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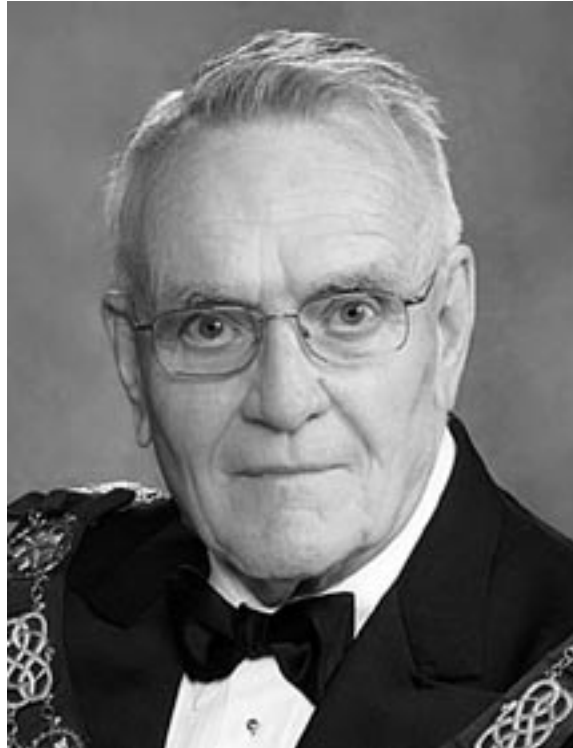
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MWBro Gordon Rex Dawson

Gordon Rex Dawson was born in Didsbury, Alberta, December 2nd, 1926. He was educated in the hamlet of Sunnyslopes and the City of Calgary.

Bro Dawson was initiated in Westlock Lodge No. 114 in October 1970. He was Worshipful Master in 1980 and Secretary of Westlock Lodge for 13 years. Bro Dawson was appointed Junior Grand Deacon in 1986, Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop 1990, DDGM of District 19, 1990, Grand Treasurer 1991–2002 and elected Senior Grand Warden in 2003. He also received the 4th to 32nd Degrees of the A&ASR in 1984.

Over the years, Rex has been involved in many organizations and groups on a voluntary basis, in community and civic affairs. Bro Dawson was elected Town Councillor and is an active Rotarian. He was active in the United Church. He was involved with the



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local and national Car Dealers Councils and was a Director on the Board of the Motor Dealers Association.

Rex married Marjory Bruce in 1948 and for the next 4 years worked for the Municipal District of Mountain View in Didsbury. The family consists of four daughters and seven grandchildren.

From 1952 to 1969 Rex was employed by Motors Insurance Corporation (a General Motors company) and, although having what was considered a prestige position, decided to go it alone.

In 1969 Rex founded Rex Dawson Ford in Westlock. The business thrived and became a prominent part of the community and business world in the area. Among other awards over the years, the “Time Dealer Aware” for the province was received in 1987. The business was sold in 2003, so now Rex is “gainfully unemployed.”

Excerpts from the Grand Master’s Inaugural Address — 2005

Accepting this high office, I do so knowing that everyone here, in fact every Freemason around the world, understands the real meaning of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. That in itself is reason to aspire to this high office. You cannot find, collectively, a finer group of men. I am humbled by the fact that you would allow me to become your Grand Master. During the coming year, I will continue my efforts to promote the principles upon which we stand, contribute to society and carry out all the promises to which I have just consented.

Going back about twelve years, I note that the one common thread in the addresses of each Grand Master is that of membership. Each was acutely aware of this problem, and was concerned about the decline over the last four decades, and rightfully so. We have untold op-

portunities to grow the membership in this jurisdiction and particularly with the resources at our disposal. Many of you know my thinking, and that is one of prospecting, and whether or not you like it, that’s what it is.

Numbers are important, be it in people, time, or money. We must have reserves upon which to draw new leaders and workers. When only about 10–15% of any group are the leaders, we will soon run out if we only attract 200 or 300 per year.

If we averaged one new Mason every four years for each of the 8000 we have in Alberta and took half of that, for slip-page and loss, we could count on 1000 per year. Is that too much to ask? This would far exceed what we are currently doing. Talk as you will, we need numbers to spread the message of Freemasonry and numbers to acquire more leaders.

