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2014 New Year's Message

RWBro John Slade, Deputy Grand Master

As we begin another year in the circle of human life, and before we commence to make New Year's resolutions and to make changes in how and what we do in the future, we must take this opportunity to reflect on what we have done and what we have left undone over the last year, as this will normally be a guide as to the goals that we can or cannot set for ourselves.

Have we attended our Lodge meetings regularly or have we always found excuses not to attend? Have we also left our Brethren to flounder in the darkness? Remember, you need your Lodge and it needs you, too. Our primary object is to promote happiness, peace and harmony, and this can only be achieved by the social interaction that our Lodge meetings offer.

Brethren, now is the time and this is

the opportunity that you are offered to repair some of these ways. Get involved, take an active part in your Lodge, become the driver, not the follower, just as the ritual teaches. Ensure that our Brethren in seniors' lodges, homes and hospitals are not forgotten, particularly at this time of the year, and make a regular pattern of visiting with them throughout the year when possible.

How many times have you discussed Freemasonry with friends or family? Make it your goal, and take the opportunity to talk to men in your circle to whom you look up and whom you admire for the way they conduct themselves and live their lives. Ask yourself, "Would they make good Freemasons?"

We must challenge ourselves to become better stewards of our Craft. Learn from one another and allow the light of Freemasonry to shine that much brighter. Ensure the foundation that what we have, or are building, is strong, so that the superstructure is perfect in all its parts. We are told that over two thousand years ago three wise men followed their hearts and travelled many miles, lead only by a guiding star, to a manger in Bethlehem. This was dedication.

Brethren, take the opportunity offered and follow the guiding light of Freemasonry that is within us all and then you may be able to achieve your own personal goals, with honour and reputation, and let your light shine brightly throughout the coming year.

My wife Barbara and I offer our sincere and best wishes to all the Brethren and their families of this great province for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Let this be the year your personal Masonic light shines its brightest, and may you become the "master builders" for the future.

## Masonic Medal of Merit Bro Thomas Walter Govenlock

Bro Thomas Walter Govenlock was initiated into Freemasonry in Whitecourt Lodge No. 153 on 4 October 1978, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on 2 November 1978 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 7 December 1978.

He has served in all the principal chairs, except the Worshipful Master, and most of the assistant chairs. When called upon, he is always willing to act in any position and volunteers to help set up the Lodge and at the festive board. He offers the use of his property for the annual Sun Rise Breakfast and helps with other social events throughout the year. Bro Govenlock is part of a long line of Masonic family members. His grandfather (T.G. Govenlock) and uncle (W. Govenlock) were founding members of Whitecourt Lodge and his father (S. Govenlock) was a DDGM.

Bro Govenlock was born and educated in Whitecourt. Having been married to Doreen for 37 years, their union had 2 children, Thomas (TJ) and Michael.

He is currently retired after 32 years with Amoco Canada, first as a heavy duty mechanic and subsequently as rotary equipment foreman.

Bro Govenlock served on the volunteer fire department for many years and prior to leaving (due to his relocating to an



acreage outside Whitecourt) he was

## **Bro Thomas Andrew Nelson**

Bro Thomas Andrew Nelson was initiated into Freemasonry in Strathmore Lodge No. 53 on 2 March 1981, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on 6 April 1981 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 1 June 1981, subsequently affiliating as a member of Nanton Lodge No. 17. quently, wanting to continue to serve his community, he has twice been elected as a Councillor for Woodlands County. In addition, he serves on the Rural Electrification Association. As stated by the nomi-

the Fire Captain. Subse-

As stated by the nominators, "He is an invaluable asset to his Lodge and his Brethren in general, who really appreci-

ate the efforts of this Brother."

In service to his Lodge, he has been Treasurer, worked on the Casino Funds Committee for 10 years, and has been a very active and willing member of the Building Committee. He always willingly assisted in many ways with time and effort on behalf of the Lodge. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, he is now



Bro Tom Nelson and Beverly

mostly confined to home and unable to attend his Lodge.

He has been married to Beverly for 23 years and they have three children — Kim, Carl and Ian — and one grandchild, Cole.

Bro Nelson retired from the RCMP as a Corporal after 26 years of service

in many communities. In support of his community, he has served the Nanton Booster Club (including a term as President), Nanton Golf Club Board of Directors (including a term as President), the Nanton Handi-Van Society and Nanton Legion. In his spare time he took a lead role in the organization of an RCMP Charity Tournament to aid local charities for several years and assumed the role of Santa Claus for the local Fire Department for many years.

