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Lest We Forget

It behooves us, as citizens as well as Freemasons, to remind ourselves of the sacrifices made by valiant men — and in some instances women — and to honour them by annual remembrance. We have paid such tribute within the pages of this publication every year. This time let us read a letter received from WBro Jason Smith, the Worshipful Master of Baseline Lodge No. 198, relating the events of November 2000:

After completing the business portion of the meeting (on November 6, 2000)... a prayer was said for all our departed Brethren, and a moment of silence was observed. Then Labour was suspended to allow a three-man colour party from the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion to parade into the Lodge. A prayer was read by their Sergeant-at-Arms and two minutes of silence were observed to honour all those who sacrificed their lives in the World Wars of the 20th century in defense of our freedom. Our National Anthem was then sung by all present. The Legion colour party then paraded out and Labour was resumed and the Lodge closed in due form.

The members of the colour party were then invited to stay for the Festive Board, and they enjoyed the hospitality. One of the members of the Legion party addressed the Brethren present about the structure and purpose of the Royal Canadian Legion and answered questions from the Brethren. Later, the Legion members expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in our Remembrance Day ceremony. It also was discovered that one of the Legion members was a demitted Freemason and he especially appreciated our hospitality and brotherhood, suggesting that he might return to a Lodge meeting, as he was not affiliated with any Lodge at the moment.

Later that week, on November 11th, several members of the Lodge accompanied the Worshipful Master to a formal Remembrance Day ceremony held



Soldiers pause to bury their brother, Major E.L. Knight, who was killed during the Battle of the Somme, October 1916 — Lest We Forget!

in Spruce Grove by the Royal Canadian Legion. A wreath was laid on behalf of Baseline Lodge No. 198. After the ceremony, a large crowd proceeded to the local branch of the Legion and partook of a light lunch, compliments of the

Legion. The Lodge was again thanked for allowing the Legion to visit our Lodge and participate in our Remembrance ceremony, and the wish was expressed that, perhaps, this could become an annual event.

Letter

I am writing this letter to thank you for your continued support while attending University. I received a number of scholarships from your organization and I don't think I would have made it through school without your financial support. As you know, I come from a family that was unable, for a number of different reasons, to assist me with my schooling. With your financial support I was able to spend my time concentrating on my academics instead of worrying where I was going to find the tuition money for the next semester.

I wanted to inform you that I graduated from the Special Work Program at the University of Calgary (Lethbridge Division) and I got a job working full time with the Government of Alberta as a Child Protection Worker... With the

changes with the student loan program and the continuous rise in tuition costs, programs like yours become vital to students like me to be able to attend university. I urge you to continue to fund other students in university, as this is some positive work that you are doing.

I can never thank you enough for supporting me. I did not have a lot of support from my family in attending university, and receiving support from your agency really made me feel as though someone out there believed that I would do well in school and believed in me enough to invest in my studies. Your support meant the world to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tammy Hankel, BSW

Editorial

Our Annual Retreat

When we returned from that first "Masonic Spring Workshop" held at the Banff Centre in April 1966, we could hear many of the participants comment: "That's the best thing that ever happened in Masonry in Alberta." They cannot have been wrong in their assessment, or else the annual Masonic retreat could not have survived to this day, but it has and shows no sign of fading into history. Yes, details have changed, but that was to be expected. Attendance figures have dropped from the registration of 434 that year to present day figures of about the half (226 in 2001), but then, in 1966, total membership in this Grand Lodge was 19,008, more than twice of that in the year 2001, which seems to make things even. Incidentally, the theme for 1966 was "The Mason in the Community," a topic bearing great resemblance to today's areas of concentration — just ask Andy Michaelson *et alia*. Other changes include moving the venue from the Banff School of Fine Arts, as it was first named, to the present hotel at Kananaskis and to replace the original communal lunch and supper tables, where the bowls were passed around, to the buffet style with limited table service. The costs for the weekend have risen, but so has everything else in the past 35 years: we no longer pay a dime for a municipal transit ride or enjoy a cup of coffee for a nickel, even if it were a quarter then; costs escalated but so rose wages and other sources of personal income.