Quality is more important than quantity, I agree, but quality investigations get us quality men — one at a time. The “quality/quantity” statements I hear, to me is just rationalizing for our inability to grow the ranks. Nothing over the centuries has changed in this regard. There is just so much potential out there and we are not tapping a fraction of it. I get so excited when I think of the possibilities for new men.

When it comes to getting this job done, we have the tools, the manpower, and the ability. The strategic renewal program by MWBro Gerald Webber in 1997 can be considered the business plan. *The Winding Staircase* by MWBro Ponech, and other forms of informative gatherings, friends nights, open house, call it what you will, will produce results. It is also essential the

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Editorial

Who Said We Never Change?

“Nothing is as permanent as change.”

Sound familiar? To Heraclitus (513 BCE) we owe these two aphorisms: “*Everything flows and nothing stays*” and “*You can’t step twice into the same river.*”

At the 100th anniversary Grand Lodge Communication in Medicine Hat on 11 June 2005 we were given living proof of the sage’s wisdom: we do change. One motion to amend the Constitution and one to add to the Regulations were passed, albeit after ample debate and necessitating the person by person vote count by the Grand Stewards. The results are now law, and the democratic and parliamentary processes have triumphed.

What was this all about? Let us examine the two changes:

- Innisfail Lodge No. 8 presented a motion to extend voting privileges (in Grand Lodge and at District meetings) to all Master Masons, regardless of whether they hold a Lodge office or not. Consequently, C.O.19 was amended by deleting the last eleven words (*who hold an Elected or Appointed office of a Constituent Lodge*), henceforth to read: “*Voting Member means a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or Past Master and all Master Masons.*”

It could still be a lot shorter and still mean the same thus: “*Voting Member means all Master Masons*” because now the only Brethren not entitled are Fellowcraft and Entered Apprentices.

What, however, does it mean? While heretofore all Lodges enjoyed relatively equal representation, whether they were those with large membership or small (due to limiting voting rights to Master Masons only when they were Lodge officers), from here on those who can muster a great turnout of members will have the upper hand in achieving whatever will be voted on. We can only pray and trust that this new privilege will never be abused.

- The motion presented by Bow River Lodge No. 1 focused on a perceived deficiency in the election procedures, namely, that candidates for the offices of Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden are frequently unknown to many Masonic Brethren in our widespread jurisdiction, and that, therefore, Alberta Masons are often called upon to elect a candidate without adequate background information and familiarity with the candidate’s vision of Freemasonry in Alberta upon which to base a decision.

The positive vote resulted in adding a new subsection to R.1.2 to read: *Candidates for the position of Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden shall be required to publish* [emphasis ours], *in a regularly published and distributed Grand Lodge of Alberta communication, when their nominations are published, an unedited article of approxi-*

mately 1000 words, but not less than 500 words, outlining their vision for Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. This article shall focus at least, but not exclusively, on (a) the candidate’s description of current issues in Alberta Freemasonry, (b) his proposals for dealing with such issues during the ensuing four years should he progress to the office of Grand Master and (c) his ideas for leading the Craft in Alberta in the future.

The voting majority agreed. Now it will be incumbent on those seeking high office to do some honest soul-searching to ascertain, themselves, if it is right for them to aspire to any of these positions. Obviously, the *raison d’être* is sound, but the burden imposed on office-seekers is not minor. Also, it has not been spelled out what the repercussions would be in case of non-compliance.

As to both of these innovative changes to the Constitution and Regulations, their effect on Freemasonry in Alberta will be studied by the Craft with great interest. Are they steps in the right direction? Only time will tell.

100 Years

Britannia Lodge No. 18

Saturday, October 15, 2005, Ponoka, Masonic Hall

12 00 h Tyle Lodge

13 00 h Receiving the Grand Master and his Officers. Ceremony of Confirming the Consecration and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Britannia Lodge in the presence of the Grand Masters of Alberta, Manitoba (the founding Grand Lodge), British Columbia and Yukon, and Saskatchewan.

During this time the **Ladies** are taking in a presentation by the RCMP at the Kinsmen Rec Centre.

15 10 h Close Lodge.

15 35 h Assemble for the dedication of a Friendship Stone at the north-east corner of the Lions Centennial Park near Fort Ostell, to commemorate this important milestone.

18 00 h Festive dinner at the Kinsmen Rec Centre. Open to Masons, ladies and non-Masons. Dress formal or dark business suit, ladies festive attire. Cost \$25/person.

