear!
I have freedom from religion, and regardless what you say,
I don't have to bow my head and I sure don't have to pray!
I can wear earrings if I want and pierce my tongue and nose.
I can read and watch just what I like, get tattoos from head to toes,
And if you ever spank me, I'll charge you with a crime.
I'll back up all my charges, with the marks on my behind!
Don't you ever touch me, my body's only for MY use,
Not for your hugs and kisses, that's just more child abuse!
Don't preach a bout your morals, like your Mama did to you.
That's nothing more than mind control, and it's illegal too!
Mom, I have these children's rights, so you can't influence me,
Or I'll call Children's Services Division, better know as C.S.D."

Of course, my first instinct was to throw him out the door.
But the chance to teach him a lesson made me think a little more.
I mulled it over carefully, I couldn't let this go.
A smile crept upon my face, he's messing with a Pro!!
Next day I took him shopping at the local Goodwill Store.
I told him "Pick out all you want, there's shirts and pants galore!
I've called and checked with C.S.D. who said they didn't care
If I bought you K-Mart shoes instead of those Nike Airs!
I've cancelled that appointment to take your Driver's Test.
The C.S.D. is unconcerned, so I'll decide what's best.
I said, "No time to stop and eat, or pick up stuff to munch,
And tomorrow you can start to learn to make your own sack lunch!
Just save the raging appetite and wait till dinner time,
We're having liver and onions, a favorite dish of mine".
He asked "Can I please rent a movie to watch on my VCR?"
"Sorry but I sold your TV, for new tires on my car.
I also rented out your room, you'll take the couch instead,
The C.S.D. requires just a roof over your head.
Your clothing won't be trendy now, and I'll choose what we eat.
That allowance that you used to get, will buy me something neat.
I'm selling off your jet ski, dirt bike and roller blades.
Check out the "Parent's Bill of Rights", it's in effect today!!
Hey hot shot, are you crying? Why are you on your knees?
Are you asking God to help you out, instead of C.S.D?"

Author Unkwon

R.W.BRO. BRUCE W. DICKSON
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S
TRESTLEBOARD

For the ballance of the Masonic year

JANUARY 2004:-

Tuscan	No. 99	Inst. Thur. 08
Harmony	No.438	O.V. Mon. 26

FEBRUARY 2004:-

King Solomon's	No.22	O.V. Thur. 12
Wilson	No.86	O.V. Tues. 17
Harcourt	No.581	O.V. Wed. 18
Fellowship	No.702	O.V. Tues. 24

MARCH 2004:-

Rehoboam	No.65	O.V. Thur. 04
Sharon	No.97	O.V. Tues. 09
St.Clair	No.577	O.V. Wed. 17
Ashlar	No.247	O.V. Wed. 24

APRIL 2004:-

Simcoe	No.79	O.V. Mon. 12
Grenville	No.629	Inst. Wed. 14

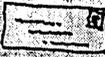
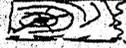
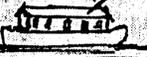
MAY 2004:-

Corinthian	No.481	O.V. Wed. 05
Rehoboam	No.66	Inst. Thur. 06

JUNE 2004:-

Zetland	No.326	Inst. Tue. 01
Richmond	No.23	Inst. Thur.24

A LETTER TO A DAUGHTER IN UNIVERSITY

By June
 I thought U like 2
 get a  from Dad. I do  write
 2 U reg of 10
 2 DAY we all went in the 
 to GALT Home was at the  and he
 DROVE VERY FAST HE AND HU went in for
 a  at  ER P 
 with MOTHER &  & IAN 
 and looked after  who kept running
 away to every lot of children that he
 looking 4 U
 PLEASE GIVE MY BEST REGARDS TO
 MISS HOWELL AND ALL AT THE 
 Y 
 LOVING
 DAD

CANADIAN FACTS AND FIGURES

- 1: Canadian, James Naismith invented Basketball. (1892)
- 2: T. E. Ryan, of Toronto invented five-pin bowling. (1909)
- 3: Canadian sculler, Ned Hanlan, was Canada's first world famous sportsman. (1880 - 84)
- 4: Wood Buffalo Park, in Alberta / NWT, is the world's largest national park. (44,840 kilometres)
- 5: Tommy Burns was Canada's first and last world heavyweight boxing champion. (1906 - 08)
- 6: J.W.Elliott, of Toronto, invented the rotary snowplough (1869)
- 7: Joseph A. Bombardier invented the snowmobile(1937)
- 8: Lester B. Pearson was the first Canadian to win the Noble Peace Prize. (1957)
- 9: The longest skating rink in the world is on the Rideau Canal. 7. 8 Kilometres)
- 10: The first credit union in North America was in Quebec. (1900)

Bill Bedford, Toronto

TIME

Don't ever say that you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same numbers of hours in a day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michael Angelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo DaVenci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.

Author unknown

FROM THE KITCHEN STIR-FRY IN A PRESSURE COOKER

A different type of a stir-fry, only if you have a Pressure Cooker

Prep time 10 min. - cooking time 12 Min.