Programming has changed too, but that's all right. The indispensable discussion group sessions were discontinued; new offerings were added, such as Masonic video shows. During the first few decades of Workshop history, more use was made of "local" (Alberta) talent in the choice of theme speakers, nowadays there is more emphasis on bringing in "eminent" Masons from elsewhere. However, the message

is always more important than the messenger. The concept of having schools of instruction, from which to choose, is still sound, and the organizers are still doing their best in choosing topics and presenters. It seems that for the coming Workshop of 2002, the stream (of interest) approach will be continued, with the planned addition of a philosophical-historical-esoteric topic series to the present training, general and controversial streams.

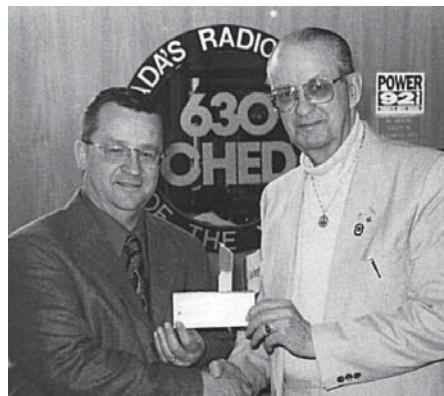
What has not changed over the years, and hopefully never will, is the energetic and enthusiastic engagement of the Planning Committee in serving the Craft, and the good fellowship, growth in Masonic knowledge and general enjoyment of all in attendance. What does appear less than ideal is in the uneven age and Masonic experience distribution of the attendees. This last time, according to questionnaire responses, 60 per cent were Past Masters including Grand Lodge officers, only one in eight attended for the first time, only 12 per cent were under 50 years of age, 53 per cent between 50 and 70, and the remainder above 70. It is, however, encouraging that the respondents were generally satisfied with the Workshop experience and a full 98 per cent indi-

cated that they would attend again. Those who will return, and those who will come for the first time, will be glad they did and will be reassured by the **Mission Statement** adopted by the Planning Committee, to wit:

- *To create a weekend experience in a relaxed atmosphere of fellowship, offering individual Masons the opportunity;*
- *to be challenged, excited, amused, exposed to new ideas, offered options for expression, and be mentored in the ways and ideals of Freemasonry;*
- *to renew old acquaintances; and*
- *to make new friends;*
- *and to foster co-relationships with other organizations to support this process.*

It should go without saying that it is incumbent on all Worshipful Masters of our Lodges, the District Deputy Grand Masters, and indeed all other Brethren, to encourage their peers and particularly new members and younger men to avail themselves of this great fraternal retreat in the beautiful mountain setting of our Rocky Mountains. It's worth the two nights away from home, the trip and the money which would otherwise be spent on something less rewarding.

Highflying Support



The photograph shows the presentation of a cheque for a worthy cause of a different kind than usual. Shown is the Treasurer of Highlands-Unity Lodge No.

168, Bro Gordon Pedden (1999 recipient of the Masonic Medal of Merit), on the right, presenting a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 on behalf of the Lodge to Bob Layton (left), Co-Chairman of "Project S.O.S." which is an endeavour in support of the purchase of a Police Helicopter for the City of Edmonton.

Unity Lodge No. 51, prior to its amalgamation with Highlands Lodge No. 168, had a strong historical connection with the City Police Service, and many of its members currently serve or have served on the force. Since the merger on December 9, 1998, this tradition has continued. The presentation was made on June 23, 2001.

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Once Every Hundred Years...



