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101st Annual Communication

The 101st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 2120 – 16 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB, commencing on Friday June 9th, 2006 at 10:00 AM and continuing on Saturday, June 10th, 2006. Reservations at Radisson Hotel — phone 1-800-333-333 or 1-403-291-4666; Fax 1-403-291-6498. Suites \$174.00, standard rooms \$104.00 — mention the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Agenda: The Annual Communication, under provision of the Constitution and Regulations R1.1.4, will be conducted by MWBro Rex Dawson from the Agenda (printed on page 4 herein), governed by the rules of order as per the Regulations and/or those listed in the Preliminary Reports. The Grand Master may revise the Agenda.

Notices of Motion: The Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution and Regulations are to be found on page 6 of this bulletin.

Registration/Balloting shall commence at 8:00 Am Friday, June 9th, 2006, and will continue until 6:00 PM on the first day of the Annual Communication. Registration and Balloting will resume on the second day, June 10th, 2006 at 8:00 AM and continue until 10:00 AM (according to R1.2.9). **Note:** on the Friday evening there will be no balloting after 6:00 PM.

Remember Your Commitments!

We encourage your Lodge to be fully represented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Any decisions of this Grand Lodge are made by **you**. We recommend you read through this issue of *The Alberta Freemason* and familiarize yourselves with the nominees and the notices of motion. Your attendance is encouraged and most welcomed. **See you there!**

Elections

Grand Master 2006–07

Automatic as per Section C7.2.2:
RWBro J. R. Malcolm Berry
Calgary Lodge No. 23

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By Acclamation:
RWBro Robert A. Drury
Exemplar Lodge No. 175

Senior Grand Warden

By Acclamation:
RWBro John D. Hart
Perfection Lodge No. 9

Grand Treasurer

By Acclamation:
RWBro Donald G. MacWilliam
Perfection Lodge No. 9

Junior Grand Warden

One to be elected:

RWBro David E. Boone

Irricana Lodge No. 137

David Boone was born at Indian Head, SK, on June 14, 1948. He completed his Engineering degree at the University of Saskatchewan and moved to Calgary in 1974. Since then he has worked in the Information Technology and Services industry. He is currently President of an IT services company. David is married to Vivian. They have two daughters, Katie and Kristine.

Brother Boone was initiated in Irricana Lodge No. 137 on
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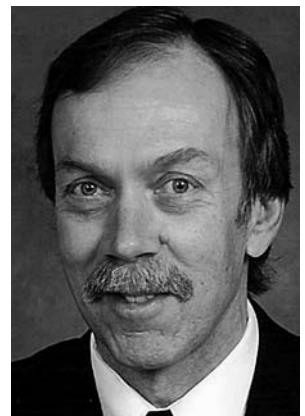


RWBro Brian Shimmons

Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 & Millennium Lodge No. 2000

Brian Shimmons was born at Stratford, ON, on March 10, 1951. He holds BESC and MESC degrees in Chemical Engineering from the University of Western Ontario. His initial employer was Atomic Energy of Canada, working at the Chalk River Nuclear Lab and the Port Hawkesbury, NS, Heavy Water Plant. He moved to Fort McMurray in 1978 to work for Syncrude Canada and is currently the General Manager of

See **Brian Shimmons**, page 2



Editorial

Who or What is “Grand Lodge?”

Most of us have heard it, at one time or another, that this or that is being decided by *Grand Lodge*. Usually the speaker does not mean Grand Lodge assembled for its Annual Communication (that would indeed be correct), but it seems to be implied that some nameless persons, “higher up”, will make all the decisions without regard to the wishes of the grass roots. *THEY* are suspected to do it all, while *WE* are powerless! Is that really so? Of course it is not.

Grand Lodge is not *THEY*, it is *WE*, we all, every one of us, and as our laws are made and amended only at the Annual Communication, it is so important that *WE* be there, that we attend and have our input. Certainly, administrative work is being done throughout the year, such

as by the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Benevolence, numerous committees and the Grand Lodge Office and certain Officers, but all have to report to the general assembly where tentative decisions must be ratified to become valid.

Article 6 of the Constitution, “Composition of Grand Lodge,” in subsection C6.1 reads:

Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters of Constituent Lodges, and the Constituent Lodges as represented by the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden and all Master Masons who have an elected or appointed office thereof.