As stated by the nominators, "He was one of the most visible RCMP members to live and serve in Nanton and was very well respected."

Some Information About the Nelson presentation

MWBro Cal Shaver

Due in part to Tom's health, but primarily from the decision to honour him in his own Lodge, it was decided to have a special evening just for him. This evening included a great attendance of Masons, including RWBro John Slade and RWBro Chris Batty, who came to assist with the presentation. In addition, it was open to family and friends,

and there was a good turnout of spouses and family members, as Tom is very highly respected throughout the area both in and out of Lodge. Included were a large number of fellow retired RCMP officers (see below), all non-Masons, who came out to congratulate Tom.

The presentation was kept a secret, and Tom was taken to the Lodge under the pretext of a Building Committee meeting, only to be greeted by a full Lodge room of Brothers, family and friends.



# The Masonic Medal of Merit Committee

Once again it is my genuine pleasure to present the report for the 2012–13 Masonic year. During the past year, your Committee has not received suggestions for changes and does not propose to revise any of the procedures for this Committee.

Regarding the past year's activity, the Committee has answered some general questions regarding the Masonic Medal of Merit, received nominations and processed them in the usual manner. As at this date, since 1993 there have been 73 recipients from 43 Lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Brethren, do the following words sound familiar?

- Masonry directed to the service and convenience of mankind.
- Cultivation and improvement of the human mind.
- Induce the habit of virtue and to strengthen the fundamental principles of our order:

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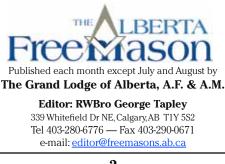
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- Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
- A man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life.
- Fulfills his duties as a man, a subject, a husband and a father.
- Whose heart beats warm for friendship.
- To whom Faith, Hope and Charity are not mere words.
- A man who never proclaims what he has done, will do, can do.
- He did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good.

Certainly they do, and we have all heard them many times explained in the General Charge. These words provide the nucleus for identifying a Brother and, in addition, when he has not been installed as a Worshipful Master, he is worthy of a nomination to receive this prestigious award.

Brethren, I know today I am talking to the informed. However, there remain 82 Alberta Lodges which have not had



a recipient of this medal. We need to continue our efforts to encourage the submission of nominations. Accordingly, I ask all DDGMs to include a reminder about the Masonic Medal of Merit at their annual district meeting. Should you desire to have someone from the Committee attend to address this matter, require clarification or information about any facet regarding the same, please contact me and this will be arranged.

As in past years, I take this opportunity to thank the Committee members for their hard work, which makes my role as chairman very easy, and for your continued commitment to serving the Grand Lodge of Alberta on this very rewarding and pleasurable Committee.

Fraternally submitted.

MWBro Calvin D. Shaver, PGM Chairman

Fill out your application for the Masonic Medal of Merit **NOW**. The deadline for submission is the end of February.

The Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin

RWBro George Tapley (Chairman); MWBro Robert E. Juthner, Editor emeritus; WBro Garth Cochran; WBro Loren Kline; Bro Trevor Morris; Ex Officio: Grand Master,

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## Alberta Miscellany Thank You High River Masons

HIGH RIVER TIMES, October 2013

#### Dear Editor,

I wanted to echo some of the sentiments I read from the Assisted Living group in last Tuesday's paper. The members of the Cornerstone Masonic Hall have been amazing community supporters.

I first made contact with them at the beginning of the school year in September, when I was informed that there was no space or plan for band classes at my school. I was forced to think outside the box, and thought of a building two blocks

#### Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196

Brethren, as we are about to return the Lodge to light, I find myself reflecting on how I value Freemasonry. I'll return to the speech I gave at my installation.

When I joined Freemasonry I did so because I thought the world tends to have a negative view of men. I believe that men are motivated by positive, constructive feelings, far more than is generally acknowledged. While I couldn't be sure, it seemed to me that Masonry offered the possibility of associating with men who held a similar belief. I found my speculation to be true, and I found so much more. First off, from the point of petitioning through the degrees, VWBro Forbes, who was the Secretary at the time, kept sending me materials which, in ever increasing depth, laid out a system of beliefs that were totally aligned with beliefs I had developed over my life. Most belief systems I had encountered required adherents to be followers rather than encouraging an enquiring, even skeptical mind, individual effort, direct experience and the drawing of conclusions from the insight gained through thoughtful reflection. If I had known Freemasonry to be such a strong proponent for the freedom of the individual, where the glue that binds its members is the mutual respect that arises naturally from brotherly love, I would have petitioned 20 years earlier. Over the last eight years I've met good men from all corners of the province.

