



The Nova Scotia FREEMASON

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA

A Farewell Message

To all Lodges, Secretaries, and Members of the Masonic Fraternity under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

Friends all:

Words do not seem to be nearly adequate enough to express my deep joy and appreciation to the Masonic Family across the Province of Nova Scotia for the many cards, gifts and monetary donations that I have received in recognition of my recent retirement after thirty-five and one-half years as Secretary to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.



R.H. Northup, Grand Secretary making presentation to Ardith Pye at her retirement party.

Thank-you also to those of you who were able to attend my retirement dinner on January 6, despite the inclement weather conditions. It is my understanding that sixty-six people were in attendance. This was a wonderful evening, one that I shall remember and cherish for a long time to come. It was a real oppor-

tunity for my co-workers, the Masons and their spouses, to meet my family, and for the family to meet those with whom I have spent the last thirty-five and-a-half years of my working career.

To those who made this dinner possible, and to those who participated as the evening unfolded, I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the honour thus bestowed upon me. My deepest gratitude too, for the laptop computer and all its equipment presented to me at the close of the evening!

Over the years, I have made many friends throughout the Fraternity, and I trust that our paths will cross again as we continue along life's journey.

Again, many thanks, and I pray that God will richly bless each and all of you. 🙏

*Sincerely,
Ardith E. Pye
(formerly) Secretary to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

Presentation of 50-year Jewel



On January 8, 2007 at St. John's Lodge No. 2, the Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Roger E. Eisner presented a 50-year Jewel to V. Wor. Bro. B.E. "Brent" MacDonald. V. Wor. Bro. Brent MacDonald is accompanied by his son V. Wor. Bro. B.A. "Art" MacDonald and grandson V. Wor. Bro. Michael K. MacDonald, both who assisted the Grand Master on the presentation of the 50-year Jewel.

Grand Lodge Nominations

Nominations for Junior and Senior Grand Wardens, and Deputy Grand Master, must be sent to the Grand Secretary by registered mail postmarked no later than April 5, 2007. Please mark Nomination on the outside face of the envelope.

On The Level

Brethren, as Masons we always talk about Masons meeting 'On The Level' but what exactly does 'meeting on the level' truly mean?

I am certain that it means something to each and every one of us, Yet in the same light means something different to all brethren as we often interpret our allegories and symbolism individually.

Masonically, the Level, as a working tool, is a symbol of equality. We do not mean equality in wealth, social distinction, civic office, or service to mankind but refer to the internal, and not the external, qualifications of a man. Each person is endowed with a worth and dignity which is spiritual, and should not be subject to man-made distinctions. The quality practiced in Masonry recognizes that one man may have greater potential in life, service, or reward, than another; but, we also believe that any man can aspire to any heights, no matter how great! Thus, the Level dignifies labour and the man who performs it. It also acknowledges that all men are equal without regard to station.

Yet 'meeting on the level' is more than acknowledging that all Masons are equal without regard to station within the lodge. To gain a better understanding we have to take a closer look at the word 'equal' and what it means within the Masonic sense.

It is in the free and friendly air of a lodge of Masons, about an altar of obligation and prayer, that the principle of equality finds its most perfect and beautiful expression. There, upon the Level, the symbol of equality, rich and poor, high and low, prince and plain citizen – men of diverse creeds, parties, interests, and occupations – meet in mutual respect and regard, forgetting all differences of rank and station, and united for the highest good of all. Brethren, if we truly meet upon the "Level and part upon the Square" titles, ranks, and riches do not pass the Inner Guard and the humblest brother is held in sacred regard equally with the brother who has attained the highest round of the wheel of fortune.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of the word "Respect" within this context. As Masons we must respect each other as men and as Masons demonstrating due regard for each other's ideas for improvement within the craft. How often are we readily critical of our brethren's suggestions for improvement within our lodges, often

humiliating him with off to the side, snide negative remarks, which everyone of us has heard at some time or other and not worth dignifying by repeating here. How often do we become angry with a brother merely because his ideas or suggestions differ from ours. And yet, Brethren, are we not all trying to do what is best for the craft within the confines of our own equality and level!

