



The TOMAHAWK

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From the Editor ...

Dear Brethren:

Well, we did it! Actually the Lodge did a whole *bunch* of things this summer. Following our last meeting on June 9th, Tsawwassen Lodge, in excellent numbers, attended the Annual Communication of Washington State in Wenatchee, the Annual Communication of B.C. and Yukon at Salmon Arm, the reception for *Most Worshipful Grand Master Sat Tashiro* at Lakeside, our Annual Picnic at Point Bob, Lakeside's Picnic at Edmonds Shrine Park, and the Outdoor Degree conferred by the R.C.M.P. Degree Team at Granite Falls.

We can all be excused a little well-deserved pride in our achievements. At the risk of missing something – or someone – out, the things I recall most about Tsawwassen's combined efforts included:

1. Brother *Norm Lovitt*'s hard work and preparations for the Hospitality Suite at Salmon Arm and how anxious he was because he couldn't be there. (Dinna fear—it went great, Norm!);
2. All the help that was forthcoming at Salmon Arm to make sure everything went well – and the cheerful and willing assistance of Brothers *Malcolm Stevenson, Bob Spratt, George Heggie, Pat Nevraumont, Gillespie Pere et Fils,* and *Kirk Morrow* in setting up and running the hospitality suite;
3. The extra effort put out by Brothers *Greg Nicholls* and *Cornel Pop* when it seemed as if Grand Lodge's reception for our new *Most Worshipful Grand Master Bill Unrau* had encountered a glitch or two;
4. The wonderful turn-out we had for our picnic, especially by our Brethren and their Ladies from Lakeside Lodge (it almost didn't matter that we got our clocks cleaned at bocce ball – grrrrrr!) and the culinary contributions of *Bob and Sharon Brown, Carl Smith* and *Carol Nevraumont*;
5. Being part of the perambulation of Tsawwassen Brethren at Grand Lodge to honour our new Grand Master, and the feeling of intense pride that engendered;
6. Watching the outdoor degree being conferred at Granite Falls, and noting how smart and precise the RCMP Degree Team looked, with Brothers *Bryce Gilkinson* and *Bob Doige* playing very prominent parts.

(I'm sure there were other things and other people deserving of mention, and I apologize for any errors of omission in my little tribute.)

All in all, this summer has set the bar for Tsawwassen Lodge at a very high level for the coming year, but not one we, under the direction of our soon-to-be new Worshipful Master, *Greg Nicholls*, need fear as being unable to maintain.

Ed.