All Brethren are invited to attend the Centennial. For more information call: RWBro Ernie Hickmore at 403-783-3508 or Bro Greg Henkelman at 780-438-0386.

Information about the celebration will also be posted to Britannia’s web site

http://mastermason.com/Britannia18_Ponoka

Mighty Peace District Meeting

The Mighty Peace District Meeting will be held 24 September 2005 at the Wembley Masonic Hall; registration at 14 00 h.

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Dawson, from page 1.

Ladies accompany their men to these sessions. Actions along this line have always produced results, at least from all information I have. Reports from District Deputy Grand Masters who have witnessed Open House Sessions, all report an increase, and their upbeat reports make special note of this. Does it not make sense that we should actively promote and assist in such activities? Unfortunately these actions are not continued in any consistent manner, again proving to me the old adage — “It is human nature to quit doing the things that make you successful!” Brethren, I repeat, “It is human nature to quit doing the things that make you successful!” These sessions must be continued on a regular basis to build the ranks in the struggling Lodges. Even in the healthy and vibrant Lodges, actions of this kind are being carried out. The point is “don’t become complacent!”

Never has there been a time in history when the principles of our Craft have been needed more. What more incentive do we need to get more men? Do you not think we have a high calling to spread the principles on which we stand? Principles that bind men, not separate them?

Also requiring equal attention is that of our youth. There is no greater calling than bringing new people into the world and preparing them for the future. We have no greater asset than our coming generation. Being God’s gift to the world, we have the great obligation to support and promote them and their activities, and in the Masonic world I refer specifically to Job’s Daughters and DeMolay. Our obligations don’t stop here, for every human has a claim upon us.

I am so pleased that the Craft is now placing more and more emphasis on public relations, which will be one of the more important initiatives, if not the most important in the years ahead. The public simply does not know what we stand for, where we meet or what we do. That doesn’t augur well for us. This is going to change if we stay the course we are on. Ultimately, we will be able to intelligently answer the question “What do Masons do?” Eventually, we will be the winners — good works always survive.

For the coming year my theme will be: **No Man Stands Alone**. Amy Wilson, a 1931 nursing graduate from the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary, did, in 1949,

become the Alaska Highway Nurse for the Canadian National Health Department serving the 3,000 Aboriginals in the Yukon, Northern BC and Alberta. She travelled those countless unsettled miles on foot, by snowshoe, dog team, power wagon, airplane and ferryboat. Bringing colour and movement to life’s tapestry were her associates — heroic Mounties, trappers, bush pilots, traders, members of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Department of Indian Affairs. Life under the Aurora Borealis witnessed wolves pulling down moose in deep snow, babies born on trap lines, sixty below temperatures, airplane crashes and dog teams racing through a midnight blizzard with serum pinned under a sweater for the lives of stricken

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human beings. What a reward she received to hear some desperately ill native say “Thank you nurse, now I’m not going to die.” Her story, titled *No Man Stands Alone*, spoke volumes. She had a high calling in life to help mankind under extremely adverse conditions. This story, once more, proves to me that whatever we want in this world requires the help of a fellow man. We just cannot do it alone.

Brethren, not only is this theme apropos to the task at hand, but also fitting for the assistance we must give new Master Masons if we are to retain

them. You don’t let them find their way to Lodge alone. You don’t leave them in the middle of the Lodge, alone. They are not left to begin their learning process, alone. They are not left at the festive board, alone. You just simply go out of your way to assure that new Masons feel wanted. None of our activities are “a one man stand.”

I have not planned a myriad of objectives and initiatives for the coming year since I believe that would be a useless parade. At present I don’t believe we need any more studies or committees. We have, in my opinion, been studied and “committed” enough. This Craft has been functioning so well for so many centuries that we can only hope to promote one or two objectives each year and that being to keep pace with this changing world. The leaders have to lead, and that means us. If we are the leaders and doers, and do not ask for help from our peers who will?

The bulk of what I said is skewed toward swelling the ranks, but make no mistake, I fully believe retention requires equal billing. That, I prefer to leave as a separate study. Everything we do, I believe, is important, but we can’t cover it all in one stand. Additionally, we must never lower our standards. To do so would be devastating and, if anything, drive men away.

Remember, we all create waves on the sea of life, and these waves wash on distant shores. The effects may be perceptible or imperceptible, but an effect they do have. Hopefully the waves we create this year will, in some small way, have a beneficial effect on some distant shore. It really is so necessary.

