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FREEMASONRY AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER.

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Good Evening Brethren, thank you for the opportunity to present a paper to this, the original Lodge of Education and Research in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The comments and opinions expressed are my own and do not reflect any official or unofficial opinions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, its officers and/or representatives.

In preparing the communication notice for this meeting I was asked by the secretary if the topic was of a religious, political or moral nature. I hesitated for two reasons, one I couldn't say for sure, and secondly, if I told him, I was concerned that he might tell me it was taboo. On more than one occasion, we are reminded that there is no discussion of a religious or political nature while meeting as Masons.

There are many political and religious leaders who have license to talk about Freemasonry, and because they presume to speak with some authority and legitimacy to their own constituency, it is assumed that everything they say is true. This makes it extremely difficult for us to defend ourselves against what we perceive as an unfair advantage and unfair attacks.

The title of my presentation is "Freemasonry and the New World Order", and during this discussion I will make reference to terms with which many of you will be familiar. However, in order that we all have the same understanding, I will provide you with the definitions of some of the terms that I will be using as taken from Webster's American Collegiate Dictionary.
Cult - a system of religious worship, admiration of or a devotion to a person or thing.

Sect - a body of people, sharing religious, philosophic or political opinions who have broken away from a larger body.

Secret Society - a group of people associated together for some common interest, (eg. religious, magical, social, or political) under conditions of secrecy.

Cabal - an association of persons secretly united to further their interests by plotting.

Fraternity - the state of being brothers, brotherliness.

Of these definitions the one that can best describe Freemasonry, is "Fraternity". In my opinion, none of the other apply. There may be Freemasons who belong to religious organizations which may be perceived as cults, cabals or sects by other religions, however as an organization, none of these definitions apply to Freemasonry.

My presentation is made up of three parts;

1) a review of the information or misinformation as presented by Pat Robertson in his book, "The New World Order".

2) a review of the information as presented by John Robinson in his book, "A Pilgrim's Path One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple".

3) a suggestion as to what we can do, as an organization to combat the untruths as presented by people with an anti-Masonic bent.

In reviewing Pat Robinson's book I have employed some of his journalistic techniques and have assembled selected quotations from it to expose the type of deductive reasoning he has employed.

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Printed on the reverse side of every United States one dollar bill is what is called the Great Seal of the United States...

Below the Pyramid is the Latin phrase, 'Novus Ordo Seclorum', a line by the poet Virgil, meaning a 'new order of the ages,' or a new world order...

This Pyramid has special meaning for Masons, even as crystals and 'Pyramid Power' today hold occultic significance for followers of the so-called new age movement...

to some, the 'all seeing eye' represents divine providence. To others... Osiris... who is revered in the secret high ceremonies and sacred rites of the Masonic Order...

the implication for Thompson, (a Mason who was Secretary to the Continental Congress) and others, was that under the watchful eye of Osiris the endeavour begun in 1776 would, according to their secret Masonic rituals, bring forth A New World Order..."

The Term, "New World Order" (or some approximation) has been used over the years.

Some examples, as paraphrased by Pat Robertson are;
Karl Marx in his Communist Manifesto of 1848 called for his version of a new world order
Woodrow Wilson called for a New World Order in 1917.
Adolf Hitler called for a New World Order in 1938.
Nelson Rockefeller called for a New World Order in 1968.

Are people, (Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, George Bush), "who want a community of nations living in peace... carrying out the mission... of a tightly knit Cabal whose goal is nothing less than a new order for the human race under the domination of Lucifer and his followers?"

My intention is to point out the relationship Robertson tries to establish between the Great Seal of the United States of America... thru the New World Order... to a Cabal under the domination of Lucifer. If we use Robertson's logic:

The Pyramid has special meanings for Masons
The Pyramid is important to the Occult
The Occult uses the term, New Age, New Order
New Order is associated with Lucifer
Masons refer to Lucifer in their ritual,
one might conclude:

Masons are an occult believing in the new age who are followers of Lucifer.
(Author's note -Robertson's logic might be classed as Reductio ad absurdum.)

When a man joins a Freemasons Lodge, by association, he gains a certain amount of legitimacy, recognition and credibility that he might not otherwise have. A person may have these characteristics before they join the Fraternity, and we expect that in many cases he will. To the general public, though when a man says, "I am a Freemason", he is, by association, given the benefit of the doubt. In other words, when a man says, "I am a Freemason", by association automatically he is given a certain standing in the community.