Famous Canadian Freemasons: **Oscar Peterson**



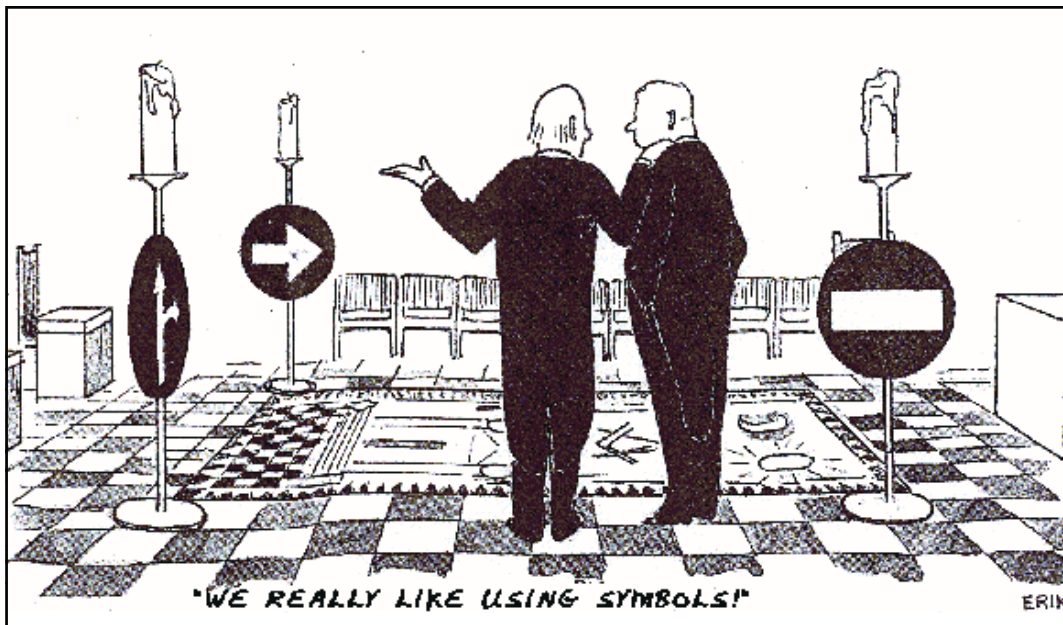
Born August 15th, 1925

Brother Oscar Peterson is considered by many to be the greatest Jazz pianist of today— perhaps of all time. He was born in Montreal, the son of a C.P.R. porter who was a fine, self-taught musician. The younger Peterson soon showed a remarkable aptitude for the piano, and by the age of 14 Oscar had entered a CBC talent contest, winning a spot on the “*Happy Gang*” radio show. Classical music training taught Oscar the incredible keyboard technique he was to transfer to jazz. He played Carnegie Hall at 24 and his career has never looked back. **Brother Peterson** has played with all the Greats of modern jazz; he has composed much excellent music, including his “*Canadiana Suite*”, now a jazz classic; and has won innumerable awards. These include “Grammys”, “Junos” and “Genies”, and a Governor General's Award for his contribution to Canadian music. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, and a Chevalier of the Ordre du Quebec. **Brother Peterson** survived a serious stroke in 1993, and is now back playing and touring with as much vigour as ever.

SOME MASONIC HUMOUR ...

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Pat and Mike had been Lodge Brothers for many years. They had promised each other long ago that the first to go to the Grand Lodge Above would return to tell the other whether there really were Lodges in Heaven and what they were like. By and by, it came to pass that Mike went first. One day shortly after, Pat was working in his garden when he heard a whispered voice, "Pssst, Pat!" He looked around but saw no one. A few moments later he heard, now quite clearly, "Pat! Its me, Mike!" "Mike!" Pat exclaimed, "Are you in Heaven?" "Indeed I am" said Mike. Pat paused for a while to get over the shock and then said, "Well, Mike, are there Lodges up there in Heaven?" "There certainly are, Pat. There are Lodges all over and they are quite magnificent, equal to or better than Great Queen Street. The meetings are well attended, the ritual is word perfect, the festive board fantastic and the spirit of Masonic Fellowship is all pervasive." "My goodness, Mike," said Pat, "it certainly sounds very impressive, but for all that you seem rather sad. Tell me, old friend, what's the matter?" "Well, Pat, you are right. I have some good news and some bad news." "OK, Mike, what's the good news?" "The good news is that we're doing a Master Mason degree this coming Wednesday." "Great," said Pat. "What's the bad news then?" Mike replied, "You're going to be the Senior Warden!"



We are aware that many signatories of the "Declaration of Independence" and the "Constitution of the United States" were Freemasons. But only one Freemason signed *both* of these historical

A final word or two ...

We Freemasons are not in any way encouraged to make much of our own personal accomplishments. "O'erweening" pride in ourselves is something to be rigorously avoided. But it *is* permitted to acknowledge the accomplishments of others. So it is that our Lodge can look with considerable pride on the achievements of, and the recognition paid to, a number of Tsawwassen Brethren during the past few weeks.

First we have our Grand Master, *Most Worshipful Brother Bill Unrau*, just beginning his year as the senior Freemason in the whole of B.C. and Yukon. *Most Worshipful Brother Sat Tashiro* occupies a similar position of eminence in the Jurisdiction of Washington. The new District Deputy Grand Master for District 25 in the coming year will be *Right Worshipful Brother Pat Nevraumont*. *R. W. Bro. Robert E. Doige* will become the new Grand Lodge Secretary. *Brother Bryce Gilkinson* was awarded the Masonic Medal of Merit for last year. And our sister Lodge of Ancient Light will provide the Grand Chaplain for the coming year in the person of *R. W. Bro. Ian Paton*.