Brian Shimmons, from page 1
UEI Operations, accountable for leading the organization through the commissioning and start-up of this \$7.5B project. He is a Professional Engineer registered with APEGGA and served as a member and chairman of their Joint Registration Board. He is on the American Petroleum Institute Committee on Safety and Fire Protection and the National Centre for Upgrading Technology Technical Advi-

sory Committee.

Brian has been married to Victoria for 35 years. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Bro Shimmons was initiated in Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 in 1989 and served as Worshipful Master in 1995. In 1997 he initiated the interest that led to the formation of Millennium Lodge No.

Do we hear an objection, that this is not up-to-date wording? Very good for the observant reader; he remembers that at the 100th Annual Communication in June 2005 the Jurisprudence Committee moved that the definition C.0.19 “Voting Member” be amended to read: “Voting Member” means a *Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or Past Master and all Master Masons*. The motion was carried, removing the former restriction to Master Masons holding elected or appointed office.

So what’s the problem? Maybe it isn’t one, but — look here — only the listing of definitions in the Constitution’s Article ZERO was amended, **not** the important Article C6.1 cited above! Ouch! Just one more reason that *WE* all be there and share in the responsibility of making wise decisions for the good of the Craft.

2000 and served as its WM in 1998/99. He served as DDGM of Athabasca District in 1999/2000 and is currently the President of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes. He is a member of Hangingstone Chapter No. 40 and Norwood Chapter No. 18 RAM, Edmonton Preceptory No. 46 KT, Zohar Council No. 4 R&SM, and Al Shamal Temple, AAONMS.

David Boone, from page 1

March 17, 1987, and served that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1994. From 1995 to 2006 he has been Secretary of his Lodge. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master for Dinosaur District for the 2004/05 term. Bro Boone is a member and Past First Principal of Otuskwan Chapter No. 9 RAM, and has served on the Grand Executive Committee and as Chairman of the Youth Endowment Fund of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, RAM. He also belongs to Zadok Council No 3, R&SM, Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, KT, Pompilius York Rite College No. 79, Chinook City Conclave No. 29, RCC, and Al Azhar Temple, AAONMS.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

Two to be elected for a Three-Year term:

RWBro Chris E. Batty

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Bro Batty was born April 6, 1945 at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK. He is a Professional Engineer with a BSc (Eng) in Water Resources, and a MEng, Transportation.

He was initiated in 1975 in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 and was Worshipful Master in 1982. He served as Grand Pursuivant in 2001/02 and as DDGM of Northern Lights District for 2005/06. Chris believes that the education of the next generation is one of the country’s greatest resources.

RWBro Richard W. F. Hopkins

Canada Lodge No. 165

Bro Hopkins was born July 19, 1933 at Liverpool, England. He was initiated in 1973 in Transcona Lodge No. 123, GRM and is a Past Master of four Lodges in Alberta and Manitoba. He is a Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, a four-year member of the Board of General Purposes and currently serving as DDGM of Phoenix District. He is a member of the Media Awareness Committee.

WBro John Pullan

Mosaic Lodge No. 176

Bro Pullan was born in Ponoka, AB.

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Deputy Grand Master	RWBro Malcolm Berry
Senior Grand Warden	RWBro Robert A. Drury
Junior Grand Warden	RWBro John D. Hart
Grand Secretary	RWBro Jerry W. Kopp

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on June 24, 1957. He was initiated in December 1991 and was Worshipful Master of Mosaic Lodge No. 176 in 2000/01. He spent many years as Chapter Dad, Stampede Chapter, Order of DeMolay and Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 12, IOJD. Since 1989 he owns and operates a Delivery Company in Calgary.

RWBro Glen Springsteel

Cornerstone Lodge No. 19

Bro Springsteel was born December 18, 1946 at Edmonton, AB. He is a Public Accountant. He was initiated in Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 in 1993, served as Secretary-Treasurer 1996-1998 and as Worshipful Master 2000/01. Bro Springsteel was DDGM of Calgary-Highwood District in 2004/05. He is currently Worshipful Master of Internet Lodge of Research (2006) and Junior Warden of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 (2005/06). He is also a current member of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee.

Board of Benevolence

Two to be elected for a Two-Year term:

RWBro Russel M. Fisher

Beacon Lodge No. 190

Bro Fisher was born July 18, 1926 at Winnipeg, MB. He was initiated June 1954 in Apollo Lodge No. 27 and is a Charter Member of Beacon Lodge No. 190. He was DDGM of Central District in 1995/96 and has served on the Board of Benevolence for nine years, currently as Vice President.