Brethren, if we are true Masons who live our obligation, we must readily listen to the ideas of our Brethren, treating them with all respect and every due regard. There is no reason why we always have to agree with every brother and/or his ideas. In fact disagreement can be most healthy for the lodge and the craft as it often leads to greater and more in-depth thinking and discussion for improvement within our wonderful order. However, is there any need to demonstrate anger because we disagree with the ideas or another brother's concept of what is good for the lodge? Is it not more important and productive to the lodge and the craft to recognize that our brother is attempting to help us all improve as men and as Masons and do what he thinks is best for the craft at that time?

Every brother in the lodge is equally concerned in the building of the Temple, that edifice greater than that of Solomon, and each has his work to do. Because the task demands different gifts and powers, all are equally necessary to the work; the architect who draws the plans, the Apprentice who carries stones or shapes them with the chisel and gavel, the Fellowcraft who polishes and deposits them in the wall, and the Master Mason and Officers who marshal the workmen, guide their labour and pay their wages. Every one is equal to every other so long as he does good work, true work, square work. None but is necessary to the erection of the edifice; none but receive the honour of the Craft;

and all together know the joy of seeing the Temple slowly rising in the midst of their labours! Thus Masonry lifts men to a high level, making each a fellow-worker in a great enterprise and if it is the best brotherhood it is because it is a brotherhood of the best.

Yes my brethren, the Level demonstrates that we all spring from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share in the same hope; and although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination and to regard merit and ability, no eminence of station in life should make us forget that we are brothers and that he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel is as much entitled to our regard and respect as he who has attained the highest, because the time will come, and the best and wisest know not how soon, when all distinctions save those of goodness and virtue shall cease, and death, the grand leveller of human greatness, shall reduce us all to the same level.

Brethren let us all work together forgetting our petty differences by deliberately and diligently working toward the building of that truly spiritual edifice whose basic tenets and foundation must be inculcated through brotherly love, relief and truth. Let us all "Meet upon the Level and Part upon the Square"!

Submitted by Bro. Daniel G. Campbell

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Learning Centre For Dyslexic Children Off To A Good Start

The Learning Centre for Children held its Official Opening on Sunday September 17, 2006.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Roger Eisner, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, and Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townshend the Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masonry in Canada, participated in the ceremonies, which included the traditional of cutting the "ceremonial ribbon". Approximately seventy-five people were in attendance, making for a very full house. Following the ceremonies the attendees enjoyed a light lunch provided by the "Chowder Chicks" of the Port Wallis United Church.

The Centre has seven volunteer tutors who are delivering remedial tutoring to eight dyslexic children. The children range in age from nine to sixteen years. The children received their first tutoring session on October 20, 2006. Each of the children is receiving two one hour tutoring sessions each week, outside of the normal school hours. The Centre operates Monday to Thursday and on Saturday morning.

While the children have been in the program for only three months, several

parents have reported that already they are observing an improvement in their child. This indeed is good news.

The program uses the Orton-Gillingham Approach. This program has been used by the Masonic Learning Centres in the United States for many years and has proven to be very effective in assisting children to learn to cope with their learning disability.

The tutors are required to undergo forty-five hours of training in the Orton-Gillingham Approach. The training is being delivered by Barbara Labrecque, the Director of the Portland, Maine, Learning Centre for Children. She comes to the Centre each month for two or three days. During these visits she delivers lectures on the Approach and observes a tutoring session with each of the tutors to assist them in their development. The tutors are approximately halfway through their training. The schedule calls for the training to be completed by the end of June.

As information concerning the Centre spreads through the community, parents who are desperate to find help for their children, are inquiring about having their children enrolled in the

program. Applications from four additional children have been approved for admission into the program, but they cannot be admitted until additional tutors have been recruited and trained. A number of other applications have been received and they are in the process of being evaluated.

The principal challenge now facing the Governors of the Centre is the recruiting of additional tutors and the appointment of a Director to oversee the ongoing operations.

With more tutors enlisted in the program, more children can be helped to cope with their learning disability.