Entering the Lodge and going through the degrees I encountered symbolism unlike anything I had seen since my days as an altar boy, when the Catholic mass was still conducted in Latin. From that earlier exposure to symbolism I derived an understanding that symbols, while away, the Masonic Hall. I made a few phone calls, and the result was access to their space for what was planned to be a week, maybe two at the most. They even gave me plenty of space to store my percussion and larger instruments.

Four weeks later my contact at the lodge, Paul Rigby, informed me that they would not be charging us rent as we were displaced by the flood. It would be their donation. Without that donation, our Senior Band would not have been able to perform at Culture Days this year.

sometimes, to some extent, translatable into words, also impacted us on a level outside verbal comprehension. It's like another language that we don't even know we understand. Indeed, I believe symbols resonate in us, establish a vibration which alters our spectrum of perception and, thereby, the thoughts we are capable of entertaining.

Given this view, the ritual work, which includes the floor work, is very important to me. As I've intimated, I believe it makes an impression of untold import. During my time as WM of this lodge I want to focus on excellence in our ritual work. I invite the Brethren to join me in this pursuit. Doing so will, however, require a commitment, a commitment made by all those who have served the Lodge by assuming the Chair of SoloEight weeks after we started (six weeks longer than expected), we are finally out. But while we were there, we had a huge number of "room-mates" at the Masonic Hall, including the Assisted Living group, a Tai Chi group, a Pro-Life fundraiser, the Wildrose Party, Literacy for Life, and a few more I'm likely to have missed.

The Masons have shown us that they are true supporters of our town. My students and I are very grateful for the help and are quite pleased to list them as Platinum sponsors of our Program

Thank you Masons!

Joel Windsor, High River

mon, not only to work scrupulously in committing the work to memory but by very regular attendance at all meetings and practices. As WBro Brodeur pointed out last year, he missed out on a lot of overtime over the period of working his way through the offices and sitting as Master of this Lodge for two years. Look around the room to the Past Masters. All of them have made the same sacrifice. And while they may not be enthusiastic to re-assume the Master's chair, I don't think any have regrets for having so dedicated themselves to the Lodge. In addition to striving for excellence in our ritual work I would also like to build and expand the capacity and competency of the Lodge. Therefore, I wish to point out you need not be an officer to attend practice. Please join us. It is at practice that much learning happens.

WBro Sig Guggenmoos

# Calgary Lodge Donates to the Calgary Hospice Society

WBro Terry Goodwin (Past Master, Calgary Lodge No. 23) is shown (photo right) handing over a cheque for \$2089.80 to Heather Gladstone, RN, of the Calgary Hospice Society. WBro Goodwin had observed a lack of small comforts needed by those who were patients, and upon speaking with a brother Mason who was passing his last few days in the hospice, was told that the hospice could not provide such items due to a lack of funds. Brother Goodwin then decided to start a collection jar at Calgary Lodge's festive board, which was placed on the bar at every meeting. A sum of \$1044.90 was raised in a few short months. He then applied for and received a matching grant from the



WBro Goodwin and Heather Gladstone

#### Masonic Foundation.

Brethren, the Masonic Foundation needs your donations. Funds are now very low as they support many worthy causes. Perhaps your Lodge could consider a collection jar at your festive board to support the Foundation.

# Events Leading Up to the Formation of The Grand Lodge of Alberta

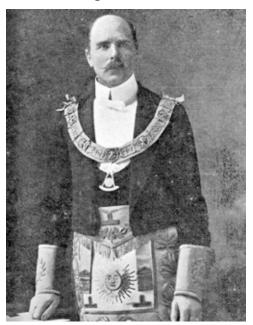
Dr. George MacDonald, Past Grand Master (1905) and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta (1907). (Probably written not long after the actual creation of the Grand Lodge)

The first Masonic Lodge to be formed in what is now the province of Alberta was organized in Edmonton as Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Their Charter was granted in the year 1882, but was subsequently surrendered about the year 1890.