RWBro William Kostenuk

Corinthian Lodge No. 22

Bro Kostenuk was born April 18, 1952 at Edmonton, AB. He holds a BCom degree from the University of Alberta. He was initiated in Saskatoon-Central Lodge No. 217 GRS in 1991 and affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 22 in 1993. He was Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1998 and DDGM of Calgary-Highwood District in 2002/03. He has been a member of the Board of Benevolence since 2003. - Bro Kostenuk is also an affiliated member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980, and is active in numerous concordant bodies.

RWBro Russ G. Phillips

Mountain View Lodge No. 16

Bro Phillips was born August 12, 1931 at Olds, AB. He was initiated in Mountain View Lodge No. 16 on October 2, 1956 and was Worshipful Master in 1976. He served as Grand Steward in 1976/77 and as DDGM of Central District in 1994/95.

Bro Phillips was the General Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop in 1976.

RWBro Ed Whitenett

Kenilworth Lodge No. 29

Bro Whitenett was born June 28, 1935 at Halifax, NS. He was initiated 1978 in Peace River Lodge No. 89, Worshipful

Letters

March 19, 2006

A fraternal Brother recently returned from visiting a Lodge in Alberta and brought along a copy of the Centennial Edition of *The Alberta Freemason* magazine. On looking through the magazine, I was reminded of a conversation a few years ago when I was asked by my cousin's wife to look at some Masonic certificates to determine who/what her grandfather had done/been in Masonry. We found in the first certificate he had been Junior Grand Warden in 1919, and from the second Senior Grand Warden 1920. Then we went into Scottish Rite and other certificates, until we came upon Grand Master 1921, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Her grandfather was J. Watson Younge.

I was wondering if it would be possible to obtain a copy of the Centennial Edition to give to her, with the picture of her grandfather? By the way, she is now Mrs. Justice Anne Trousdale of the Superior Court of Ontario.

Yours fraternally,

Doug Good

PDDGM, year 2000, Ottawa District 1
GRC

(Needless to say, a copy was immediately sent to Bro Good for her Honour. — Ed.)

March 28, 2006

On March 27, 2006, Lodge Renfrew No. 134 enjoyed a rare treat. MWBro Rex Dawson, Grand Master of Alberta, and MWBro Bill Fitzsimmons, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, were in attendance to see the Lodge raise eight Master Masons. Also in attendance were RWBros Jerry Kopp and Garth Border from Alberta, and RWBros Pizzey, Hester and Hutchinson from Saskatchewan along with other dignitaries. 70 additional Brethren were in attendance...

Lodge Renfrew has had difficulty in recent years initiating all candidates that have petitioned the Lodge, abiding by the limit under Grand Lodge Regulations of five candidates in one day, while still respecting the time schedules and lives of the officers and members of the Lodge. Simply holding more emergent

Master in 1983 and 1988/89, and affiliated with Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 in 1992. He was DDGM of Central District in 1989/90. He currently serves as President of the Board of Benevolence. Bro Whitenett is also a member of RAM and KT, A&ASR valley of Edmonton and Al Azhar Shrine.

meetings is not a sufficient solution to its problem.

It appears that the hard work of the past several years is paying off in Alberta as a wealth of quality candidates seek to join our order. The next challenge is initiating, passing and raising these candidates without the Lodge becoming a burden upon its officers and members... In our recent meeting this challenge was met with the help of Ashlar Lodge No. 28 who kindly raised four of the new Renfrew members in the red room under the Ashlar charter while the four others were raised under the Renfrew charter in the blue room of Freemasons' Hall in Calgary. The raisings were done simultaneously and after a brief recess was taken, all eight Brethren joined together to receive the instructive ritual collectively...

It is hoped that this will be an example of how Lodges can address the problems of large numbers of candidates and the limit on the time of officers and members of the Lodge while staying within the bounds of the Grand Lodge Regulations.

WBro Byron Nelson, PM
Lodge Renfrew No. 134

Fiat Lux, Ladies at Jasper

On Saturday, 27 May 2006, Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 will meet in Jasper, hosted by Jasper Park Lodge No. 143. It's the perfect location to take the ladies and have a "Ladies Night Banquet" as well. Needless-to-say, visitors and their ladies are welcome.

Lodge will tyle at 2 PM at the Jasper Park Lodge Hall. Following a brief business meeting, the Lodge will hold its afternoon's program of research and education on Masonic topics. Following the Lodge meeting at about 17 00 h, the ladies will join the Brethren at the Lodge Hall for a banquet prepared by a Chef schooled in French Cuisine. Cost of the Banquet is about \$25 per person.

