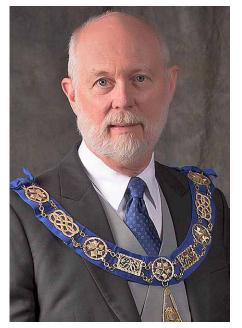


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Inaugural Address

The Lessons of Freemasonry

Good afternoon Brethren. Thank you for your dedication to Freemasonry, for attending this Annual Communication and for the confidence that you have placed in me. I will do my very best to serve you and Freemasonry in Alberta for the ensuing Masonic year. I would also like to thank my wife Wendy for her support over the past forty years and her role in my becoming a Freemason. To all of you who have volunteered and accepted an elected or appointed role in Grand Lodge, I trust that you will find the role an enjoyable and rewarding one. Thank you for your commitment. Finally, I would like to thank Most Worshipful Brother John Cameron and his team of Past Grand Masters for their

work in organizing and undertaking the Installation and Investiture ceremony. Thank you all.

Brethren, on 18 February 1965 I stepped off the Cunard Liner *Carinthia* at Pier 21 in Halifax. I can remember it as though it was yesterday. It was a clear, bright, sunny day with snow on the ground, and there I stood at the side of the dock, a teenager with \$45, very little education and a great big country ahead of me. Little did I know then that I would be standing here today. It has been a very interesting and rewarding journey.

Life is about choices. Sometimes we make bad choices, sometimes we make good choices and then, once in a while, we make a great choice. Canada was then, and is today, a land of opportunity. Coming to Canada was a good choice. About ten years later, partly due to the influence of my father, I became a Freemason. Becoming a Freemason was a good choice. But applying the lessons of Freemasonry to my life has been a great choice. In the past forty years, being a Freemason and applying the lessons of Freemasonry to my life, either consciously or subconsciously, has helped me immensely. It has helped me become a better person, has helped me to be a more useful member of society and helped me to help others in their time of need, particularly through the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

Higher Education Bursary Fund.

I am sure that in today's world there are many young men who are looking for the same things that I, as a young immigrant, was looking for: to improve oneself, to improve one's well-being and to be happy. The lessons of Freemasonry are immediate, continuous and meet the needs of men at every stage of their lives and at every stage of their thinking. As such, it polishes and adorns their minds. The lessons of Freemasonry teach us to be civil, courteous and gracious; to be happy, to be healthy, to be responsible for ourselves and to not be a burden on

MWBro Chris E. Batty Grand Master of Alberta, 2015–2016 Biography

Chris E. Batty was born on 6 April 1945 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK, to George Hoskins and Marie Therese Marguerite Batty (nee Legueurlier). Chris grew up in post-war England, with memories of rationing and the baby boom, when school class sizes were typically 40-plus students. Chris immigrated to Canada, passing though Pier 21 in Halifax on 18 February 1965. While working on a project in Uranium City, Chris met Wendy Yonkers and they were married on 5 May 1978. Chris has two sons: VWBro Aaron Batty and Bro Andrew Batty, both electrical engineers with AB Electrical Engineering Inc.

Chris has been a professional engineer with APEGA since 1976, having a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Water Resources, from the University of Guelph in 1974, and a Masters of Engineering in Transportation, from the University of Alberta in 1993. During his career as an engineer Chris worked in the Caribbean for a year and in Southern Africa for three years, concluding his career with Strathcona County as

a transportation engineer and retiring in April 2011.

Chris' interest in Freemasonry stems from his father who was a member of Bostall Heath Lodge No. 4492, English Constitution. He was initiated into Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 on 23 October 1975, passed 27 November 1975 and raised on 8 January 1976. On 10 December 1981 he was installed as Master of Saskatchewan Lodge for the Masonic year 1982. MWBro Douglas Troock appointed Chris the Grand Pursuivant for the Masonic Year 2001–2002 and he was elected the District Deputy Grand Master for Northern Lights District for the year 2005–2006.

Throughout Chris' life he has been aware that education and travel experiences result in a better standard of living for us all. This prompted Chris to become involved and volunteer his time with MWBro Ross Sheppard's Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund, so that Alberta's greatest resource—its young men and women — can become better educated.

society; to understand the meaning of financial freedom and personal wealth. The lessons of Freemasonry are the tools by which we can obtain them all.

