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Grand Master's Message

As I complete my task as your Grand Master, I would like to leave you with some words of encouragement about our wonderful fraternity. During the 96th Masonic year, we established a clear game plan for effective improvement and growth in our Lodges. The plan was based upon the *Doric Plan* using a sharp strategic focus with a view to the longer term, of posi-



tioning the Grand Lodge and Lodges to grow well into the new millennium and beyond.

We know and understand our strengths and abilities, and we've identified those we need to continue to succeed in managing our Lodges, by being more effective and efficient in everything we do. The new Masonic year heralds new optimism, new opportuni-

ties and new directions for our Lodges. Brethren, Freemasonry has many challenges ahead, however, when the Masonic Family is challenged and focused, using the *Doric Plan* as our guide, positive change will take place. The future of Freemasonry demands that every Brother take up the challenge in identifying what it is we need to do and how to do it. To use the catch

phrase of the day, be willing to think and work outside the box.

In my year as Grand Master, I have enjoyed tremendous support from all of your Grand Lodge Officers. Our District Deputy Grand Masters have energetically taken up the challenge of improving the overall performance of their Lodges. Their commitment and professionalism give us great confidence that

we will indeed attain our goal of realizing the full potential of Freemasonry in Alberta.

I would like to express my *thanks* to the Alberta and Northwest Territories Masons for inviting me to their Lodges and for the Brotherly Love and Friendship which they have shown to me wherever I traveled. *Thanks* for all the wonderful meals and hotel rooms, and to those Grand Lodge Officers for traveling with me and for inviting me to stay in their homes.

I am very excited about the future for Freemasonry. We accomplished a great deal in 2000–2001, but there is still much more potential to be realized. We have excellent Lodges, superb growth opportunities, and skilled and dedicated members. We are proud of our accomplishments, but more proud of where we are going. We can make a difference. We can maintain the momentum by using three simple words: **Let's Do It!**

Gerald T. Webber,
Grand Master

From the Minaret

The Minaret is a publication of El Kalah Temple, AAONMS, of Salt Lake City, Utah. The following appeared in the February 2001 issue, and was written by the uncle of our Grand Chaplain of the 2000–2001 term.

Let me share with you a genuinely wonderful example of humanistic love that Barbara and I experienced in Alberta, Canada, last June. Our nephew was to be installed [sic: "invested"] as the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada. This auspicious event took place in a quaint and beautiful community called Camrose... Among the 6–700 people who attended this event, my nephew and his wife were the only people who knew us. When we walked in we felt very much alone.

Upon being introduced by the Grand

Secretary as Masonic guests from the "States," we were immediately accepted as "members of the family." After the service we were graciously invited to several Masonic social events where we mingled so easily with the Canadian Masons and Shriners... In quiet moments after this experience I have asked myself, "how could this be?" In what other organization can unknown people be so lovingly and genuinely received with such "open arms?" I recalled the message contained in Luke 10 where we find a wonderful biblical example of humanistic love and concern. We are all familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan and how he helped a distressed and injured traveler.

Shalom

Darrell W. Anderson
Chaplain Emeritus

From the Grand Chaplain

There are times in our lives when we feel fearful of what we say and do, and of how other people think of us. We ignore the Great Architect's invitation to walk with Him as one of His people. We are afraid to confront those fears, real or imagined, that stand in the path of our relationships with one another and with the One with whom we place our faith.

On a personal note, I want to say Thank You to all of my Masonic Brethren who have touched my life during my term as Grand Chaplain. Also to our loved ones who have sometimes joined us in our travels and at other times stayed home: thank you for your love and support.

See **Prayer**, page 6.

Up North

“Grand Lodge has Masonic Jurisdiction throughout the Province of Alberta, and throughout that part of the North West Territories lying to the West of the Fourth Meridian.” So reads article 3.1 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. Our Grand Master has, during his term of office, repeatedly referred to the fact that our Jurisdiction is composed of Freemasons living in “Alberta and the Northwest Territories” (nowadays “Northwest” is one word), west of the 4th Meridian (according to our system of survey) which corresponds to

110° West Longitude. (A sizable portion, including Kugluktuk, has since the creation of Nunavut Territory been ceded to it, and no longer is under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.)

At one time there were two Masonic Lodges active in the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 and Polaris Lodge No. 186 of Fort Smith. The latter surrendered its Charter on December 31, 1981, leaving Yellowknife as the only Masonic outpost “Up North.”