For information, or to book space at the banquet, contact; Garth Cochran, secretary of Fiat Lux at 403-274-0563 or e-mail sgarthc@shaw.ca; or Sandy Robinson, Jasper, 780-852-4527.

Program for the One-Hundred-First Annual Communication

June 8th, 9th and 10th, 2006 — Radisson Hotel, Calgary, Alberta

Thursday, June 8th, 2006

- 5:00 PM Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation) - formal
8:00 PM Social Gathering, No Host Bar (all attendees)
— casual dress

Friday, June 9th, 2006

- 8:00 AM Registration/Balloting opens in the Foyer; under the direction of the Grand Registrar, VWBro Jack McBride
8:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members only and invited observers)
9:30 AM Formation of Grand Lodge procession
10:00 AM **Opening of the One-Hundred-First Annual Communication** (typed)
Grand Lodge procession
Reception of Past Grand Masters
Reception of distinguished Visitors
Representatives of visiting Grand Lodges
Representatives of Concordant Bodies
Reception of special guests (Civic and concordant groups)
Presentation of Colours
(Excuse non-Masonic guests)
Motion of Loyalty – MWBro Sandy Milligan
Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 100th Annual Communication
Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving
— Bro Daniel van Alstine, Grand Chaplain
Rules of Order
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee

Noon Lunch

- 1:30 PM Reconvene the 101st Annual Communication
Presentation of the following reports (each report and recommendation requires a motion):
a Board of General Purposes
*Confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary, year 2006–2007
*Appointment of Auditor, year 2006
*Approval of year 2007 Capital and Operating Budget
b Committee on Fraternal Relations (summary) and recommendations
c Committee on the Condition of Masonry
d Board of Benevolence
e Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
f Grand Secretary's Report (excluding statistics)
Presentation and adoption of the following Reports printed in the Preliminary Proceedings:
a Grand Treasurer's Report
b Auditor's Report and Financial Statements
c Finance Committee Report
d Grand Librarian's Report
e Grand Historian's Report
f Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin Report
g Foundation for the Future Report
h Publications and Forms Committee Report
i Public Awareness and Communication Committee Report
j Masonic Spring Workshop Report
k Masonic Foundation of Alberta Report

- 3:30 PM Grand Master's Address – MWBro Rex Dawson
Correspondence and regrets
Roll Call and Recognition of Grand Representatives
4:00 PM Adjournment
5:30 PM **GRAND LODGE BANQUET** — Reception
6:00 PM *Balloting and Registration suspended*
6:00 PM Banquet Seating
Toastmaster: RWBro John Hart, JGW
8:00 PM Entertainment
8:30 PM Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award
9:00 PM Entertainment

Saturday, June 10th, 2006

- 8:00 AM *Balloting and Registration resumed in Foyer*
9:00 AM 101st Annual Communication reconvenes
Any report not completed from Friday's session
Committee on the Work
Notices of Motion to amend Constitution & Regulations
10:00 AM *Balloting and Registration close*
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report on the Elections
Masonic Awards
11:00 AM General and unfinished business
Election of Grand Tyler
Any further unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled to the next Annual Communication
Grand Master's Comments
Noon Lunch
1:30 PM 101st Annual Communication reconvenes
Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2006–2007 under the direction of MWBro Rod Ponech
3:30 PM Grand Lodge closes
3:45 PM 2006–2007 Officers' pictures
5:30 PM **Incoming Grand Master's evening**
— BBQ — informal
Calgary Elks' Golf & Country Club
2502 – 6 Street NE, Calgary

NOTE: There will be an enjoyable Ladies' Program — Friday: Heritage Park Tour and Lunch; Saturday: Luncheon at Radisson Hotel

NOTE: Tuxedos to be worn by Grand Lodge Officers at the Grand Master's Banquet, Grand Lodge Banquet and Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers.

Grand Master's Itinerary

May

- 1 Mountainview No. 18; Masonic Hall, Olds
11 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer; 10 00 h
11 Bassano No. 55; Fellowcraft Degree; 19 30 h
12 Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, Annual Communication; Norseman Inn, Camrose
18 King Solomon No. 41; Jewel Presentation; Masonic Hall, Cochrane; 19 30 h
24 Onoway No. 138; British Night; Legion Hall, Onoway; 17 30 h

Freemasons for Dummies

Christopher Hodapp, 32nd, Wiley Publishing Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, USA

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The *Dummies* series has been very successful. The concise and clearly written series has extended its franchise to just about every topic imaginable. I have seen large numbers of books on all aspects of home computing, E-bay, and topics ranging from poker to wines to various games. It is no wonder they finally got around to the Craft.