The words "happy" and "happiness" occur 13 times in our Canadian Rite Ritual. The lessons associated with these repeated occurrences are clear guides to how we can become happy and be happy. The conclusion of the First Degree Working Tools —

...From the whole we deduce this moral: that knowledge, grounded on accuracy, aided by labour and promoted by perseverance, will finally overcome all difficulties, raise ignorance from despair and establish happiness in the paths of science —

is the first of these lessons. Happiness is a choice, not a response.

There are many other gems of wisdom contained within our Rituals. Two that I consider of great importance are: first from the First Degree Charge —

...And to yourself, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties to their fullest energies...

and second from the Retrospect -

You learned to form a just estimate of those wondrous faculties with which God has endowed the being created after His own image, and to feel the duty he has thereby imposed upon you of cultivating those Divine attributes with the most diligent care and attention...

Education and regular exercise improve the quality of our lives. Education stops the cycle of poverty and leads to prosperity. Regular exercise increases our energy levels, maintains our strength and defers the onset of old age. Education and regular exercise allow us to live more rewarding and healthy lives.

The lessons of Freemasonry also teach us that helping others makes us feel good. This is exemplified in the

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Grand Master Deputy Grand Master Senior Grand Warden Junior Grand Warden Grand Secretary MWBro Chris Batty RWBro James Ratchford RWBro Gordon Berard RWBro Kenn Culbertson RWBro Jerry W.Kopp address to the Entered Apprentice at the Northeast Corner of the Lodge, in the First Degree Charge, the Retrospect and in the Charge to the Worshipful Master. However, we cannot help others if we ourselves are destitute. Our Rituals contain many lessons on how we may improve our lives financially. I again draw your attention to the First Degree Working Tools and what it tells us about how we should undertake any task. Learn all we can about the task, estimate the cost, schedule the work and persistently apply ourselves until the task is complete. We need to apply this process to our daily lives, to our careers and to our businesses. There is no doubt in my mind that if we do this, and if we are cognizant of the lessons associated with the Three Great Lights and limit our desires, we will eventually become wealthy so we can help others.

Wisdom is knowledge, experience and good judgment. A good leader who has the ability to get people to cooperate in pursuing a common cause may be considered wise. A Masonic reference regarding leadership can be taken from our Ancient York Rite Ritual and the trowel that binds those together who have a common cause. The process of proceeding through each position in

Lodge, from Junior Steward to Junior Warden as well as Senior Warden and Master, prepares us for a leadership role. The lessons associated with the trowel and assuming the responsibilities of each of the positions in Lodge train us to be better and wiser leaders.

We, as Freemasons, need to be more vocal in communicating to our younger members how the lessons of Freemasonry have helped us on our journey of life — how the lessons of Freemasonry have made us better leaders, better public speakers, better employees, better businessmen and better people.

In short, Brethren, we need to Learn the Ritual, Present the Ritual, Understand the Ritual and Apply the Ritual to ourselves, so we can become Happy, Healthy, Wealthy and Wise.

Therefore, Brethren, as of today I sincerely hope that each one of you dedicates himself to learning a little more of our Rituals and how to improve his life, how to improve his career and how to improve his relationships. The future starts today. Remember, if you do not change your actions today then tomorrow will be the same as yesterday.

Thank you Brethren for your attention. May you all have a very successful Masonic career and a rewarding life.

From the Proceedings of the 1906 Grand Lodge Communication

Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report

The Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report [p 24] submitted the following:

M. W. Sir & Brethren

Your Committee, to whom the report of the Grand Secretary has been referred, beg to submit the following:

...

Your committee note with regret that a complaint which Grand Secretaries from time immemorial have had to make, is present in this, our first annual report. We refer to the inexcusable delay in making returns by the Secretaries of subordinate Lodges, which make it impossible for the Grand Lodge to

have full and accurate knowledge of the standing of the craft, fraternal and statistical, within its jurisdiction and we would suggest that the District Deputy Grand Masters be specially charged to impress the Lodges and Secretaries with the importance of making their returns punctually on the day appointed by the Constitution.

> Fraternally submitted, J. C. Kemmis, Chairman

Does this sound familiar?

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Presentation of the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is Robyn Homans and I am a third-year kinesiology student from the University of Alberta. Tonight I stand before you with gratitude and appreciation as I accept the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary and accompanying honorarium. I am very humbled to be here this evening: to be amongst so many extraordinary individuals and to speak on behalf of all of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary recipients this year.