...or so it seems. The reader will recall the announcements printed in the February and June issues of *The Alberta Freemason*, together with historical photographs, inviting interested Masonic “mountaineers” and their family members to help reenact the Masonic meeting of 1901 atop Tunnel Mountain in Banff. To commemorate that meeting of Labour Day, September 2, 1901, ninety-three persons hiked up the switchback trail to the summit on Labour Day, September 3, 2001 — one hundred years and one day later. For the sake of history, let it be recorded that, of these, 43 were Brother Masons, 2 non-Mason gentlemen (including Mr. Rod Plasman of the ACC — Alpine Club of Canada), and 48 wives and young family members. As in 1901, the three Lodges staging the event were Bow River Lodge No. 1, Cascade Lodge No. 5 and Perfection Lodge No. 9, who were led by SW Brian Sashuk (1), WM Ty Smith (5) and WM Don Mitchell (9). Also well-represented were the following Lodges: Mountain View 16, Calgary 23, Gleichen 36, King Solomon 41, Crossfield 48, Commercial 81, Saskatchewan 92, St. Mark’s 118, Renfrew 134, Foothills 174, Mosaic 176, Jordan 177, Glenbow 184, Ye Olde Craft 196 and Airdrie Wild Rose 2001. All in all, members of eighteen Lodges.

Grand Lodge, too, was well-represented, as the Grand Master MWBro Doug Troock and his wife Muriel lent special lustre to the occasion. The Grand Master was accompanied by two Past Grand Masters, MWBro Robert Juthner and MWBro Gordon Macaulay, RWBro Malcolm Berry, DDGM Calgary-Highwood, RWBro Jerry Kopp, Grand Secretary, VWBro Norman Ingram, Grand Registrar and VWBro Norman Downs, Junior Grand Deacon.

The hikers were favoured by good

weather, though a little breezy at the top. The hour-long ascent was led by VWBro Les Punshon of Cascade Lodge, who set the pace (also for the descent) and who gave an informative address to all present assembled near the 1690 m high peak, the site of the 1901 gathering, where group pictures were taken of the men, wearing their Masonic regalia. Everyone enjoyed the unobstructed views of the surrounding valleys and mountainsides, before descending back into the Banff town site where a steak supper awaited the group. The participants then gathered in the Cascade Lodge room for a slide show and review of the day’s events, comments by the Grand Master and by the representative of the Alpine Club of Canada, receiving a commemorative and very informative booklet especially prepared by Les Punshon for the occasion, and a final slide presentation on Les and Kathy Punshon’s previous mountain hiking experiences, set to suitable music.

In addition to the physical experience, much was learned about Freemasons and the Banff area. Thus, Mount Brett (2983 m) was named for RWBro Robert George Brett (Lieutenant Governor 1915), Mount Brewster (2859 m) for Bro John Brewster, Brewster Rock at Sunshine for VWBro Jim Brewster (WM 1910), Mount Howard Douglas (2849 m) for Bro Howard Douglas, the first Commissioner of National Parks. Farther away, Mount Wilson, situated northeast of Saskatchewan River Crossing and the 120-metre massive quartz sandstone Mount Wilson Formation are named after WBro Tom Wilson (WM 1901), also a member of Cascade Lodge, while Bro Percy Goodair, a member of another Lodge gave his name to Mount Goodair in the Warden Range northeast of Lake Louise. It is also of interest to note that

the 1883 discoverers of the Cave and Basin Springs at the foot of Sulphur Mountain, who were workers on the Canadian Pacific Railway, were Bro Frank McCabe and WBro William McCardell.

The history of Cascade Lodge includes other mountainside Masonic meetings: Sulphur Mountain (2270 m) in 1903; Cascade Mountain (2297 m) in 1907 with 14 Masons in attendance; Mount Aylmer (3161 m) in 1910 with 18 members of Cascade Lodge and 13 visitors; Hole-in-the-Wall initiation in 1912 with 17 Brethren; and Mount Rundle (2948 m) saw an initiation with 25 members and 12 visitors in 1925. In more recent years — the past two decades — a few more meetings were held at lower elevations but with larger attendance figures.