The author is a member of the Craft, the Scottish Rite, various branches of the Royal Arch, the Shrine, Southern California Research Lodge, the Scottish Rite Research Society, and the Philaethes Society. He has written for the *Indiana Freemason* magazine and is a moderator for *Hiram's Forum*, a Masonic Internet project of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The first section, "What is Freemasonry," discusses in very broad terms the concept of the three degrees and what Masons do. This is followed by a brief history of the Craft; Masonry in America; the rise of Fraternalism; the philosophy of Freemasonry; and politics, religion and Freemasonry and how they don't mix. The second section discusses how Lodges work — the officers, Grand Lodges — what they are and do, a brief discussion of our ceremonies, our symbols, and common misconceptions. The third section covers all the appendant (we would say concordant) bodies, including many not usually found in Canada. Part 4 discusses the current state of the Craft and its possible future. Part 5 is a bit of an odd mix. The first chapter in this section discusses ten groups of famous Masons, e.g., Founding Fathers, military leaders, etc. The next chapter discusses conspiracies, anti-Masons, and hoaxes. The last chapter in the section deals with ten interesting Masonic places to visit. This includes Freemasons' Hall in London, House of the Temple in Washington, DC, Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland, and Freemasons' Hall in Philadelphia. The last section consists of appendices. Included here are the Regius Manuscript, Anderson's Constitutions, and finding a Lodge. This last section is interesting because its three parts are "Mainstream US Grand Lodges," "Prince Hall Grand Lodges," and "Canadian Grand Lodges."

Like all books in the series, the book is

an easy read, very concise, and relatively current. It is a handy reference, but does not pursue any of the topics in great depth. While the book is written by an American and primarily for an American

readership, the book is very interesting. If anyone has been concerned about how much to tell friends, wives, or prospective candidates about the Craft, this book certainly should help set the limits. It covers the information but discloses none of the Craft's "secrets." I believe that any member of the Craft would find this an interesting read.

Loren Kline, PM

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, AF&AM Ticket Order Form

Mail to "Grand Lodge", 330 – 12 Avenue SW, Calgary AB, T2R 0H2

Will you please determine your Ticket needs for the Grand Lodge functions at the **Radisson Hotel, Calgary** and other venues, as outlined below.

Once you have determined the number, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return to the Grand Lodge office by **May 22nd, 2006**, enclosing your cheque in payment.

No refunds will be given on tickets returned later than **May 22nd, 2006**.

----- Please return this portion -----

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Address: _____

Event	Number	Total	Cost
Thursday, June 8th, 2006			
<i>Grand Master's Banquet</i> – Formal			
Cost \$40.00/person (After May 22 nd \$45.00/person)			
** Price includes Social following Banquet			
<i>Social Following Grand Master's Banquet</i>			
<i>Cowboy/Mountie Poetry</i> – Retired S/Sgt Robbie Robertson			
Cost \$5.00/person – tickets available at the door			
Friday, June 9th, 2006			
<i>Men's Luncheon</i>			
Cost \$20.00/person (After May 22 nd \$25.00/person)			
(100 tickets available)			
<i>Ladies' Program</i>			
Admission & Lunch at Heritage Park			
Cost \$25.00/person (After May 22 nd \$30.00/person)			
<i>Grand Lodge Banquet and Entertainment</i>			
Officers: Formal			
Cost \$40.00/person (After May 22 nd \$45.00/person)			
Saturday, June 10th, 2006			
<i>Men's Luncheon</i>			
Cost \$ 20.00/person (After May 22 nd \$25.00/person)			
(100 tickets available)			
<i>Ladies' Program</i>			
Lunch at Hotel			
Cost \$15.00/person (After May 22 nd \$20.00/person)			
<i>BBQ at Calgary Elks' Golf & Country Club</i>			
2502 – 6 Street NE, Calgary			
Cost \$20.00/person			

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

Jurisprudence

Committee Resolutions:

Resolution #01

At the Grand Lodge Communication in June 2003, the Jurisprudence Committee presented a motion to revise Article C11.1.3 and Article C11.1.2 which effectively read that members of the Board of General Purposes shall be elected at the Regular Annual District Meeting of each Masonic District and that a Master Mason in good standing in a Lodge within the District for a period of not less than five consecutive years would be eligible for nomination.