- 3/4 lb. beef sirloin (cut in chunks)
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 1tbsp. oil
- 1cup peas
- 2cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 1-1/2 cups minute rice
- 1tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 can (10oz) beef broth
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 Red and Green pepper (chopped)

Do not cook anything in advance, after all is prepared put it all in the pressure cooker, and in 12 minutes serve and enjoy, garlic bread is great with this stir-fry.
(above makes 2 servings)

(For a change use chicken and chicken broth.)

Remember you must use a pressure cooker.

Ken & Bill

ZETLAND LODGE ANNUAL PICNIC
AUGUST 17th. 2003



THE OLDEST, THE YOUNGEST AND THE IN BETWEEN

W.Bro. Kenneth W. Heans, Even Pollard (8 Days Old) his mother Mrs. James Pollard
V.W.Bro. A. Shahab Soltanzadeh

Word Search - Birds

D S R P F N D F B N D H O I E
R T O A H U A L A R O R G G S
I A B W C E U G I L I O L R O
B R I K I E A B I O C L L O O
E L N G J L G S L M A O G U G
U I S A V N D E A N R N N S T
L N Y N I G H T I N G A L E U
B G E M N N G D U T T W T S R R
I T M J O Y R H I R E S U P T
P U V R R A V E N L K R M F L
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- STARLING
- SWAN
- TERN
- TURTLEDOVE
- WILDTURKEY
- WOODPECKER
- WREN
- OWL
- PHEASANT
- PIGEON
- PTARMIGAN
- RAVEN
- ROBIN
- SEAGULL
- SPARROW
- HAWK
- HERON
- HUMMINGBIRD
- KILLDEER
- LOON
- NIGHTINGALE
- ORIOLE
- BLUEBIRD
- BLUEJAY
- CARDINAL
- DUCK
- EGRET
- FALCON
- GOOSE
- GROUSE

AWAITING 32 DEGREES

No I am not waiting for summer, I am hoping to complete my 32 Degrees in Masonry. My story started in 1972 when I first joined Masonry.

I have been master of Zetland Lodge four times (1979, 1985, 2001 & 2002) and received a Grand Lodge appointment of Grand Steward in 1994. I felt my Masonic life was completed—BOY WAS I WRONG!

I attended a Past Masters' meeting in 2003. In attendance were the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, Secretary and Past Masters – a total of 12 or 14. To my surprise, I was the only one who had not joined the Scottish Rite. I openly admitted to them that I felt left out of their inner circle. "No problem", was their prompt reply. I immediately had 12 sponsors ready to vouch for me and an offer to get an application. How could I refuse such an enthusiastic response. I joined shortly after and am presently completing my first step and awaiting my twelfth degree

Joining the Scottish Rite has rekindled my thirst for more knowledge in Masonry. Each Degree is special and has been performed with perfection. I drive from Bobcaygeon to Toronto to attend these meetings and as the saying goes, "It's worth the drive to Toronto"! I have met 27 new Masons who are Candidates and many more who are Members and on the Degree Team.

I must thank Bill Gosse. Bill and myself have been a Secretary/Treasurer team since 1988 and have established a strong friendship. Bill said, "Knowing you Dick, you would really enjoy the Scottish Rite". Bill Gosse and Skip Whiteley (my sponsors) along with Ken Heans and Shahab Soltanzadeh have attended with me. It is nice to have such good friends to support you when you start a new venture.

Each Master Mason should complete his Masonic Circle by joining the Scottish Rite. I only wish that I joined 25 years ago, but it is never too late! I encourage each Master Mason to act now. Do not wait 25 years like I did. Reach out and discover what a beautiful experience the Scottish Rite brings to you.

After all this excitement, I am now told the best is yet to come. You are never alone. You see these Brethren at every official visit, installations and special events in and outside all Toronto Districts. They all keep Masonry alive, continue to expand our knowledge and show they really care.

Since I am only a novice in this new adventure, I look forward to extending my true feelings to you after completing my 32nd Degree. I have asked Bill Gosse to allow me room in his Zet News when I have completed all 32 Degrees so that I may add some extra items of encouragement in this venture.

Until then, may the Great Architect of the Universe always be with you.

V.W. Bro. G. Richard Morgan

*Before computer games and drugs.
Before T.V. chips & X-rated movies*

THERE WAS

Hide and seek
Red light, green light
Hopscotch
Jumping Rope
Stickball
Dodge ball
Simon says
Kick-the-can
Saturday matinees
Pillow fights
Leaf fires
Mello rolls
Root beer
Saturday morning cartoons

Bill Bedford

The Language of a smile

There's a special language spoken
By everyone on earth.
No matter what their country,
No matter what their birth.

It crosses every border,
It transcends all time and space
It's known alike by young and old
And found in every place.

Those who speak it often
Always find that it's worthwhile
Everybody understands it.
It's the language of a smile!

Author Unknown