These are some of the facts the participants learned in the course of the hands-on (or is it feet-on?) as well as lecture portions of this Masonic Family Outing. We are indebted to VWBro Les Punshon for conceiving the idea of revisiting Tunnel Mountain, for his extensive preparatory and organizational work, his research, lectures, guiding the tour and, certainly not least, his friendly and often humorous approach. Similar kudos belong to his wife Kathy.

We are looking forward to another 100-year commemoration in the Hole-in-the-Wall in 2012, if not to one of the earlier ones.

Change in Venue

The ceremony of Amalgamation of Temple and Centennial Lodges on November 9, 2001, will **not** be held at Highlands Hall, as previously reported, but at **Freemasons’ Hall**, 10318 – 100th Avenue, Edmonton.

Alberta Miscellany

Harmony Lodge No. 75 — Harmony Lodge is concerned, as many other Lodges are, about falling membership and we desire to attract new members. Steps have been taken to be more visible in the community, including the erection of a very attractive sign at the entrance to town. This year our Lodge has also undertaken to clean a section of highway, east and west of the town entrance. This will provide us with additional signage. We are taking steps to encourage new candidates and are open to any suggestions that will assist us in achieving this goal.

Manfred Jesswein

Evergreen Lodge No. 166 — We hope to continue [our] program of guest speakers with appealing general interest topics. In order to keep everything in a reasonable time frame, we need to conduct our regular business meeting on a tighter schedule. I hope the changes in this direction, such as the distribution of written minutes, rather than reading them out in Lodge, are finding acceptance with older members.

Edgar Kottke

North Star Lodge No. 4 — The first meeting of North Star Lodge was held on Monday, April 16th, 1888, wherein the Lodge was duly instituted under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. At its inception, North Star had a membership of nine, but would quickly grow over the next twenty years. By 1908, membership had grown to over two hundred, and North Star became instrumental in the formation of new Lodges. The contributions made by the early members of North Star were not limited to just the advancement of Masonry in the area. These individuals were also instrumental in the development of the City of Lethbridge and area. You cannot read local or provincial history without noticing many of the names found on the roster of North Star Lodge. While coming from various walks of life, these early members were pioneers in medicine, education, government, judiciary, business, coal mining and farming. They were true builders and leaders.

There is a lesson to learn from our history. When one looks at these early Masons who were builders of the Craft and of our community, one is struck by the quality of the individual which was paramount. While we often say that we

take good men and make them better, we need to remember the importance of them being good men to begin with. In others words, we should be looking for quality, rather than quantity, in our ranks. North Star has a long history of quality members — let us carry on that tradition.

Gerald Waldern

Westlock Lodge No. 114 — What Masonry brings is not an old doctrine, made new for us who are new in the world; she brings a yardstick by which we may measure, each of us himself, and by measuring learn to grow. It is these things we discover when we are brought to light; the square by which we measure that which we build; the compasses by which we circumscribe our lives and conduct; the Book of the Law by which we keep our feet upon the path marked out for all men. Every man should measure himself by his own standard.

Gerrald Yaremko

Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187 — Question: “What are Master’s Wages?”

A phrase symbolic of the rewards that come to a Mason who learns what he professes and practices what he learns. The wages of a Master are different for each Brother; each asks what he will, and receives that for which he labours. If he works as a menial and for a menial’s wage, that is what he will receive. If he demands much, he will receive much, provided he earns it. This is one of the great intangibles, difficult to express in words, but known well to all who love and labour in the Craft.