After a number of years following this procedure it is very apparent that several Districts, particularly those with limited membership, are having great difficulty in finding members to run for election to the position of DDGM for one year, let alone to find somebody willing to serve on the Board for three years. Consequently, there consistently exist several vacancies on the Board. In addition, it has been recorded that a number of members of the Board, who allowed their names to stand for election to fulfill the requirements of the process, do not attend the meetings, are members in name only and are non-contributory to the administrative work of the Grand Lodge.

While the original intent was praiseworthy, the practicality of the matter is that the new process is not working. It is therefore proposed that the Jurisprudence Committee consider bringing the following motions to the floor of Grand Lodge:

Motion #01A

Article C11.1.2 shall read as follows:
"Where a member is:

- .1 a Master Mason,
 - .2 in good standing in a Lodge within the Jurisdiction for a period of not less than five (5) consecutive years, and
 - .3 a resident in this Jurisdiction,
- he is eligible for nomination to the Board of General Purposes."

Motion #01B

Article C11.1.3 shall read as follows:
"Elected members of the Board shall be elected by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, five (5) of whom shall be elected each year. Elected members shall serve a term of three (3) years and no elected member of the Board shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. Any elected member of the Board, who absents himself from two consecutive meetings of the Board without good and sufficient cause, as determined by the presiding officer of the Board, shall be deemed to be no longer a member of the Board."

Resolution #02

WHEREAS:

1. the Jurisprudence Committee ruled that a resolution passed by Grand Lodge, which provided Master Masons with the right to vote at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication, did not apply to District Meetings because a specific Regulation expressly stating that Master Masons did not have a vote at District Meetings could not be overridden by a general motion, and
2. due to the misunderstanding of the foregoing ruling Master Masons were, in fact, allowed to vote at District Meetings in the year 2005,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Motion #02A

All motions passed and elections held at each District Meeting in 2005 are hereby ratified by Grand Lodge assembled and deemed valid, notwithstanding the fact that Master Masons were allowed contrary to the ruling of the Jurisprudence Committee.

AND WHEREAS:

1. the Jurisprudence Committee has ruled that the Constitution and Regulations as currently exist, hold that Master Masons do not have the right to vote at District Meetings in the future, and

2. it is thought that Master Masons should have the right to vote at District Meetings,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Regulation 2.2.12 be amended to read as follows:

Motion #02B

"Those persons entitled to vote at the Annual District meeting shall be members of Lodges in the District who have attained the rank of Master Mason as registered with the Grand Lodge. Each member qualified to vote is entitled to one (1) vote only."

Resolution #03

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that the Grand Lodge of Alberta have a policy that all prospective candidates for Petition for Initiation or Re-instatement be required to have a Criminal Records Check as part of their application for membership, to be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge which they are petitioning.

Lodge Renfrew No. 134:

Resolution #04

Motion #04

"Moved that the Grand Lodge of Alberta repeal Regulation R3.9.1 which limits the number of candidates that can be initiated, passed or raised in one (1) day."

Still Going Strong



After RWBro Donald Hart conducted the installation of Dominion Lodge No. 117 officers in Edmonton on December 14, 2005, he was presented with his 60-Year Bar by the Grand Master, MWBro Rex Dawson. Bro Hart was Master of Dominion Lodge in 1951. He has his 50-Year decoration as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and the 50-Year jewel as a Royal Arch Mason. Bro Hart is a charter member of Far North Lodge No. 199 at Inuvik, NT, and a member of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, KT, Zohar Council No. 4, R&SM, and the Alberta Rose York Rite College No. 52.

The picture shows (l-r): MWBro Gerald Webber; MWBro Rex Dawson; RWBro Don Hart; and MWBro Ray Burton.

Masonic Public Relations Moves Forward

Bro Edward Ashby of Bow River Lodge No. 1 coordinated participation by several Calgary Lodges in the Calgary Stampede Parade of July, 2005. With assistance from RWBro Garth Border, DDGM for Alpha District, the Brethren were invited to march with the Shriners' parade entries and they were given excellent TV coverage by media commentators. The beautiful banner was used in several parades across the province and, with an annual date change (the year is attached with velcro), it will serve Alberta Freemasonry extremely well in the many parades to come. The banner may be borrowed for Alberta Lodge parade events by contacting Bro Ashby at eashby@nortelnetworks.com.