Inquiries would be welcomed from those who possess an undergraduate degree and have a genuine interest in helping to make a positive impact on the life of a child.

More information about the Center is available on the Centre's website. The address is www.dyslexiacentrehalifax.com. The Centre may be contacted by telephone at (902) 405-3895.

Submitted by Harold Crosby, G.T.

Books Of Interest

Meditations on Masonic Symbolism

By John R. Heisner

This book gives a spiritual in-depth explanation of many of the common symbols and wordings of our fraternity. Many of the short articles begin by saying what lesson we as Freemasons are being taught. This book conveys the message about mankind's relationship to God. The contents are the opinions of the author, however they do not preach, they convey a message in a very practical and responsible manner.

Published by Publish America, ISBN: 1-4241-4781-6, S/C, 158 pages, \$25.00 Cdn.

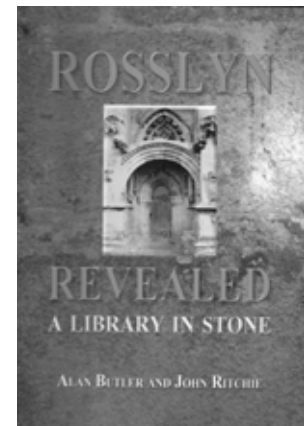


Rosslyn Revealed A Library In Stone

By Alan Butler and John Ritchie

This book covers in detail the carvings which are found both inside and out of Rosslyn Chapel. This small gothic masterpiece situated near Edinburgh was built in the 15th century and contains many mysteries which these two authors deal with in detail. Much evidence is put forward to give new insight to the previously unknown facts about its origin. Both authors are well qualified with over 12 years of research behind them.

ISBN: 1-905047-92-4, H/C, \$35.00 Cdn. www.o-books.net



Acacia Lodge No. 8

Members of Acacia Lodge 8 and their wives gathered for a banquet September 19, 2006, to honour three of their members. The chairman for the social evening was Worshipful Brother Warren H. Chapman, Ruling Master of Acacia Lodge 8. Head table guests included: Very Worshipful Brother Allan M. Chapman, Very Worshipful Brother Aubrey M. Chapman, Mrs. Aubrey (Marilyn) Chapman, Worshipful Brother Warren H. Chapman, Mrs. Warren (Brenda) Chapman, Mrs. Glen (Ann) Manthorne and Very Worshipful Brother Glen M. Manthorne. Chairman Chapman conducted the evening's affairs in a pleasantly humorous fashion.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to Very Worshipful Brother (Old) Ken Thurston by Very Worshipful Brother (young) Ken Ferris and to Very Worshipful Brother Glen Manthorne by Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Wilson A. Smith Jr.



Shown: Glen Manthorne (left), Ken Thurston (centre), Aubrey Chapman (right). Glen Manthorne and Aubrey Chapman were presented their Meritorious Service Medal, the highest award a lodge can present to a member. Glen Manthorne and Ken Thurston, who became Masons together May 7, 1981, received their 25 year pins.

The highest award a lodge can bestow on a member is the Meritorious Service Medal and it is awarded to brothers who have been members of

the fraternity for a minimum of fifteen years and been active in the presenting lodge for at least five years and also active in their communities. Citations recommending the presentation must be prepared and submitted to the Awards Committee of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia by the presenting lodge. Receiving this award were Very Worshipful Brothers Aubrey M. Chapman and Glen M. Manthorne. Very Worshipful Brother Aubrey M. Chapman was presented his medal by his son, Very Worshipful Brother Allan M. Chapman. Son-in-law, Brother Peter M. Luddington of Moncton, N.B. presented his father-in-law, Very Worshipful Brother Glen Manthorne with his medal. The head table guests had earlier been led into the hall to the skirl of the pipes by his daughter, Mrs. Peter (Christiann) Luddington, a member of the R.C.M.P. Pipes and Drums and ER nurse, also of Moncton.