*I worked for menial’s hire
Only to learn, dismayed,
That any wage I asked of Life,
Life would have paid.*

The intangibles of love, friendship, respect, opportunity, happy labour, associations: they are the wages of a Master who earns them. Not all do earn them... Hence the phrase of a Lodge Officer, descriptive of his duty: “Pay the Craft their wages **if any be due...**”

Redwood Lodge No. 193 — I am reminded of an explanation as to how the term “Free” came to be applied to Masons. Operative masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free from taxes. Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their

trade or art. Masons who laboured on King Solomon’s Temple, legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern times, however, some Masons may feel that the term “Free” means something completely different: ...to be free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick, free from giving help to the officers, free from taking part in the work, free from responsibility. — Let us be the ones who do not wait for **free** time in which to attend Lodge. Let us not be the ones who believe **Freemasonry is free**. We are free to do as we wish about these things, but no one can be a Freemason in the true and fullest sense of the word unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time and energy.

Ted Blundell

A Job’s Daughters’ Plea

“Were you involved with Bethel No. 12 IOJD in Calgary?”

Honoured Queen Dawn Toole is inviting all Past Honoured Queens, Past Guardians and Past Associate Guardians to a special night on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at 7:30 PM at St. Mark’s Masonic Hall, Calgary.

Could you help supply addresses and current family names for the following PHQ’s whom we have been unable to trace?

Nicole Erickson 1993, Bobbie Jo Mapstone 1991, Dionne Erickson 1991, Laura Newel 1989, Kelly Kavanaugh 1986, Erica Mullen 1984, Katherine Johnson 1984, Kathy (Lucas) Schulz 1983, Jodi Houston 1978, Wendy Houston 1977, Bonnie Bicknell 1977, Wendy Edge 1975, Drina Miller 1974, Cari Lou Lord 1973, Donnal Campbell 1972, Brenda Taylor 1971, Linda Green 1969, Nancy Hetherington 1968, Kathy Romanchuk 1968, Lynne Fawcett 1967, Margaret Potts 1966, Lynn Insinger 1966, Barbara Jaques 1965, Brenda Pitt 1964, Verna Brooks 1964, Cheryl Watson 1963, Sue Rowbottom 1963, Gail Fraser 1962, Sherril Tidey 1961, Nancy Courtright 1960, Donna Platt 1960, Norma Betts 1959, Pat Robinson 1958.

If you know the whereabouts of any of these, please let Chris Smith know at 8827 – 48 Avenue NW, Calgary, AB T3B 2B4; phone 403-247-1783, email smithkit@cadvision.com

Our DDGMs

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft during the 2001–2002 term. This will be continued in the next two issues of *The Alberta Freemason*.

Alpha District

RWBro Roy R. Woodbridge was born on 20 January 1928 at London, England. He has been married to Eirwen (Jo) Esther for 51 years, and the couple has one daughter and one grandson. Now retired, he looks back on a multifarious career, having worked as a professional musician in the entertainment industry from 1943 to 1948, serving in the British Army from 1948 to 1950, as an engineer in the aircraft industry from 1950 to 1960, as engineer/manager in the oil industry from 1960 to 1986, and as manager of the Calgary Drop-In Centre Society from 1986 to 1994. In 1990, the United Way of Calgary bestowed on him the Elwood Springman Award in recognition of professional achievement and community service.

Bro Woodbridge was initiated into Freemasonry in Priory Lodge No. 5204, EC, in 1973, and affiliated with St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, GRA, which Lodge he served as WM in 1994 and as Secretary-Treasurer in 1995 and 1998 to 2001. He has been Masonic Education coordinator for Alpha District in 1998/99 and 1999/2000 and Bursary chairman in 2000/2001. He has also served as Worthy Patron of Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25, OES, in 1996, 1997 and 2001.



as President of the Directors' Staff in 1990. After 35 years in the Shrine he received life membership in 1998. He is also an Honorary Member of Akdat Shrine Temple of Tulsa, OK.

In his spare time, Bro John enjoys spending summers at Baptiste Lake, fishing, golfing and being a handyman.