A most recent example of the abuse of this distinction is the P2 banking scandal in Italy. In it's simplest sense, it was an opportunity for people with dishonest intentions to get together as a group under the guise of a Masonic Lodge.

As a further example of this type of abuse I refer to "The Illuminati".
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"On May 1, 1776 a Bavarian professor, name Adam Weishaupt launched a small secret society called the 'Order of the Illuminati'. Weishaupt's aims were to establish a new world order based on the overthrow of civil governments, the church and private property and the elevation to world leadership of a group of hand picked 'adepts' or 'illuminated' ones."

Now remember, they were not Freemasons yet the vehicle for their takeover was the Continental Order of Freemasons which they infiltrated,

This gave a certain immediate legitimacy, and (to re-phrase Robertson's words), allowed an infiltration of the French Government and made it ripe for takeover & destruction, resulting in the French Revolution.

Robertson alludes to an association of the Illuminati, the Bolsheviks, and a secret undefined organization with a hidden plan to establish a new world order and spends a considerable amount of time reviewing current historical events from the end of the Second World War to the early 1990's. The changes in the world and the end of the cold war, the breakdown of the USSR are used to support his argument of a "new world order".

And, to quote him again says;

"But I am equally convinced that for the past 200 years, the term 'new world order' has been the code phrase of those who desired to destroy the Christian faith and what Pope Pius XI termed the Christian Social Order". "They wish to replace it with an occult inspired world socialist dictatorship."

I have given you a partial review of Robertson's book, for the purpose of identifying his technique for trying to build his case against Freemasonry, but then again is he?

On page 182 (The New World Order - pocket book edition) a quote is provided by the publisher of a book written in 1798 by Professor John Robison, "Proofs of Conspiracy,--'A conspiracy conceived not by Masons as Masons, but by evil men using Freemasonry as a vehicle for their own purposes'".

Pat Robertson continues and investigates in his words, "the high Masonic Degrees" and states;

"Before we leave the influence of Freemasonry on the quest for a New Age and new world order, we should examine the writings of Albert Pike, whose Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was first published in 1871 and subsequently republished in 1966". Robertson goes on to

say, "Without comment, I will quote from the 1966 edition of the principle of the Scottish Rite by its leading expositor in America." Really what Robertson should have said is, Without comment I will quote from the writings by Albert Pike of 1871.

Robertson comments (page 179), "I think it is especially interesting that one of the official publications of American Masons was called, until 1990 'The New Age'". He doesn't say it was the name of a publication of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite..

It may be of interest to know, further quotes attributed to Pike may be found at the end of section 2, chapter 8, headed as "The Masonic Connection; Contrasting Views".

Robertson spends some time talking about Freemasonry and through association the New World Order. On page 180 he attributes the following to Weishaupts and associates.

- 1 Abolition of monarchies and all ordered governments.
- 2 Abolition of private property and inheritances.
- 3 Abolition of patriotism and nationalism.
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- 4 Abolition of family life and the institution of marriage, and the establishment of communal education for children.
- 5 Abolition of all religion."

Robertson is not alone, in making the association of Freemasonry and the new World Order. Other writers such as William D. Gairdner, in his book, "The Attack on the Family" makes a similar association. (William D, Gairdner is a graduate of Stanford University and has taught at York University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.)

I herewith quote from Gairdener in his book The Attack on the Family. "New Age philosophy is inherently socio-political because it envisages a perfect world order brought about by the Man-god. It is precisely this unitary perfect order that threatens the life of the Western family as we know it, because it requires the breakdown of all social groupings, including the families of the world, and their reformation into one egalitarian family".

"What kinds of groups and movements are directly or indirectly involved? For starters - any group that is 'globalist' in its thinking or thrust, shares much of New Age philosophy. Some examples are Planetary Citizens, the World Federalist Association, many environmentalist and ecology groups such as Greenpeace, the Tara Centre, the Club of Rome, Global Education Associate, the Freemasons and many radical feminist groups. There are over 10,000 such groups, most of them small."

Gairdner goes on, "At the core of most such cults is the idea of 'universal brotherhood', a condition in which all distinctions, nationalism, hierarchies and divisions are suppressed".

Enough of Pat Robertson and William Gairdener. The problem is, by making reference to them, I am giving them a certain amount of recognition that they wouldn't otherwise be entitled to.