The next attempt to establish Masonry in Alberta was made in Calgary in May 1883, when a notice was issued calling upon all Masons to meet in Bro George Murdock's store, which then stood on the east bank of the Elbow River, nearly opposite the present site of the barracks of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. Only five Masons presented themselves at this meeting, namely Bros George Murdock, E. Nelson Brown, A. McNeil, George Monilaws and D.C. Robinson. Bros James Walker and John A. Walker were to have attended, but were unavoidably prevented from being present. At this meeting the unanimous opinion of the Brethren present was that the time was not opportune for the formation of a Lodge, as there was no suitable place in which to meet, there was not a sufficient number of Masons to successfully carry on a Lodge and there was a scarcity of material to work on.

After a few months had passed, people began to arrive in greater numbers with the advent of the railway. The CPR track was laid through the site of what is now the City of Calgary on 15 August 1883. A few days later the first freight train arrived, bringing with it the printing outfit of the Calgary Herald. In the first issue of that paper a notice was inserted calling upon all Masons interested in the formation of a Masonic Lodge to meet in George Murdock's store, east of the Elbow River. A photograph of this shack is still preserved in the archives of Bow River Lodge No. 1. To the surprise of all, a large number of Masons assembled. RWBro Dr. N.J. Lindsay, at that time DDGM of No. 1 (Essex) District, Grand Lodge of Canada and the present Grand Treasurer of Alberta, was elected chairman, and RWBro George Murdock, Secretary. Meetings were regularly held every Friday night, an attendance register kept and minutes of all proceedings recorded, but no Masonic

work was done or examinations made until the petition for a Dispensation was about to be signed.



MWBro Dr. George MacDonald, the first Grand Master of Alberta. In 1905, RWBro MacDonald was Secretary of Bow River No. 28, GRM, when the invitation went to Alberta Lodges to meet in convention on 27 May 1905 and again on 6 July 1905 to discuss forming a Grand Lodge in the new province. He was Secretary of that convention and was subsequently elected Grand Master at the Founding of the Grand Lodge of Alberta on 12 October 1905. He served until 21 February 1906 and became Grand Secretary in 1907.

A petition was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia asking for a Dispensation, the greater number of those signing it having lived in that Province. Discouraged at the long wait for a reply, petition was made to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. A favourable reply was received from both these Grand Lodges at about the same time. However, on account of the easier communication with Manitoba it was decided to accept Dispensation from their Grand Lodge. This Dispensation was obtained about 1 January 1884, and the first meeting held on January 6. RWBro Dr. N.J. Lindsay was elected first Worshipful Master. RWBro Lindsay then attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, held in Winnipeg on February 11 and at that meeting was

elected Junior Grand Warden. At that meeting a charter was granted to Bow River Lodge, Calgary, numbered 28 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Bow River is now No. 1 on the Grand Register of Alberta.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1884, charters were granted to Lodges at Regina, Moosimin and Calgary. These, with the Lodges at Edmonton and Prince Albert, might legally have formed a Grand Lodge for the Northwest Territories, which comprised of the districts of Saskatchewan, Assiniboia and Alberta, all being under one Territorial Government. As even then it was deemed probably that Provincial formations were not far distant, it was recognized that a Territorial Grand Lodge would be broken up by the division of the Territories into Provinces. It was accordingly decided to leave in abeyance any desire to form a Grand Lodge.

The three Districts forming the Northwest Territories have now been divided into two provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Assiniboia being absorbed by the other two.

Until the formation of the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba claimed jurisdiction over all the Northwest Territories, although in their first Constitution it was declared that the Grand Lodge was formed in and for the Province of Manitoba. They also provided that in the absence of the Grand Master the officer next in rank should assume the duties of that office.

In 1893, Dr. Goggin of Winnipeg was elected Grand Master, and Thomas Tweed, of Medicine Hat (District of Assiniboia) was elected Deputy Grand Master. During the year Dr. Goggin was appointed superintendent of Education for the Northwest Territories and moved to the capital, Regina. This gave rise to a rather peculiar situation. The Grand Master had left the Jurisdiction and the Deputy had been elected from without the province, and to further add to this peculiar condition the Grand Lodge had decided to hold the Communication of 1894 at Banff, Alberta. To meet this difficulty an amendment to the Constitu-See Formation on page 6.

## Your DDGMs 2013-2014

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft in Alberta during the 2013–2014 term.