Beaverhills District

RWBro David A. Roth was born on October 15, 1946 at Camrose, AB where he was also raised. He graduated from Camrose Composite High School, then from NAIT in Architectural Technology, and finally from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1972. He is now a partner in the architectural practice of Holland Roth Architects of Edmonton, a member of the Alberta Association of Architects, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the Edmonton Rotary Club and the Synergy Network. He has also been involved with the 19th Alberta Dragoons, Edmonton Light Opera Society, Westmount Community League, St. Peter's Scout Group and the Alberta Motion Picture Industry Association. In his spare time he enjoys golf and woodworking.

It was at university that he met and married Teresa, and after graduation they moved to Montreal where their sons Jonathan and Andrew were born. The Roths moved to Edmonton in 1981.

Bro Roth was initiated into Freemasonry in Commercial Lodge No. 81, GRA, in 1985 and was Worshipful Master in 1997. He was chairman of the Masters, Wardens & Deacons Association of Edmonton for three years, and then coordinator of the Habitat for Humanity Project 2000. He has chaired the program committee of the Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee since 1998 and has been a presenter of schools of instruction on several occasions. David currently is the chairman of the Foundation for the Future — Doric Plan for the Edmonton area. He is a member of the three bodies of the A&SR, Edmonton Valley and of North Star Chapter No. 2, RAM. In 1998 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of India near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.



Athabasca District

RWBro John Fedun was born at Nisku, Alberta, on December 23, 1934. He completed his schooling in Breton and Red Deer. Residing in Edmonton, he and his wife Marilyn have been married for 36 years, and have one son and an infant grandson. Brother Fedun had worked in the oilpatch for several years and later managed a service station in Calgary before earning certification in Public Administration from the University of Alberta. He began work with the Government of Alberta in 1965 as an Administrative Officer, retiring as Senior Manager in 1991. He later was appointed Community Board member of the Provincial Safety Board, for four years.

Bro Fedun was initiated, passed and raised in Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, GRA, in 1956, was a founding member of Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182 and its first Tyler, is a former member of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 and affiliated with Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71 in 1995, which Lodge he served as WM in 1998. He served for two years as coordinator for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, Athabasca District. He was appointed Grand Steward for the 1999–2000 term.

In concordant bodies, our Brother is a member of the A&SR, Valley of Edmonton, currently serving as TPGM of the Edmonton Lodge of Perfection. He is also a Founding Charter Member of Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS and served



Central District

RWBro Douglas Ginther, born February 19, 1970 at Red Deer, AB is an Emergency Medical Technician, residing in Stettler. He has been married to Susan for seven years and the couple has a son, Devon, six years old, and two-year old daughter Shaelin. Bro Ginther has worked for the Stettler District Ambulance Service for the past nine years and has been on the Stettler Voluntary Fire Department for six years. He also spent two years on the Stettler Youth Justice Committee and coached high school football in 1991, 1992 and 1994.



Our Brother was initiated, passed and raised in Apollo Lodge No. 27, GRA, Stettler, in 1991 and served as Worshipful Master of Apollo Lodge in 1996–97. He is also a Royal Arch Mason (RAM of Alberta), a Royal and Select Master (Cryptic Rite, R&SM), and a member of the Preceptory of Knights Templar.

Mighty Peace District

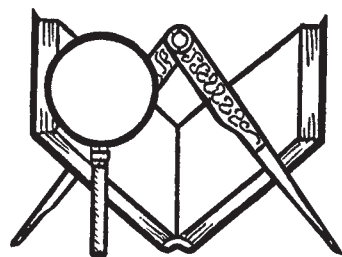
RWBro Joseph H. LaJoie was born on April 19, 1954 in Tweed, Ontario, where he grew up and graduated from high school (grade 13). After one more year of Community College, Joe headed west, following his then childhood sweetheart, and now wife of 23 years, Margo, to High River, AB. The couple has one son, Joel (J.H. LaJoie the Third), now 17.



