In this my first message as the newly elected President of the MMI I would like to start by thanking Murray Alston for the great work during his tenure as president. I will follow the lead provided by presidents before me and continue on the course laid out for the Manitoba Masonry Institute (MMI). I would like to also thank the full membership for continuing their support for our Industry and service on the many committees. If there was one particular goal I would strive to achieve during my term as president it would be to enhance our relationship with the institutions that provide us with the many architects and engineers designing with various degrees of masonry. I am also proud to have been involved on a national level in producing a textbook for Canadian masonry. This textbook is used by several training institutions in Canada as the instruction tool for our apprentices. In Manitoba we are filling our classes at all levels of apprenticeship and continue to produce top honours in National SkillsCompetitions. Because of this, our Industry is well positioned to serve our customers, old and new, for all their masonry needs. Through the Canadian Masonry Design Centre (CMDC) and the Canadian Concrete Masonry Product Association (CCMPA) we are associated with brand new, fully supported design software. Engineering firms across the country are currently testing this new tool and we are confident its use will be beneficial for both designers and Industry. All these developments help make our future brighter than ever. In closing I would like to express my pleasure in serving our industry associates, suppliers and contractors who form our membership as well as our customers who enhance their projects with the use of masonry.

Harry Laarveld is founder of Euro-Can Enterprises Ltd.
Showcasing Masonry Construction in Manitoba

**Sargent Park School Addition**
1070 Dominion Street
Stantec Architecture Ltd.
Alpha Masonry
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete
Concrete Products Ltd, Gillis Quarries Limited

**Fairway Woods Phase 2**
80 Snow Street
David Goyer Architecture Inc.
Euro-Can Enterprises Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete
Concrete Products Ltd., Barkman
Concrete

**Devonshire House**
34 Kildonan Green
Raymond S. C. Wan Architects
Euro-Can Enterprises Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete
Concrete Products Ltd

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Friends Housing Apartments
890 Sturgeon Rd
A. F. Eshmade & Associates
Roma Masonry Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Gillis Quarries

Lindenwood Husky Store
885 Waverly Street
OKE8 Design Inc.
Euro-Can Enterprises Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd

Richardson College of the Environment, U of Winnipeg
Portage and Langside
Number Ten Architectural Group
B&F Masonry Canada Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd
(look for the periodic table of elements as part of the building’s façade.)
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**Winnipeg Regional Health Auth. Nutrition and Food Services**
Debets St, St. Boniface Industrial Park
MMP Architects Inc.
B&F Masonry Canada Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd

**Roblin Blvd. Co-op Store and Car Wash**
3623 Roblin Blvd.
Roma Masonry Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd

**United Way Winnipeg**
580 Main Street
Raymond S. C. Wan Architects
Euro-Can Enterprises Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd
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**Robertson School Addition**
550 Robertson Street
Calnitsky Associates Architects
Roma Masonry Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd

**Transcona Collegiate Addition**
1305 Winona Street
MCM Architects
Roma Masonry Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd

**Moose Lake School**
Moose lake MB
Stantec Architects Ltd.
GKW Construction Inc.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd

Photo courtesy of Stantec

Visit the Manitoba Masonry web site [www.manitobamasonry.ca](http://www.manitobamasonry.ca)
Follow the link to all members for a listing of contractors and suppliers.
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Daycare Addition at Ecole Communautaire Real Berard in St. Pierre Jolys
Courtnage and Company Architects
Euro-Can Enterprises Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd. Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd.

St. Mary’s Academy Addition
550 Wellington Cres.
Stantec Architects Ltd.
Euro-Can Enterprises Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd, Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd.

Concordia Village Phase 3
Concordia and Molsen
Raymond S. C. Wan Architects
Alpha Masonry Ltd.
I-XL Masonry Supplies Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd., Gillis Quarries Ltd.

For technical assistance to designers and masonry contractors; for proper design and construction; for code interpretations; for educational seminars and program; for current and historical technical resources; for monitoring of masonry research; and for recommended construction practices please visit www.canadamasonrycentre.com
The Troweller has been following the development of this project. This photo was taken in late September 2010.

Stuart Gilcrest Memorial Hearth

Located at the Winnipeg Humane Society
45 Hurst Way

Architect: Cheryl Pahden of Sactliff, Miller Murray

Alpha Masonry Ltd

This memorial was erected on the society’s grounds and each a plaque will be affixed in recognition of major donations.

Manitoba Public Insurance Corp.

Barnes and Bison Dr.

Stantec Architects Ltd.

Alpha Masonry Ltd.

Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd.
In Memoriam

Ernie Keller

Ernie Keller, 1973-74 president and honorary life member of the Winnipeg Construction Association passed away October 9, 2010 at the age of 74. Born in Poland, Ernie emigrated to Canada in 1954 and began his trade as a bricklayer. In 1959 he established his own highly respected company which eventually grew into the general contracting company, Ernie Keller Contractors. He also served as chair and founder of the Labour Relations Association of Manitoba and was also a two-term chair of the national body and represented the province and country at international meetings. His company was involved in a number of projects, including Grant Memorial Baptist Church, Boeing of Canada, Lone Star Harley Davidson, the Fort Garry Curling Club, and Portage Place Mall. Ernie Keller served as the chair of the Forks North Portage Partnership and for his dedication to the whole community was awarded the Order of the Buffalo Hunt.

Norman Fillion

Born May 6, 1953 in Altona to Roger and Therese Fillion grew up in Ste. Joseph and Winnipeg. Norman spent most of his life as a bricklayer. He died December 8, 2010 leaving behind five children and two grandchildren.

After leading so many bricklayer’s apprentices to almost complete mastery of Skills Canada to gold and silver over the last ten years including Joseph Bertrand who captured silver in 2010 (pictured lower left), one would have hoped Brian Gebhardt would bring acclaim to his position as instructor at Red River College by winning the 2011 Bricklayer 500 in Las Vegas, January 19. Brian’s tender was his son, Brad. It was not to be and Brian admits he has already been teased about this in the competition which involved two other teams from Canada, 16 teams from the U.S. and one from the U.K.. He qualified for Western Canada at the Spec-Mix held last November and Brian hopes to represent this coming year and placing better at the event. Brian reports 11 apprentices finished the first year course in bricklaying, December 10, 2010, 12 are attending year two currently and 16 are scheduled to begin their third year in March.

Photos courtesy of Brain Gebhardt and his daughter.