I do not pretend to be a Masonic scholar, so I have to rely on the works of others to present the "other side of the argument". I draw your attention to

John Robinson (the Pilgrim), the author of "Born in Blood" and "A Pilgrim's Path, One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple."

It is this second book, "A Pilgrim's Path", that in my mind effectively makes the case to refute the points made by Pat Robertson and others. I highly recommend this book for a detailed presentation pointing out Robertson's misinformation.

I am pleased to include here some of Robertson's (the Pilgrim) comments and observations:

Chapter 5 - Albert Pike and the Morning star

"Fundamentalist anti-Masons love to condemn all Freemasonry based on the writings and philosophy of Albert Pike. They never say that Pike's works were written only for the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masonry, which was the limit of Pike's Masonic authority.

Pike's passion was that all men should seek 'light'. Some fundamentalists assert that all 'light' comes from Jesus and that any other source or light is anti-Christian. 'Light' in the sense used by Pike, means education.

It was Pike's conviction that wisdom would be gained by learning what other's believed and why they behaved the way they did." Or in other words, not necessarily to believe what other's believed.

Chapter 7 - The Media Mogul

"Pat Robertson - is constantly in the pursuit of more power and influence... as manifested... when he made an unsuccessful pass at becoming President of the United States in 1988.

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Robertson's book 'The New World Order', may be considered more damaging because Robertson is also involved in such things as, '700 Club', 'Family Channel' on cable network, Christian Broadcasting Network, United States Media Corporation and 'Operation Blessing'. (In his book, Robertson mentions that his father was a senior United States Senator, but he doesn't mention that his father was also a dedicated Mason.)"

Chapter 8 - Fundamentalist Fury

Robinson further deals with the Fundamentalist Fury and the Southern Baptist Convention, and provides in a comprehensive manner information that refutes many of the claims made by the fundamentalists and the anti-masonic elements of the Southern Baptist Conference.

Subsequent to the Convention, the Southern Baptist Conference have declared that Freemasonry is a matter of personal conscience.

Having presented the misinformation of Pat Robertson, the information of John Robinson (the Pilgrim), I am obligated to put forth an alternative for us, as members of the Fraternity to respond to the charges.

We have to adopt a mindset, "We are a fraternity, we are not a religion". We have to wear the cloak of a fraternity and publicly express the pride we have in being members of our fraternity. We should look at Freemasonry in the context of a modern and changing society. How do we as an organization, respond to these changes?

The Masonic Renewal Committee of North America have prepared a 'kit' to assist

in the renewal process. The kit consists of three videos and a workbook. The workbook is a gold mine of information and ideas. If you read it and replace the reference to Freemasonry with; Scouts, Church, General Motors etc., the techniques suggested, the strategy to be used would apply in all cases.

The renewal program talks about bringing the Fraternity out into the open and raising our visibility within the community. As a result of this visibility we would expect to attract members and strengthen our organization. Some may raise their eyebrows, and think, "I was told never to discuss it, never to solicit membership, never to talk about it". I ask the question, "Why not?"

By raising our visibility in the community, and developing a membership plan, (new members and retaining our existing members), we will be exposing ourselves to the scrutiny of the community. Are we ready to do this, do we have people who are prepared to step forward and speak on behalf of the fraternity, or do we sit back, not do anything and by our silence give approval to the likes of the Pat Robertsons and ... Gairdners?

The leadership required to respond to this can come from the Lodge of Education and Research. The kits are available through Grand Lodge, and it would be in the interest of Freemasonry, if we are able to develop our membership such that when attacks against the Fraternity are made, we can respond in an intelligent and clear manner.

Perhaps, something that the Lodge of Education and Research should consider, is the purchase of three kits, one each for District 1 & 21, and one for the Lodge of Education library.

In closing, I would strongly recommend that if you have the opportunity to read Robinson's book, "A Pilgrims Path, One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple", to get it from the horses mouth, and then to read Robertson's book, "The New World Order", to get it from the other end of the horse.

If anyone has any questions or comments, I would be more than pleased to respond to them.

Worshipful Master, Brethren, thank you for the opportunity this evening.

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Authors note:

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-Subsequent to the September 21, 1 993 presentation the following was brought to my attention. The Scottish Rite Journal of February 1993 (Vol Cl #2) and May 1993 (Vol Cl #51 published articles regarding Freemasonry and Religion. Further information can be obtained by writing to:

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