In recent months, it should be noted, three Brethren from Yellowknife and about six more from other Lodges, have shown interest in forming a new Masonic nucleus in Inuvik, and it is reported that other prospects are in the

area. Yellowknife Lodge Brethren are evidently giving strong support to this new development, and it can only be our fondest wish that they succeed in establishing a Lodge in Inuvik, which, at about 68° 35' North Latitude would probably be the most northerly Masonic Lodge on the North American continent (outdone worldwide only by four Norwegian Lodges, ranging up to 70° 40' 11" N Lat). It is our hope that in the months to come, *The Alberta Freemason* will provide its readers with updates and good news. Upwards and Onwards, Up North!

Meanwhile, to all Brethren and their families, North and South of the Sixtieth Parallel, best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer of 2001.

Public Awareness and Strategic Communications Committee

During the past several years many Brethren have raised the issue of publicity for the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Many jurisdictions, including the United Grand Lodge of England, have initiated communications strategies that include both internal and external information programs.

Last summer, MWBro Gerry Webber appointed Bro Andy Michaelson Chair of a Public Awareness and Strategic Communications Committee and in November 2000 the Board of General Purposes ratified Bro Michaelson’s draft Communications Strategy and an implementation budget was approved.

Interim Committee members include: RWBro Tom Campbell, WBro David Roth and ex-officio member RWBro Jerry Kopp, Assistant Grand Secretary. The Committee has reported to the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

Several Committee programs are now in the process of development. In concert with MWBro Hugh Young the Committee is developing a full schedule of all Craft Lodge and concordant body meetings and social activities. The schedule will be accessed through the Grand Lodge Web Page and printed copies will be available to those Brethren who don’t

have Internet access. The schedule is designed to be of great assistance in planning Lodge activities and meetings.

The Committee is also developing a series of Masonic brochures with an Alberta and Canada focus. The Masonic Service Association is kindly allowing the Grand Lodge of Alberta to rework their excellent materials to meet our needs. A review and edit of the Mentor’s Plan is underway to develop a more effective and useful New Member’s Kit with a view to insuring the retention of those Brethren who are new to the Craft.

A small booklet titled *Developing Publicity for Your Lodge* is in the initial stages of being developed with a final draft expected by the end of May. Several successful public awareness programs from other jurisdictions are under review with the hope that we’ll be able to adapt or modify them to suit the Grand Registry of Alberta.

Finally, a set of regulations has been drafted to establish the Public Awareness and Strategic Communications Committee as committee of the Board of General Purposes. That resolution is likely to be presented at the Annual Communication in Edmonton in June. Following the Annual Communication,

the interim Committee will be replaced with Committee members representing each of the Foundation For The Future or Doric Plan regions.

Brethren are welcome to contact the Committee through its Chair, Bro Andy Michaelson by telephone at 780-458-9145 or by e-mail at andymichaelson@look.ca

Grand Master’s Itinerary

June
1 Grand Lodge of Manitoba
8-10 Grand Lodge of Alberta

2001/2 Grand Master’s Itinerary

June
8-10 Grand Lodge of Alberta
11 Jasper Lodge
12 Patricia Lodge, Edmonton
13 Mystic Tie Lodge, Edmonton
16- Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
19 Norwood Lodge, Edmonton
27 Onoway Lodge
30- Grand Lodge of British Columbia
July
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August
9 Exemplar Lodge, Edmonton

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The 74th Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America

Continued from last month

Frank Land Memorial Breakfast — Shrine DeMolay

Edward Taylor, Jr., International Master Councillor, Order of DeMolay, was guest speaker at the Frank S. Land Memorial Breakfast. His address focused on ***“Our Future and Where it Will Go.”*** In a cold-hearted world of reality, this generation and society in general has too many issues to deal with. The teachings of our DeMolay can be described as one of hope and vision. The objective of the DeMolay program is to share the vision with the many young men who are drifting. The social system is under construction and Masonry should not take the detour, as so many individual boys of DeMolay have so much to gain or lose if Freemasonry falters. If Freemasonry ceases to be a force in society, it would be a sad day in North America. Taylor concluded his address with: “The task is before us now — Let us Begin.”