Annapolis Royal Lodge No. 33

On Sept 6, Annapolis Royal Lodge No. 33 brethren, ladies and visitors filled the lodge to capacity for the presentation of the 60 year bar to Rt. Wor. Bro. E. "Kirk" Whitman by our Grand Master M. Wor. Bro. Roger Eisner. Kirk's wife June also attended west of the alter during the presentation.



Submitted by Rt. Wor. Bro Dennis Buchanan J.W. Annapolis Royal No. 33.



Annapolis Royal No. 33 had a "full house" recently. Two rows of seats on both sides. Usually they do well to have 8 or 10. The second picture is Keith Lodge No. 16, on September 11. Again a full house - the first time in many years. Their usual turnout is 5 or 6.



Submitted by Roger E. Eisner, Grand Master

What Is The Tilers Oath?

Declaration of a visitor that he has been regularly initiated, passed and raised and does not stand suspended or expelled.

Source: MSA Digest Pocket Masonic Dictionary

Broom And Gavel Bonspiel

Grand Master MW Bro. Roger Eisner accompanied by DGM Rt. Wor. Bro. Dan Campbell and SGW Rt. Wor. Bro. Roy Lively officially opened the bonspiel held at Brookfield Curling Club in February, and hosted by C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125.

Some excellent curling shots were made by the brethren who enjoyed both games and fellowship on the ice, 50/50 draws, and many prizes.

A boisterous banquet held on Saturday evening included an excellent roast beef dinner, many great door prizes and guest speaker, MW Bro. Roger Eisner who remarked that he was very impressed with the camaraderie shared by all present.

The Sunday draws included the finals for all 5 divisions with the winning teams collecting their trophies and prizes after some tough competition.



Grand Master MW Bro. Roger Eisner officially opening the 2007 Broom and Gavel Bonspiel held Feb. 16-18, 2007. DGM Rt. Wor Bro. Dan Campbell on left, SGW Rt. Wor. Bro. Roy Lively on the right.

Division Winners:
 "A" Division
 Fairview Lodge No. 126
 Runner-up
 Fellowship Lodge No. 112

"B" Division
 Royal Sussex Lodge No. 6 (Team 1)
 Runner-up
 Clarke Lodge No. 61

"C" Division
 Western Shore Lodge No. 50
 Runner-up
 Acacia Lodge No. 8 (Team 2)

"D" Division
 Ashlar Lodge No. 107
 Runner-up
 W.D. Lawrence Lodge No. 101

"E" Division
 Acacia Lodge No. 8 (Team 1)
 Runner-up
 Harmony Lodge No. 52

Mariners Lodge No. 80

On September 16, 2006, Wor. Bro. Dowling presented lodge member Bro. Herbert A. Smith with his 55 and 60 year bars. What is also significant is that Bro. Smith has not been able to attend a regular lodge meeting in those 6 decades, yet he stays in touch, and regularly and faithfully remits his dues each year. While not being able to attend lodge "in-person", Bro. Smith is certainly with Mariners Lodge and the fraternity "in spirit".

Bro. Smith is a native of British Columbia. In World War Two he joined the Royal Canadian Navy and was posted to Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. It was in Louisbourg that Bro. Smith met his fu-

ture wife, the former Edith Martell. Through Edith's father Arthur and twin brother Raymond, both members of Mariners Lodge, Bro. Smith was introduced to Freemasonry and joined the Louisbourg lodge. By now the war was over, and after being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, newly made Bro. Smith was transferred back to British Columbia, where he and Edith settled in Burnaby. 🏴

*Submitted V. Wor. Bro. Darius (Dare) B. Powell
 Mariners Lodge No. 80 Louisbourg*



Front row: Wor. Bro. Wayne Dowling, to his right Bro. Herbert Smith. Behind, left to right: Bros. Eric Beresford, Philip Bagnell, David Murrant, Harvey Lewis, Darius Powell, Francis Cathcart, Loren Calvert, Robert McFadgen, David Delaney, and Edward Murrant.



Front center: Wor. Bro. Wayne Dowling, to his right, Bro. Herbert Smith and spouse Edith. Around them are friends of Bro. Smith and Edith, and brethren of Mariners Lodge.

The bonspiel committee of C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125 would like to thank all of you who helped in any way to make the 2007 edition of the "Broom and Gavel" the great success it was.