G.R. (Rex) Dawson
Grand Master 2005–2006

Cowans

By WBro Barry D. Thom
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In the days of operative masons...

In most localities there would also be men who had learned to build walls or dikes without being apprenticed to the trade or being admitted to a lodge. In Scotland, a “dry-diker” was known as a “cowan,” which is defined as “a mason without the word.” William Schaw was the King’s Master Mason and Warden General of the craft. He drew up a code of trade regulations, customs and a code of conduct that the Scottish masons must follow. These were known as the

Schaw Statutes.

The Schaw Statutes of 1598 ordered that “no Master or Fellow of the Craft receive any Cowans to work in his society or company, nor send none of his servants to work with cowans.” Cowans could be employed by Master Masons for any kind of work, provided that no regular craftsman could be found within fifteen miles. — Originally the word was not derogatory; however, the Masonic order degraded it to mean an impostor or eavesdropper, or one who has not been regularly admitted into a Lodge.

[For more on the subject see Mackey’s *Encyclopædia of Freemasonry*, *Coil’s Masonic Encyclopedia*, and other sources. — Ed.]

MWBro David Alexander Bruce 1937-2005

Most Worshipful Brother Bruce passed to the Grand Lodge Above on the 27th day of May 2005. His biography, published in the September 1988 issue of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*, and reiterated in the 1989 Grand Lodge Proceedings, was all too brief; undoubtedly authored by himself — a proof of his humility. It reads:



Grand Master 1988-1989

Born Calgary, Alberta, December 2nd, 1937. Initiated Crescent Lodge No. 87 (April 28th, 1959), W.M. 1970, Organist for Crescent Lodge since 1972, appointed Grand Pursuivant 1980/81, DDGM of District No. 18 1982/83, Theme Speaker of the Masonic Spring Workshop 1983, elected Junior Grand Warden 1985, Past Prin-

icipal of Crescent Chapter No. 24, Royal Arch Masons, member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Chinook City Conclave, member of A&ASR, Calgary Valley. Affiliated with the United Church of Canada. School Principal for the Calgary Board of Education. Married to Doreen and has two children.

We know that much, much more is to be said about this highly respected and active Freemason, and much beloved human being. More Masonic duties and honours came his way since those days of 1988, such as his long time membership and chairing of the "Committee on the Work," his laying the ground work for the "Alberta Masonic Foundation" whose

first President he was, his untiring organizational work for the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America, both in 1987, when he was still Senior Grand Warden, and in 2005, the most recent conference. He was much in demand as a speaker at Masonic functions, a role he fulfilled with great mastery. He once confided to this writer that he was not fond of preparing papers for presentation, but instead of writing he would rather speak off the cuff. And how well he did that!

In more recent years he attained the office of Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta for 1997-1998, gained membership in the Royal Order of Scotland, and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33^o of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. He also served Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS, in Calgary, as its Recorder. Certainly, many of our readers will be able to add to this list of our Brother's accomplishments.

The Craft in Alberta has suffered a great loss by the passing of MWBro Bruce, and our hearts go out in genuine sympathy to his beloved wife Doreen, and to his son Ken, daughter Glenys and granddaughter Alexandra. — *Requiescat in pace.*

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Cornerstones

Masonic cornerstone layings have been attracting media attention recently. The Masonic Information Center has been interviewed on several occasions about the significance of cornerstone

layings and why the Freemasons are involved.

In all cases, it has been a local cornerstone laying that has attracted attention, and more information about the Fraternity has been requested.

We would certainly encourage Grand Lodges to accept invitations for cornerstone ceremonies as they provide great opportunities to present our Fraternity to the public.

One of the best sources of information about cornerstones is the book *Cornerstones of Freedom, A Masonic Tradition* by Dr. S. Brent Morris. This book was published by the Supreme Council, 33^o S.J. It is available for purchase in softcover, US\$8.00 each (PPD), from either:

Masonic Information Center
8120 Fenton Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785

or

The Supreme Council 33^o S.J.
1733 16th St. NW
Washington, DC 20009-3103

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Phoenix District Celebrated



On March 18, 2005, Phoenix District celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta by holding a **Past District Deputy Grand Masters' Night**, sponsored by Mosaic Lodge No. 176 and King George Lodge No. 59. This evening, all of the chairs possible were manned by our PDDGMs. They portrayed the EA degree Canadian Rite for an Ancient York Rite EA, Bro H. Erdmann, under the

theme One Brotherhood — One Craft.