I was born and raised on a farm in Pincher Creek where my sisters and I gained our hard work ethic, perseverance and appreciation for life's blessings. After I graduated high school, I went to Medicine Hat College and graduated with my diploma in Police and Security. My goals were set on becoming an RCMP officer: to serve and protect, like my grandfather did for this country as he served in both world wars. Unfortunately, I was deferred from the application process due to poor vision in my left eve that could not be fixed with corrective surgery. Heartbroken and devastated, I worked in provincial correctional centres while I figured out what I wanted to do with my life, knowing that I wasn't going to settle for a future that didn't fulfill me.

Two years ago I set forth on a long journey towards a master's degree in physical therapy, a service that I utilize in my athletic career and value for its proactive approach to health and wellness. Last week I graduated with honours from the Red Deer College with my diploma in Kinesiology and am now registered to complete my degree at the University of Alberta this fall. I spend my evenings coaching U4, U6 and U8 soccer in Penhold, Alberta, and provide life skills mentorship to the children at the Penhold Youth Club, where we provide a safe and comfortable environment for the youth that use the services of this facility.

Life has taken me down this beautiful road, consisting of many sharp lefts and sudden rights. But without those turns to keep me grounded and to remind me from where I came, I would not be standing here in front of you tonight. My dream, my passion for health and wellness for myself and everyone in this world, is not a cheap one. Like many fellow students, I survive on student loans

and other income from juggling three jobs while managing a full course load. Summers are a break from school, but not from working to save for the next school vear and the many unexpected costs that come up. This award has truly been a gift, a blessing, a generous financial contribution that is allowing

me to continue on my journey. I may not be serving and protecting with the RCMP, but this award will allow me to continue to study and obtain my goal of service to the public by proactively protecting their bodies and helping to rehabilitate their injuries.

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge and the Freemasons of Alberta for selecting me as the recipient of this bursary. Most Worshipful Brother Ross Sheppard had a dream. That dream was to help financially needy students reach their potential. That dream continues to shed light on my future and the future of all



Presentation of Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary (1 to r): RWBro Fred Bowker, Chair, MHEB Committee; Robyn Homans; MWBro John Slade.

of this year's bursary recipients.

To be chosen for such a prestigious award is something that most students just dream about. On behalf of all of the students selected to receive the Masonic Higher Education Bursary from you, the Freemasons of Alberta, thank you. It is because of your generosity and belief in our future that we are able to continue on our path to success.

From the bottom of my heart, to each and every one of you that made this award possible, thank you.

Robyn Homans

Report on the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

RWBro Fred Bowker, Chairman, MHEB Committee

At the Grand Lodge Communication in Red Deer, I had the honor and privilege of introducing this year's recipient of the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary, Robyn Homans. During that brief presentation I highlighted some of the recent accomplishments of the Freemasons of Alberta with respect to participation in the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund (MHEBF):

- This year the accumulated donations since 1957 have exceeded \$4,000,000.
- Based on the donations accumulated this year, the Freemasons of Alberta were able to provide forty-four students with bursaries of \$5,000 each.
- Funding was able to support bursaries for more than 27 per cent of the approved applications.

We should be very proud of this accomplishment and the fact that we are meeting one of our main objectives, for within our provincial community we are allowing the youth of Alberta to become better individuals.

I would like to congratulate VWBro Don Stannard and RWBro John Girvan for allowing their names to stand and for being elected to support the efforts of the MHEB Committee. This Committee is charged with the task of encouraging gifts to the MHEBF. This task, as many of you are aware, can be a sensitive topic to discuss within the Lodge room, and the Committee is well aware of this sensitivity. In fact, trying to analyze and strategize on how to increase donations is an ongoing topic of discussion among

the Committee members.

The current Bursary program process can be described in four actions; Plan, Do, Check, and Act:

PLAN Planning begins in September, when those wishing to pursue the office of DDGM and those who have been appointed as District MHEB Representatives are provided with a training program. One module of that training program includes detailed information on the MHEBF. For example, attendees will be reminded that one of the duties of every Worshipful Master is to appoint a MHEB Representative. In like manner, the DDGMs are expected to appoint a District MHEB Representative to communicate with each Lodge. The forms for the application process and the interview process are introduced. Attendees are reminded to contact the MHEB Committee for support with presentations at educational events or special functions. The website that contains all of the Bursary information is reviewed.

DO: October is MHEBF Donation Month. Donations are received by Grand Lodge on an ongoing basis and weekly summaries are provided to the MHEB Committee for tabulation. Monthly summary sheets identify individual, group, Lodge, Concordant Body and private donations. DDGMs are busy in their Districts communicating with local high schools, reminding them of the Bursary program, providing them with new calling cards and identifying students with special circumstances and needs.