Open “Bear-Pit” Discussion

An open discussion for Grand Masters and Heads of Appendant Bodies or their Representatives (only). The purpose of the discussion, and the participation of the Brethren attending was to

set to rest the ongoing conflict between the Craft Lodges, Appendant Bodies, and Shrine. Following a collection of opening statements from the leader of each of the Appendant Bodies, the inter-change was slow to start. The chairman took charge of the debate using his skill to prompt the lively debate that followed. Much of the debate was directed towards the Shrine. Shrine’s Imperial Potentate Turnipseed became the focal person in the debate as some Grand Masters began vetting their emotions regarding the statement made at the 73rd Conference by the Past Imperial Potentate.

The debate ended in harmony with a positive conclusion that Unity must prevail among the Craft Lodges, Appendant Bodies and Shrine. Get back to the basics of Freemasonry and be proud to be a Mason. Build the base of Masonry. In summing up, The Imperial Potentate’s slogan said it all — ***“The key to our future is membership — Together we can!”***

Building Bridges to the Future and Power of Vision

Joel A. Barker conducted two sessions: “The Power of Vision” and “Building Bridges.” Both inter-active sessions began with Barker commenting that the

material provided to him by Freemasons, prior to the conference, spoke clearly that: “Freemasonry is very strong on our own history and characteristics of our organization. Masons are fairly clear on our mission. But Masons have no vision.” He asked the question: “Why do Freemasons need to have a Vision?” He explained how one can turn dreams into Action. Barker concluded the first three-hour Vision Session by saying: ***“Vision without action is only a dream, action without vision merely passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.”***

In the “Building Bridges to the Future” session, he began with how Freemasonry speaks about the past and says nothing about the future. Therefore, the challenge for the Masonic leadership is to recognize the difference between what can and cannot be changed. Surprisingly, many of the old ways may be good, but it is crucial to build a framework for change. The paradigm shift will take place once Masons are allowed to explore beyond the boundaries and identify the things that may need re-packing and, of course, others that should be politely abandoned. In summary Barker said: “Freemasonry has a wonderful history to challenge the future well into the new Millennium. However Masons must first ***“Find the future: Recognize the future, and then To secure the future in a sensible and responsible way.”***

Time and Place Committee — Year 2005

The Committee reviewed three Grand Lodge formal presentations, which included the Grand Lodge of Alberta. MWBro David Bruce made an outstanding presentation, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. His performance made everyone in attendance very proud to be a member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. ***The Committee awarded our Grand Lodge with the conference in February 2005.***

Finally, I would be remiss, if I didn’t mention a conference of this dimension demands active participation at all the sessions, plus being available to participate in the many Masonic interactions to make this conference meaningful and worthy of our support.

Gerald T. Webber
Grand Master

A True Story

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman’s sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy farmer Fleming had saved. “I want to repay you,” said the nobleman. “You saved my son’s life.”

At that moment, the farmer’s own son came to the door of the family hovel. “Is that your son?” the nobleman asked.

“Yes”, the farmer replied proudly.

“I’ll make you a deal”, said the nobleman, “Let me provide him the level of

education my son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he’ll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.”

And that he did. Farmer Fleming’s son attended the very best schools and, in time, he graduated from St. Mary’s Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin.

Years afterward, the nobleman’s son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin — The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. — His son’s name? Sir Winston Churchill.

An heroic act to save a boy set the history of the world on an interesting course. One boy saved freedom; the other untold thousands of lives.

(This story was gleaned from the Internet.)

LWK

Revisiting Tunnel Mountain



Those in the picture are thought to be (l to r): Capt Gordon, WM Bow River (presenting gavel to DDGM); Hamilton Lang, Sect'y Cascade; unknown; RWBro Edward Braithwaite, GSW Manitoba; RWBro Ernest Whiteside, DDGM; MWBro Hugh Evan Gillis, GM Nova Scotia; unknown; unknown. (Photo in Cascade Lodge No. 5, GRA.)

As first announced in the February 2001 issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, on September 3, 2001 the Brethren of Bow River Lodge No. 1, Cascade Lodge No. 5 and Perfection Lodge No. 9, will observe the 100th anniversary of the day when eighty of their predecessors had hiked to the summit of Tunnel Mountain to convene a Masonic meeting (September

2, 1901). This time it will be celebrated as a "Family Outing." It is limited to 101 participants, who will be required to sign a liability waiver and must be prepared to work with their group leaders (10 participants to 1 group leader) to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all, young and old and with varying abilities.