A special note of thanks to Rt. Wor. Bro. Gary Beattie of W. D. Lawrence Lodge No. 101 for his generous support of prizes.

Next year, the 2008 Edition of our "Broom and Gavel" bonspiel will be hosted by Stewiacke Lodge No. 98 who have already booked the ice time and started to make plans.

Thank you and good curling. 🏴

*V. Wor. Bro. Phillip Randall
 C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125
 Bonspiel Committee*

District Meeting

The District Meeting of the Masonic Lodges of Cape Breton Centre was held on 18 October, at the new lodge rooms of Royal Albert Lodge, North Sydney. The Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Nova Scotia, MW Bro. Daniel Campbell was in attendance and presented Rt. Hon. Bob Muir, Royal Oak No. 85, with a 60 year bar. The DGM presented 50 year jewels to Wor. Bro. Roy B. Pushie and Bro. Dr. Coleman G. Lecker both of MacKay No. 113. Certificates of office were also presented to DDGM Rt. Wor. Bro. Gordon MacLeod, DGDC V. Wor. Bro. George Standing, and DGC V. Wor. Bro. Ray Nicholson of Royal Albert No. 19.

(Photos by DGDC Bro. George Standing)



Left to right: District Grand Director of Ceremonies V. Wor. Bro. George Standing, District Grand Clergy V. Wor. Bro. Ray Nicholson, Grand Lodge Director of Ceremonies and District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Gordon MacLeod.



From left to right: Bro. Dr. Coleman Lecker, Wor. Bro. Roy Pushie and Deputy Grand Master MW Bro. Dan Campbell.



From left to right are retired Senator Rt. Hon. Bro. Bob Muir and Deputy Grand Master MW Bro. Dan Campbell.



Left to right: Bro. Dr. Coleman Lecker and Deputy Grand Master MW Bro. Dan Campbell.



Left to right: District Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Gordon MacLeod and Deputy Grand Master MW Dan Campbell.

Are The Tracing Board And The Trestle Board Masonically The Same?

No. The tracing board bears upon it representations of the several symbols of one or all the degrees; the trestle board is that drawing board, supported upon a trestle, on which anciently, the Master Builder drew his designs. In early lodges Masonic symbols were drawn upon earth or floor with charcoal or chalk; these were erased when the meeting was over. Later, such symbols were presented upon a permanent surface and became the Master's Carpet, and today in many lodges are to be seen upon oil cloth or canvas, pointed out by a Deacon during the delivery of the lecture.

Trestle board appeared at least two hundred years ago, mentioned in Prichard's *Masonry Dissected*, early exposé of Masonic ritual. Mackey considers that the Volume of the Sacred Law is the trestle board of modern Masons.

Source: MSA Digest 101 Questions About Freemasonry

Your Giving, Your Sharing

An Introduction to the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia



Charity is a Cornerstone of the Freemason's way of Life

The mission of the Masonic Foundation is to encourage the active practice of the Masonic Principles of Benevolence and Charity, and to promote a positive image of Freemasonry in the Community.

Charity is often seen as the public face of Freemasonry. Freemasons' charity in Nova Scotia is best known through benevolence, care for the aged, hospitals, learning centres for dyslexic children, and financial support for students pursuing higher education; but there is much more being done

than is generally recognized.

It is a little known fact that Freemasons' work is widely applied to the general public and most often directed at non-Masonic causes. While all Freemasons' Lodges throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia practice charity in their own right, the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia is the body mainly responsible for the management and distribution of money for charitable purposes; including benevolent assistance given through the Assisted Home Program and shared funding with Lodges pursuing local community and scholarship programs. The Foundation's Fund used for these endeavours is the result of the donations of Freemasons by direct giving and income from investments.