CHECK: Donations are compared to historical values for the past ten years and results are communicated to the Board of General Purposes. In early January the results of the annual donations and financial reports to December year-end allow the Committee to estimate the number of Bursaries that will be supported. The support shifts to the students who have questions about the application process. The deadline for applications of February 1st is communicated to students who are calling in for information or communicating with the Committee via the website. (Take a look at this website — www.MHEBF. com — you will be impressed by the video that features Dr. George Douchet. one of the first four recipients of the MHEB in 1958 when the value of the bursary was \$500.00. He is now a main contributor to the Bursary thorough the Lauraine Douchet Memorial Bursary for Pharmacy and Medicine).

ACT: In February of each year the Grand **Lodge Training** program for elected and appointed officers is held in Red Deer. The training module for the MHEBF is reviewed and DDGMs are provided with the student applications to conduct home interviews. The student interviews must be

completed and returned to Grand Lodge by early April of each year. The DDGMs arrange to have all student interviews completed on time. This task is often completed by the DDGMs-elect. The interview is a very important part of the process, as this confirms that the information used to rate all of the students is factual and accurate. In late April or early May the MHEB Committee meets in Calgary to review and select the Bursary recipients. Applications from students in the Peace River area are reviewed and rated to confirm their eligibility for Bursaries from the Matthews Konschak Trust Bursary. The importance of the interview is highlighted during the selection process. Final selections are approved by the Committee, and Grand Lodge notifies the applicants.

The annual cycle is complete with the introduction, at the Grand Lodge Communication, of the recipient of the Memorial Bursary and accompanying honorarium. As the Committee reflects on the donations and the number of Freemasons that participate in funding



Masonic Higher Education Bursaries — Chinookarch District Presentation (1 to r): 1st Row: RWBro Duane Creasor, DDGM Chinookarch District; recipients Shaelyn Jensen, Kelly Hartmann, Megan Davis, and Mitchell Wever. 2nd Row: PDDGMs RWBro Don Graham; RWBro Wayne King; RWBro Bob McKay; and MW Bro Gerald Waldern, past GM of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

of this long-standing Bursary program, room for improvement is identified and goals are established to try and increase the number of members that are making individual contributions to the MHEBF.

The MHEBF began in 1957 and will reach the sixty-year milestone in 2017. As of 2015, over 3180 young Albertans have had their lives changed by Bursaries that have allowed them to continue with their goals and aspirations assisted by the benefit of higher education. We must look at this accomplishment as investing in the future of our craft and country. AND keep in mind that if the 7,000 Freemasons of Alberta were to contribute the value of a Tim Horton's coffee once a week we could quadruple our current level of annual donations.

Brethren, I challenge you to get involved with the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. Become a regular contributor; organize a fundraiser, get innovative, keep it fun, keep it growing and do the good act, not for yourself, but for the cause of good.

A Lifetime of Commitment

Our Individual Faiths Guide Our Understanding of Fraternal Obligation

MWBro John L. Cooper III, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California; *California Freemason*, June/July 2015

From time-to-time in this column, I have quoted from one or another of the charges, which are found in the *Monitor*, a booklet that contains, among other things, parts of our ritual that are

not considered esoteric in nature. Each of the three degrees of Masonry has a charge — a statement that is intended to summarize the key teachings of the degree. When delivered as a part of the

ritual, it leaves the candidate with a lasting impression of what he has heard and seen.

The charge to an Entered Apprentice Mason [in California] has these important thoughts:

As a Mason, you are to regard the Volume of the Sacred Law as the great light in your profession; to consider it as the unerring standard of truth and justice; and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts it contains. In it you will learn the important duties to which you owe to God, your neighbor, and yourself... [You will learn the duty you owe to | your neighbor, by acting with him upon the square; by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require; by relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions; and by doing to him as, in similar cases, you would that he should do unto vou.

It is important first to consider the source of our perceived duties to others. This is found in the basis of the faith of each individual Mason. Freemasonry is not a religion, nor does it impose any religious requirements on a Mason. But it does ask him to look to the Sacred Law, which is important for those duties to others that he will carry out in his life as a Mason. One example will suffice to represent many others.

In Matthew 7:14, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." A similar commandment is found in Islam: "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself" (An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith 13). And in Judaism we find: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow-man. This is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary" (Talmud, Shabbat Sid). Other religions share similar edicts with their followers, establishing the guidelines of an ideal, moral existence.