From 11 30 to 12 30 h, pre-registered participants will gather in Cascade Lodge No. 5 Masonic Hall, 103 Caribou Street, Banff and at 13 00 h will be bussed with their group leaders to the trailhead, from where they will proceed on the hike, expected to arrive at the 1901 site about 14 30 h. It is a 2 km hike along a well-defined trail up a steady incline with an elevation gain of 240 m, to reach the summit at 1690 m. The views from the summit are exceptional. Whilst on the summit, there will be an informative talk about the surroundings, with a special focus on Masonic history and how it relates to the landmarks.

The descent is planned for 15 30 h, to arrive back at the trailhead by 16 30 h and return by bus to Cascade Lodge Hall. There supper will be served at 17 00 h, at \$10.00 per person. Final remarks and farewell wishes will be heard at approximately 18 00 h.

Pre registrations have been going very well, and later registrants may have to be placed on a waiting list. To still register for the Outing, to receive the detailed schedule and to get advice on appropriate attire, contact **VWBro Les Punshon, phone 403-678-4330. Please note the Deadline for registration will be Sunday, August 26, 2001.**

All Canada Conference 2001

This year's Conference of Grand Lodges and one District Grand Lodge (NF) was held in Winnipeg, MB, on March 16th and 17th. The Alberta delegation consisted of MWBro Gerald T. Webber, Grand Master, RWBro Doug Troock, Deputy Grand Master, RWBro Ed Hunter, Grand Secretary *pro tem.* and RWBro Jerry Kopp, Assistant Grand Secretary, as observer. Thirty-two delegates and 21 observers represented the ten Canadian Grand Lodges and the District Grand Lodge SC of Newfoundland at this two-day conference.

MWBro George Cull of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, as President, opened the conference and was followed by RWBro Jack Carey of Saskatchewan who gave the opening invocation. A warm and cordial welcome was given to the delegates by MWBro Rick Porter, the Grand Master of Manitoba, the host Grand Lodge.

Fifteen interesting discussion papers were presented over the period of the conference. The delegates were very attentive and some thought-provoking discussions developed, regarding both positive and negative perspectives. To give the reader a fair idea of the diversity of subjects covered, the papers

delivered and discussed are listed here:

- "Grand Lodge Financing and Fund-raising" — RWBro Terry Shand (ON)
- "Masonic Homepage Policy — Grand Lodge & Lodges" — MWBro Rick Porter (MB)
- "National Leadership Program for Lodge Officers" — MWBro John McNamee (SK)
- "Should Concordant Bodies be Permitted to Attend Lodge Meetings and Solicit Members?" — MWBro Leigh Newcombe (PE)
- "Liability Insurance for Lodges and Grand Lodges, and Masonic Lodges on University Campuses" — RWBro James Gordon (BC)
- "Coordination between Grand Lodges Regarding Sojourning Brothers" — RWBro Ted Caulier (NS)
- "The Need for Long Range Planning" — RWBro Emanuel Liechti (QC)
- "Do We Effectively Communicate Information On Suspensions, Exclusions, Between Grand Jurisdictions?" — MWBro Art Brown (NS)
- "Annual Communications Invitations — Should Grand Lodges Cover the Costs of Invitees or Should Everyone Pay His Own Way?" — MWBro

James Pike (NB)

- "Will the Masonic Family Survive?" — RWBro Doug Troock (AB) (A second paper on the same topic was presented by RWBro Ed Hunter (AB))
- "Should Masonic Lodges Own their Own Buildings?" — RWBro Terry Shand (ON)
- "Lodge Summons Via the Internet" — RWBro James Tulk (NF)
- "Membership Recovery — Resignations, Demits, etc." — RWBro Rex Cotter (NF-SC)
- "How to Re-establish the Prominence of the Masonic Fraternity within the Community" — RWBro Clay Munz (MB)
- "We dang well better learn how to work together" — MWBro Jack Harper (BC)

I found the conference to be enjoyable, enlightening and of benefit to the participants and the Craft, and I feel privileged to have been part of this august body.

Doug Troock, Deputy Grand Master
(Editor's Note: The above mentioned papers on "Will the Masonic Family Survive", by RWBros Troock and Hunter will appear in the Fall 2001 issues of this publication.)