The work of the Foundation is of great significance to all Freemasons in Nova Scotia, and charitable giving is a privilege taken very seriously. As a purely private organization Freemasons are proud to be working quietly within their communities for the benefit of those less fortunate. However, this gives us no right to be complacent with our results. The amount of our donations to the Fund has not shown the increase that will ensure

that we will be able to face the future with confidence. There is a need for continued individual donations from all members of our Fraternity. To enable us to be "a force for good", as has been shown by recent and past activities, all Lodges must be more proactive in their efforts to keep our name in front of the public in a positive manner, and encourage their members to remember that one of our fundamental principles is charity.

There are a number of ways

money from the Masonic Foundation reaches the Recipients.

Support for Individuals

Applications can be made to the Assisted Home Program through any of the individual Lodges in Nova Scotia. These are mainly for assistance in cases of cost-of-living relief, home maintenance and health care for Masons and their widows. Naturally, Lodges are concerned for their own members and families, and may apply for assistance on their behalf.

Support for Education

The pursuit of higher education at degree granting universities and community colleges for selected students is provided through a cost sharing scholarship program with the Lodges. In addition, the Foundation in cooperation with the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation funds the operation of a Masonic Learning Centre for Dyslexic children.

Caring for the Community

In addition to the needs of individuals, the Foundation contributes on a shared funding basis to support Lodges' own fund-raising efforts, many of which are for assistance to community organizations. The Foundation provides guidelines which must be met in order for these applications to be approved.

Natural Disasters

The Foundation may assist people who have been adversely affected by natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, fire or hurricanes. These funds are given in circumstances where immediate help is essential.

"May a Freemason's charity have no bounds save that of prudence".

The Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia Information Booklet describing the Assisted Home Program, the Shared Funds Program, the Nova Scotia Freemasons Scholarship Program, and the Administered Program may be read from the Grand Lodge Web Site Home Page, Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia section: <http://www.grandlodgens.org/>



Submitted by Rt. Wor. Earl Banks.

50 Year Jewel Presented



On November 4, 2006, at the annual dinner of Sircom Lodge No. 66, A.F. & A.M. in Whycomogagh, Wor. Bro. Donald W. Matheson was presented with his 50 year jewel. Several family members and Masonic acquaintances of Bro. Matheson were in attendance. In this picture, Past Grand Master Wor. Bro. Shane MacFarlane presents Bro. Matheson with his jewel.

Submitted by Wor. Bro. Fred Matthews, Secretary, Sircom Lodge No. 66.

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

Members Registration Form

June 1st & 2nd, 2007

Best Western Glengarry Hotel
150 Willow Street, Truro, NS, B2N 4Z6
For Reservation Phone: 1-800-567-4276

Rooms \$80.00 + Tax. Single or double occupancy.
This rate applies to a minimum 2 night stay. Guests booking rooms for two
nights and checking out after 1 night will be charged regular room rates
(\$102.00 single / \$112.00 double per night + tax)

MEMBERS MUST BOOK THEIR OWN ROOMS

Ensure that you and your Lady are not disappointed, reservations are
Required for **Banquet** and **Ladies Luncheon**
(No tickets for these events will be available at the hotel)

Name: Are you a **Past Master?**.....
Name of accompanying Lady (for name tag):.....
Lodge Name:..... No..... Location:.....
Present Lodge Office:.....
Your full address:.....
..... Postal Code:.....
E-mail address:..... Phone:.....
Are you a Grand
Representative? . . . If so, what G.L.?

So that proper arrangements can be made, please indicate which of the following
events you plan to attend:

Sat. June 2nd:
Ladies Luncheon: Yes: . . . No: . . .
Grand Lodge Banquet: Yes: . . . No: . . . Your Lady? Yes. . . No.....

Ladies Luncheon Tickets are \$ 25.00 each.
Grand Lodge Banquet tickets are \$35.00 each, \$ 70.00 per couple.
Payment in full for all tickets must accompany this reservation form.

The Grand Master Elect has indicated his desire to have an
OPEN INSTALLATION
of Grand Lodge Officers.
Family members and guests are welcome to attend.

Please return this form with payment for tickets requested not later than May 15th, 2007 to:

Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia
1533 Barrington Street
Halifax NS, B3J 1Z4
Phone: 1-902-423-6149

Complete this Form Only If You Plan to Attend the 2007 Annual Communication