#### Alpha District

**RWBro Allan S. Dickson** was born on 28 November 1970 in Glasgow, Scotland. He is the youngest of five children and emigrated to Toronto with his family in 1972. He has also lived in Manchester (UK) and Sydney (Australia). He is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served an honourable 2-year mission to Greece and Cyprus. He is married to a wonderful lady, Michelle Gomez Constantino of Iloilo



City, Philippines. They have yet to be blessed with children.

The majority of his professional career has been in national business development in the logistics, transportation and distribution industry. He enjoys playing and refereeing soccer, golf, travelling and he is a passionate supporter of Rangers Football Club (Scotland).

His grandfather, Robert Jones Dickson, was a member of Lodge St Andrew 465 and his dad, William James Dickson, is a life member of Lodge Eastmuir 1126, both from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was initiated in May 1999 in Ashlar Lodge No. 28, passed in February 2000 in Parkdale Lodge No. 510 of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in March 2000 at the same Lodge with his brother, William Bradley Dickson.

His Masonic service and recognition has included the honour of being installed as Worshipful Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 28 on 12 December 2008, a guest speaker at the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Calgary Association (2010 & 2012), 2011 Alpha District Award of Merit recipient, a member of the Southern Alberta Tartan Degree Team, an honorary member of the Alberta Filipino Masonic Conferral Degree Team and a founding member of the OTL Professionals & Business Owners Lunch Network (Calgary). He has visited and attended lodges in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto, San Diego, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, New York, Edinburgh, London (UK), Iloilo City and Manila, and a few other places too! He is grateful to participate in our noble Craft and thankful for the opportunity to serve the members of Alpha District.

#### **Beaverhills District**

**RWBro Louis Fradette** was born ON 7 September 1951 at Radville Saskatchewan, where he was raised before moving to Calgary, where he completed high school.

He moved to Edmonton in 1977, where he created an industrial supply business, which he sold in 2003. He and his wife, Karen, have been married for 35 years. They have a son, Michael, who lives in Whitehorse and two daughters, Nicole and Gillian, both in Edmonton.



RWBro Fradette was initiated, passed and raised in Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 in 1990. He served as Worshipful Master in 1996, and is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Edmonton, Al Shamal Shriners, and Fiat Lux Lodge of Research.

He served as Grand Chaplain in 2009–2010, and is currently First Vice-Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop. He will be the Chairman of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Workshop in 2015.

In his spare time he is involved with two businesses and recently launched another.

#### **Mighty Peace District**

**RWBro Nik Sellwood** was born in Pointe Claire, Quebec on 24 March 1977, grew up near Prince George BC, and now resides in Sexsmith, Alberta.

Nik obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta in 2002, and is now a high school teacher specializing in English and Social Studies. Nik has been married to his beautiful wife for 12 years and they are now learning the parenting ropes with their first child



Nik is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation Lewis. He was initiated into Mystic Tie Lodge No.188 in 2000. He is a Past Master of Grande Prairie Lodge No.105, Past First Principal of Wapiti Chapter No. 4 (Royal Arch), Member of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, Knights Templar, and Zohar Council No. 4, Cryptic Rite. Being an educator, Nik is always interested in learning more about Masonry and the Craft.

### **Northern Lights District**

**RWBro Kenn Culbertson** was born in Edmonton on 13 September 1951 and began his career early in 1971 at Canadian National Railways as a Yardman. In May of 1974 he qualified as a Locomotive Engineer. Kenn held this position for 32 years at Canadian National, then moved to VIA Rail Canada, where he retired in 2008.

He is married to Phyllis, and their family includes four children and four wonderful grandchildren.

RWBro Kenn is a third generation Mason, as his Grandfather and Father both were members of West Edmonton Lodge No. 101. Kenn was initiated in Evergreen Lodge No. 166 in June of 2005, and served as Worshipful Master in 2010. He is also an affiliated member of Baseline Lodge No. 198 in Spruce Grove, a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason, an Al Shamal Shriner and a member of the Order of Eastern Star. For Northern Lights District, he served as Masonic Higher Education Bursary Representative in 2009–2010, and District Secretary from 2011 to 2013. In June 2011, Kenn was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, serving with Most Worshipful Brother Peter Dunlop. In June of 2011 he was elected to the Board of General Purposes for a term of three years, along with an appointment to the Grand Lodge Finance Committee.

Masonry was extremely important in filling the void that came after his retirement. It was the fellowship and visitation that are cornerstones to our Fraternity that were the inspiration for Kenn's wholehearted involvement in the Craft. Outside of Freemasonry Kenn enjoys golf, travelling and volunteering.