A great evening at Eastgate



On April 3, 2001, Eastgate Lodge No. 192, following a very brief business meeting, hosted a full house of Masons, wives and friends at a social event that was not of the “run of the mill” variety. At the beginning, members and guests assembled in the large Lodge room of Freemasons’ Hall, Edmonton, to receive the Grand Master, MWBro G.T. Webber and his wife Patricia, in a manner reminiscent of the custom of New Year’s Levees established by Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92. The introductions, and the Grand Master’s response, were enjoyed by all in attendance. A sumptuous dinner followed in the dining room. Featured as guest speaker of the evening, and providing its highlight, was **Ms Heather Rumball**, Director of Development of the Edmonton Space and Science Centre, whose eloquence and thorough knowledge of her specialty were both informative and entertaining.

The “Ionic Club,” which is a venture jointly sponsored by Edmonton Lodge No. 7 and Eastgate Lodge No. 192, came to the fore when its representative, WBro Lewis Murray, Vice President, made a presentation of a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 to Ms Rumball in support of the Space and Science Centre. The “Ionic Club” is known for its generosity in further-

An Additional Bursary — Again!



In our April 2000 issue we were pleased to report on Centennial Lodge’s initiative to grant scholarships to students in addition to those provided from the Grand Lodge MHEB Fund. In their own words, they say:

“Centennial Lodge No. 194 of Edmonton held its annual family Christmas party in early December of last year. Again, as we have in the past few years, we honoured a first year University of Alberta student, and his parents, by the presentation to **Joshua Thomson** of our own Higher Education Bursary in the amount of \$1,000.00.

“Our members take pride in this accomplishment and feel they are contributing to the well being of the local community in a very realistic and benevolent way.”

In the picture (l to r) are WBro Don Keen, RWBro Gordon Renton, Joshua, and his parents Mrs and Mr Thomson.

Alberta Miscellany Edmonton Lodge No. 7

Masonically speaking, we address one another as Brother, and on ceremony we attach a title to it. But, do we ever reflect on what the word “Brother” really means? Next to the word Mother, no other word has more meaning than the word Brother. Its import shoots straight to the heart. The highest dream of humanity is of the time when all men shall call one another Brother. When used Masonically, the word Brother has a meaning all of its own, it reminds us of the mystical tie which binds Freemasons together. When times are prosperous and plenty abounds, it is a bond of happiness and joy. In times of misery and despair, it is a bond of sympathy and loyalty. What does the word Brother mean Masonically?

Joseph Fort Newton defines it as “the adoption of a man into an inner circle of friendship, by a moral and spiritual tie as close and binding as the tie of common birth and blood between two brothers in a family. Nothing else, nothing

less; and this implies a different attitude, the one to the other — related not distant, united not opposed, natural and unrestrained — wherein are revealed what the old writers used to call *‘the happy and beneficial effects of our Ancient and Honourable Institution.’*”

WBro Lewis Murray

Charity Lodge No. 67

WHAT MASONRY MEANS TO ME: I think myself very fortunate to join a group of friends known as “Masons.” After leaving my homeland and my friends behind nine years ago, I felt very lonely without good friends, in a strange country. I desired to join the company of good men as good friends.

“Where there is a will, there is a way.” I heard about Masons as a group of good men and I knew a friend who happened to be a Mason. One day, while visiting him, I expressed my desire to join the Lodge, and he became my sponsor. I found another friend who seconded my application. Everything went well and I was initiated in October, 1980. After joining Brooks Lodge No. 73, I had the

ing worthy causes.

The picture shows, left to right: WBro Gary Semeniuk, WM Edmonton Lodge No. 7; WBro Lewis Murray, VP Ionic Club; Ms Heather Rumball; MWBro Gerald T. Webber, Grand Master; and WBro Kevin Jacklin, WM Eastgate Lodge No. 192.

opportunity to visit Lodges in our district, having a tremendous experience of friendship and brotherly love on all occasions. I also attended the Masonic Spring Workshop, which was another experience of its own kind.

To me, Masonry is a vast treasure of knowledge, where there is a lot to gain and to make our lives happy in every respect. If every member put the principles of Masonry into his life, I think the life will become more fruitful. I wish every man on earth could be a Mason — then this earth would be a living heaven.

Baljinder Singh Boora, Brooks, AB

Temple Lodge No. 167 & Centennial Lodge No. 194

Both Lodges informed their members, by their March or April summations, that they have formed committees to explore the possibility of amalgamating their Lodges into one. The intent seems to be to achieve amalgamation not later than in December, 2001.