The evening commenced with a banquet before the degree work. The Masonic communication included a memorial service for all the PDDGMs who had gone before us. After the degree, all who participated received a special certificate marking their participation. A large number of visitors attended and enjoyed the proceedings.

Grand Master's Itinerary September

7-18 Grand Master's Tour
24 Alpha District Centennial
Celebration, Coast Plaza Hotel,
Calgary, 17 30 h

Alpha District Celebrates 100 Years



When the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed in 1905, the 18 Lodges were divided into three Districts. The First Masonic District, as it was called back then, was comprised of Bow River No. 1, Cascade No. 5, Innisfail No. 8, Perfection No. 9, Red Deer No. 12 and Mountain View No. 16 Lodges. RWBro J.T. Macdonald (No. 9) was its first DDGM (GM in 1909/10). Until 1947 this was the District of all Calgary and area Lodges, 16 in number. In 1948 these were split into Districts 1 and 18 (as Lodges in the Edmonton area had been split into multiple Districts by 1917). Today, the District comprises nine Lodges, three of which, 1, 5 and 9, were there at the beginning.

When the Districts took on names, District 1 became **Alpha District**, thus maintaining its original designation in the new form. Therefore, Alpha District proudly celebrates its 100th Anniversary along with the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The milestone is being celebrated both through individual Lodge activities and with a formal **District Gala Evening**.

The gala evening will include Dinner, Dancing (to a live orchestra), wine on the table, a set of memorial glasses, a history book of the District including pictures of Past District Deputy Grand Masters who served since 1905, door prizes and lots of fellowship. Come one and all!

- Date: Saturday, 24 September 2005
- Time: Cocktails 17 30 h
Dinner 18 30 h,
Dance 21 00 h
- Location: Coast Plaza Hotel
1316 – 33 Street NE, Calgary
- Tickets available from:
RWBro Ed Hunter (403-271-7731)
RWBro Roy Woodbridge (403-240-2621)
RWBro Norm Downs (403-279-7887)

Veterans Recognized...

...reads the caption of an article in the *Camrose Booster*, together with the following text:

On March 30, the Northern Alberta Masonic Veterans Degree Team conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro Mark Waterfield in a very colourful ceremony in Camrose Masonic Lodge. On the same evening, the president of the team, Jack Johnston, presented certificates of appreciation for long and dedicated service to the above three veterans who were with the team in its early years: Most Worshipful Brothers Norman MacIver (left), ex Navy; Norman Oslund (centre), ex Army; and Stan Harbin (right), ex RCMP.

The team was formed in 1983, thanks to the vision of Most Worshipful Brother Norman Oslund, and has been in con-



stant service to the Lodges throughout the province and has been invited to Scotland in the near future, where it will exemplify the Master Mason Degree at four different locations. Masonry in Alberta can be proud of the accomplishments of the men involved in this very worthy project.

St. Mark's "2-4-1 Steak Nite"



2-4-1 steak?
You bet! But there was a catch. You had to bring a non-Mason guest to dinner

(a potential member) to get it. The event was a pre-Lodge meeting steak dinner held 27 June 2005 at St. Mark's Lodge No. 118. Three non-Mason guests attended along with 42 Brethren. Guest speaker was MWBro Hugh Young.

Following dinner, the Brethren repaired to Lodge where two Brothers were Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The picture shows the "Salt and Pepper Gang" consisting of Terry Brow, Chief Cook; John Myles, Assistant Cook; and Murray Pay, cookee ... er, Junior Warden. Thank You

Surprise Award

WBro David Hochman, Immediate Past Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 28, received a pleasant surprise along with his Past Master's Certificate on 14 April 2005. RWBro Larry Johnston, DDGM of Alpha District also presented him with a Special Merit Award from the District in recognition of his extraordinary contributions both to his Lodge and to Alpha District. Seen here is RWBro. Larry Johnston (l) making the Award presentation to WBro Hochman.



Masonry in the Mountains

Conrad Hahn observed: "The lack of educational work in the average Lodge is the principal reason for the lack of interest and consequent poor attendance in Masonry over which spokesmen have been wringing their hands for at least a century."¹ Masonic Spring Workshop keynote speaker Dick Fletcher says "this quote stirs one to think about the importance and value of Masonic education within the Fraternity." That was the focus of the theme — *Education: The Road to Enlightenment* — at the 40th Masonic Spring Workshop, held 29 April to 1 May 2005 at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis with 210 in attendance. It was a successful weekend according to MWBro Gordon Macaulay, 2005 Chairman.