## **Palliser District**

RWBro Paul Alexander Jerry was born 22 January 1966 in Toronto, ON. He received his BA in psychology from the University of Calgary in 1987; his MA in psychology from Lesley College, Cambridge Mass. in 1989; and his PhD in Educational Research from the University of Calgary in 2001. He is currently Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director of the Graduate Centre for Applied Psychology, Athabasca University,



which delivers Canada's largest Master's training program for counsellors and counselling psychologists.

RWBro Jerry is a Registered Psychologist and has served as President of the College of Alberta Psychologists in 2010. He has been married to Leslie for 23 years and has a daughter, Maeghan who is 20 and attending the University of Alberta, and a son Mitchell who is 17 and finishing grade 12.

RWBro Jerry was initiated, passed and raised in Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 in 2004 and served as Worshipful Master in 2009. He is a Past First Principal of Assiniboia Chapter No.3, Royal Arch Masons.

#### **Formation**, continued from page 4.

tion was proposed wherein the Grand Lodge would add the Northwest Territories to its Jurisdiction, thus making it the largest Masonic Jurisdiction in America and the only Grand Lodge that ever extended its boundaries after being constituted. The proposal was at first opposed, but finally passed.

The political changes which culminated in the division of the old Northwest Territories into the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan on 1 September 1905 precipitated the division of the Manitoba Grand Lodge for, though it was long considered by many Brethren that the large number of Masonic Lodges in the Canadian northwest and their separation by hundreds of miles from the central authority necessitated a change, the spirit of loyalty to Manitoba was so strong that nothing short of absolute necessity could change it.

Provincial autonomy was expected in the spring of the year 1905 and, accordingly, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31 took the initiative. It was at their request that Bow River No. 28 (the oldest Lodge in Alberta), called a convention in Calgary on 25 May 1905, the result being the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta on 12 October 1905, when out of eighteen Lodges within the political boundaries seventeen were represented by 79 delegates, and the change was adopted. The present Grand Secretary, Dr. George Macdonald, was elected first Grand Master.

No better exemplification of the beauties of Masonry can be adduced than the fact that W.G. Scott, the MW Grand Master of Manitoba, personally undertook the long journey to Calgary, in order to be present and invest the Grand Master of Alberta with authority over this Western province of Canada, on behalf of the Mother Grand Lodge, to facilitate its offspring on arriving at maturity.

And so came into being the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

# Lodge Zetland 391, SC, Brings Gifts to Zetland 83 on Its 100<sup>th</sup>

WBro David Thompson, from Lodge Zetland No. 391, Grangemouth, Scotland, was an honoured guest at the ceremony of reconsecration for Zetland Lodge No. 83 on 17 October 2013. WBro Thompson was the Right Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 2009 on the occasion of their 150th Anniversary and he brought several invaluable treasures as gifts with him. These included:

- Two copies of their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet, one for Zetland 83's WM and one for the Lodge.
- A 150-year anniversary • medal that they wear with their regalia. This is intended to be worn by Zetland 83's WM and passed down from Master to Master.
- A large scale aluminum







casting of their original Mark Master Mason

- Penny (bottom left), which was given to all Master Masons of their Lodge from inception.
- Two of the current Millenium Mark Master Mason Pennies (above centre), which replaced their old version in the year 2000: one as a gift to WM Stuart Bentley and one to be held by the lodge.
- Two Zetland 391 keyfobs (above right) to be held by the Junior and Senior Deacons and passed to their successors.

In return, Zetland 83 presented WBro Thompson



with a Zetland Pin of Benevolence and a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal to be worn with his regalia.

Stuart Bentley, WM. Zetland 83

#### **Grand Master's Itinerary** January

- 1 Grand Master's Levee, sponsored by Saskatchewan 92, Edm Freemasons' Hall
- 7 Elbow River 180, Bowmont Masonic Hall, Calgary
- 11 Gleichen 36/Strathmore 53 Burns Night, King George Hall, Calgary
- 18 Al Azhar Shriners AGM & Potentate's Evening, Carriage House, Calgary
- 22 Canada Lodge 165 Burns Night, King George Hall, Calgary
- 24 King George 59 Burns Night, King George Hall, Calgary
- 25 King Hiram Burns Night, Didsbury
- 27 Beacon 190 Burns Night, Red Deer Freemasons' Hall.