Spitzie Lodge No. 6

- 10 Keys to "Better Brotherhood"
- Speak to your Brothers. There is nothing as heart-warming as a cheerful word of greeting.
 - Smile. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
 - Call your Brothers by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
 - Be friendly. If you would have friends, you must be friendly.
 - Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
 - Be interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.
 - Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism. Be considerate of the feelings of others. It will be appreciated.

- Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
- Be ever ready to serve. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

[As these are only nine "keys," maybe the tenth is a challenge to the reader to provide his own; Ed.]

Patricia Lodge No. 91

I have been reading a fair amount of Buddhist and Taoist literature these days. Buddhism is an interesting school of thought as one may take it as a religion, guide to daily life or a psychological science. The Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh, in his book titled *The Heart*

of the Buddha's Teaching, offers many wise insights which, in my opinion, bear great relevance to our Lodge and Freemasonry in general. An example is the fifth of the Buddha's *Five Remembrances* which states "My actions are my only true belongings. I cannot escape the consequences of my actions. My actions are the ground on which I stand." This leads me back to the Taoist *Tao Te Ching* by Lao Tze, and the verse: "We should blunt our sharp points, and unravel the complications of things; we should attempt our brightness, and bring ourselves into agreement with the obscurity of others." Just a few things to keep in mind, Brethren, as we enter the future!

Bro Ed Meers
[Editor, *The Cable Tow*]

Idaho Commentary

At our District Communications this past Fall, we discussed the impact of technology on Freemasonry. While most of the discussion dealt with computers, websites, etc., it has been pointed out that technology in medicine and other fields has also impacted our lives, though it may not be of the form directly usable by a Lodge. Technology will never substitute for brotherhood, and the traditions of Masonry which uphold brotherhood must be maintained. However, ...Freemasonry must be perceived as relevant to the society in which we live.

To understand the difference in perspective between older Masons and young men 18-20, consider these facts of their lives:

- There has always been colour TV.
- There have always been satellites for communication and other purposes.
- There have always been computers available for their use.
- Man first walked on the moon 20 years before they were born.
- The Internet has been around for most of their lives.

Is it any wonder that we see the world in a different light? Most of the phenomena listed above are new to us and often something we really don't want to have to deal with. To the coming generation, they are old hat. And the list could be much longer than it is.

Basically, technology is a tool, not an end in itself. If we can use that tool to promote brotherhood, and to perpetuate

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, we will have accomplished something good, and will have gone a long way to making Masonry relevant to today's youth.

The good we can do in our society is grounded in the principles of Masonry and enhanced by our knowledge and use of modern technology.

Dick K. [Kaiser]
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Beyond the Call of Duty

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund has grown in leaps and bounds due to some very hard working and dedicated individuals who deserve to be recognized. In 1996, RWBro Al Teuling, Manager of Calgary Freemasons' Hall, took on the huge task of coordinating Casinos and Bingos. Funds raised from these two activities were split between the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and renovations of Calgary Freemasons' Hall. In the year 2000, this hard working group donated \$27,947.12 to the Bursary and approximately \$34,454.29 in the year 2001. We owe a great deal of thanks and appreciation to RWBro Teuling and his volunteers. Their contribution and hard work have made an incredibly significant impact on the Bursary Fund.

Our hats are off to all who have so willingly given their time for the betterment of our young people, our future!

Twice the Honour

This should actually be an apology for having missed two names in the Honour Roll published in the April issue of *The Alberta Freemason*, and it is, although what caused the omission is not known to the Grand Lodge office. We are indebted to WBro John Parkinson of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 for having drawn this to our attention. In February, 2000, he had the distinction of presenting 50-Year Jewels to two members of his Lodge: **Bro Lloyd Higgins** and **Bro Terrence Higgins**, twin brothers who were born on December 22, 1922 and who in November 1999 had completed fifty years of faithful service to Freemasonry.

Belated, though no less sincere, congratulations are extended to these Brethren by the Craft in Alberta.

Prayer, from page 1.

A short prayer in closing:
"Great Architect of the Universe, thank You for the grace of Your love that You have given to each of us. Please help us to renew our commitment to You and to be with each of us every day. There will be obstacles on the pathway but we know that with You we will be successful in our endeavours. We ask that You will be with the 2001-2002 Grand Lodge Officers as they embark on their journey, as it has been trodden by those before them. Please be with those who are ill, and we pray that they have a speedy and full recovery to wellness. "Let's Do It" — Amen

Bro Roger Anderson
The VW Grand Chaplain