In his keynote address, Fletcher illustrated enlightenment through the career of Benjamin Franklin, who took his Masonry very seriously and encouraged the philosopher Voltaire to join the Craft. Both men were free thinkers who found the educational opportunities in Freemasonry greater than with any other organization of the time. They were part of an extended period of awakening summed up in three words: Reformation, Renaissance, and Enlightenment. He concluded:

"Let's encourage our membership to begin anew the spiritual, the cultural, the moral, and the ethical reawakening given to us by the Renaissance, the Reformation, and the Enlightenment, and let's also be proud that Freemasons were involved in all three."

The theme for the **2006 Workshop** is nominally: ***Freemasonry in the Community — And the Development of Modern Society***. Tren Cole, 2006 Chairman, explains the idea behind his theme is that Freemasonry has affected (if not stimulated and promoted) meaningful change in societies and cultures — intrinsically for the benefit of humankind. Involvement in the formation of the League of Nations, the French Revolution, and the US Constitution/Government are but a few examples.

HOW and WHY Freemasons were involved in the formation of these cultural/moral foundations merely illustrates our past propensities. HOW and WHY Freemasons could/should be involved in the future direction of our society is the contemporary calling, if we are to

honour our moralistic tenets.

OR, have Freemasons become individually and collectively crippled in their fraternal attempt to promote morality?

The keynote speaker for the 2006 Workshop is WBro Mark Tabbert, WM of Mystic Valley Lodge in Massachusetts, Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA, and author of the new book *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities* (ISBN 0814782922 272). In his book, Tabbert explores the relationship between the privacy of a Masonic lodge and the public environment of the American

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Jasper Park Lodge No. 143

Here is a little food for thought: "You are someone's impression of a Freemason." Simply put, people who know you, and know you are a Freemason, judge all of us by the example you set. This should make you think twice before acting. We are all familiar with the principles of Masonry, but are we good examples of "*Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth?*" In my opinion we, as Freemasons, should be setting an example for our fellow men: people should want to be like us. It is not hard to be a good Mason! There are still

Community Spirit



On Friday, May 6, 2005, Bro Doug Barnard, representing the Masonic Foundation of Alberta, presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,400 to the Continuing Care Centre of the Strathmore General Hospital. The amount was raised by **Crescent, Gleichen, Rockyford and Strathmore Lodges**, together with the Masonic Foundation, for the purpose of purchasing a Patient Lifting Device

community. For the uninitiated, it is the perfect introduction to understanding a society that, while shrouded in mystery, has played an integral role in the lives and communities of millions of Americans and in American history itself. His insights should make Bro Tabbert an interesting and challenging speaker.

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend to 2006 Masonic Spring Workshop, 28, 29 & 30 April 2006 at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis.

For more information on 2006 or to get some materials from 2005, visit the Workshop Website at www.masonic-springworkshop.ab.ca

¹ Fletcher, Richard E., PGM, Vermont. "Masonic Education: A Subject Too Often Overlooked." *Vox Lucis* 24: 109-116, 2004.

some Brethren out there who fall under the category of "ring Masons," who wear the Masonic ring, but that is about as far as their involvement goes. probably all are good men, but are they good Masons?

WBro Paul Payment, WM

Fiat Lux Meeting

Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 installs WBro Wally Hirsekorn and his officers on Saturday, 1 October 2005 in the Red Room at Freemasons' Hall, Calgary, tiling at 13 00 h. The installation will be performed by members of Perfection Lodge No. 9. Dinner follows: \$20..

for the Centre. The picture shows Bro Barnard presenting the cheque to Glenda Boc, the director of the Continuing Care Centre, among Lodge representatives.

The care workers appreciated receiving the device which allows them to move mobility-challenged patients with safety and efficiency. The *Strathmore Standard* was on hand to record the event, and the Acme local paper printed the story immediately.

Thank You!

Job's Daughters International, Bethel No. 19, would like to thank all Masons who bought tickets on the Masonic Ring raffle. It was a great success, and we are pleased to announce the winner was Mr. Terry Dean.

Again thank you for your support.