After five years of employment with the CIBC, Bro LaJoie joined the Bank of Montreal, which took him to High Level and Millwoods in Edmonton. For the past six years he has been Co-owner of Mountain Mobile Communications Ltd. in Grande Prairie, where he has resided for fifteen years.

At his place of residence he has been involved with the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce, acting as chairman for the Specialized Job Placement, a concept he helped to bring to the forefront, where persons with special needs are assisted in obtaining training and assistance in finding employment in the work sector. He also belongs to Toastmasters International, the Grande Prairie Lions Club and the Grande Prairie Mental Health Association, and is both a Cub and Scout Leader.

Bro LaJoie received the degrees of Freemasonry in Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, GRA, in 1988 and was Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1992. He is also an affiliated member of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105. He is a Past First Principal of Wapiti Chapter No. 34, RAM of Alberta.



Book Review

D-Day, Band of Brothers, Citizen Soldiers, and The Victors

By **Stephen E. Ambrose**

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Your reviewer has not found Masonic meaning in a collection of books on the Second World War, although examples of real Brotherhood are mentioned in the books. Instead, your reviewer has decided to include some books that might have a more general appeal. The author of the books is an American and, thus, the books do have an American outlook. There are excellent books on the War by Canadians with a Canadian outlook. I just have not had time to read them, although I do have them on a stack to be read. I hope no one is offended by the US “slant” in the books.

The books are being reviewed as I have found Mr. Ambrose’s writing style very enjoyable and very readable. He has also written *Undaunted Courage* that deals with the Lewis and Clark expedition and *Nothing Like It In the World* that deals with the building of the US first transcontinental railroad. Pierre Berton did an admirable job on the Canadian transcontinental railroad in *The National Dream* and *The Last Spike* that the reviewer highly recommends.

As the title suggests, *D-Day* deals in detail about the Allied invasion of France. The book does include chapters on the Canadian and British landings; however, it is admitted that Omaha and Utah beaches take up most of the book. While a detailed look at the inva-

sion is made, the author focuses on the people. Perhaps this is why I find his books appealing. They all deal with the people involved in the action, not the grand strategy of the generals, but the men who did the “dirty work” in the foxholes. If *D-Day* is of interest, this book would make an interesting read.

Band of Brothers follows E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne from Normandy to Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest. This is the shortest book in the group. Again the most interesting part of the book is that the reader gets to know the people. The book is based on personal interviews with the survivors of the group. Ambrose has managed to convey the feelings of these men in a vivid fashion.

Citizen Soldiers follows a similar theme as *Band of Brothers*. It has a broader scope: the US Army from Normandy to the Bulge to the surrender of Germany. It follows naturally from *D-Day*. In fact, the two books mesh wonderfully. All three are now available in paperback in the large format, not pocketbook size.

The Victors discusses Eisenhower and the men of the US Army. The book takes bits and pieces from all three of the aforementioned books plus some material from Ambrose’s biography of Eisenhower and repackages the material into another book. I found the material on

Eisenhower interesting, but much of the rest of the material was a repetition of the previous books. There was some new material in it as well, but not worth buying the book just for that material. This may explain why the book was in the discounted bin. A hardback book that retailed for \$40 reduced to \$7.00 or about the same price as a paperback.

All the books are written in Ambrose’s readable style. If one is a history buff and does not mind the US perspective, they are all interesting and enjoyable. The first three are readily available in bookstores. *The Victors*, at its reduced price, was found at Chapter’s. Other chains may have it at a similar discount.

Loren W. Kline

Grand Master’s Itinerary

November

- 6 Vulcan Lodge
- 9 Temple-Centennial Lodge Amalgamation
- 11 Masonic participation in Remembrance Day ceremonies at Butterdome, Edmonton; **Regalia will be worn.**
- 17 Internet Lodge of Research, Especial Communication, Constitution & Consecration
- 19 Loyalty Lodge, St. Mark’s Hall, Calgary
- 20 Irricana Lodge