Masons begin with an understanding of our commitment to others, which flows from the roots of our own particular faiths and then transforms our understanding into a universal context. As an Entered Apprentice, we are told:

- You will learn the duty you owe to your neighbour by acting with him upon the square.
- You will learn the duty you owe to your neighbour by rendering him

- every kind office which justice or mercy may require.
- You will learn the duty you owe to your neighbour by relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions.
- And you will do this by paying attention to the fundamental requirement
 of the Golden Rule: how you want to
 be treated should be the test of how
 you treat others.

The square in Freemasonry is an emblem of morality, and we are asked to apply it to how we act with others. It is important to note that in this context the square is not being applied to *us as individuals*. It is instead applied to *our actions as Masons*. We are asked to consider, "how does my treatment of others 'square up' with what is to follow?" The square is not so much a tool of moral judgment as it is a means by which we must check the validity of our own actions as they pertain to others.

A Mason uses the square to check to see if he is really rendering his neighbour "every kind office" that he can supply. He uses it to determine if he is really interested in relieving the distresses of his neighbour. He uses it to consider if he is really doing anything substantial to soothe his neighbour's afflictions.

Actions have consequences, and none more than in Freemasonry. The validity of what I do as a Mason is not tested so much by my intentions, as by the results. If I intend to act justly and mercifully, but then don't, I am not meeting the test of the Mason's square. If I plan to help out a neighbour, but never get around to it, it doesn't meet the test of the Mason's square. Our intentions must result in action, and that is what we are telling the Entered Apprentice: we will measure your understanding of Freemasonry by the results of what you do as a Mason, not what you say that you will do as a Mason.

Doing for others and giving to others is a fundamental Masonic principle. But doing for others and giving to others in a way that results in something positive is a much more important Masonic principle.

Alberta Miscellany

Thoughts from the summonses, selected by Bro Trevor Morris

[Over many years, Bro Morris has faithfully perused the copies of the Lodge summonses forwarded to the Grand Lodge Office each month, looking for "gems" within the Worshipful Masters' messages to be then published in the AFM. The volume of suitable material has gradually reduced, most summonses are now distributed by email and Bro Morris has decided that, having "accomplished his work," it is time to "without pretention... retire into the multitude." His contributions will be missed. Ed.]

Vermilion Lodge No.24

The beautiful long days of May are stretching out and rewarding us with fresh green colours in the countryside. Nature's annual process of renewal is well under way, with the planting of annual crops, the births of young animals and the nesting of birds. The annual rite of spring is a regular occurrence with the changing of the seasons, and all creatures know that as soon as the nice weather of spring arrives, they had better get busy and build their nests and have their young, because there is only so much nice

weather to be had before the snow and cold comes again.

The Masonic Fraternity doesn't have the rigid deadlines of renewal that Mother Nature has instilled in its creatures. There seems to be some kind of ebb and flow, or maybe a cyclical type of pattern, as to when new men seek the rewards that are to be found in Freemasonry. Whatever you may want to call it, renewal in the Masonic Lodge is sporadic at the moment. Or am I being impatient? Mother Nature is programmed to renew every 12 months when spring rolls around. Is a Masonic spring much longer, say 10 or 20 years? Perhaps we are simply in a prolonged Masonic winter that won't let go, and we have to be patient for the arrival of a season of Masonic membership renewal.

However, I have two questions that naturally come up from this. How long do we have to wait? And will it be in time?

WBro Rex Cunningham

Book Review

The Secret School of Wisdom:

The Authentic Rituals and Doctrines of the Illuminati

Edited by Josef Wages & Reinhard Markner and translated by Jeva Singh-Anand. Lewis Masonic Publishing, 2015; ISBN 978 0 85318 493 5

VWBro Loren Kline

The Illuminati Order has its origins in Germany. The Order was the creation of Adam Weishaupt and his most important collaborator, Baron Adolph von Knigge in 1776. The degrees were still being devised and refined in 1783. At that time the Order was being practised with several hundred members, chiefly in western, central and southern Germany.

Weishaupt, a young professor of canon law at Ingolstadt University, initially wanted to create a secret society for his most ardent students. At first the Order focussed on philosophical issues, to promote philosophical thinking. Weishaupt started with his own ideas and then began borrowing aspects of other streams of thought. Zoroastrianism was one source of ideas, as its teaching went along with the light metaphor of "illumination" and "enlightenment." As Weishaupt continued to develop his system he borrowed aspects of Christianity. Some of these ideas had to be

abandoned as the ideas were a little too radical.

The first set of degrees was called the Minerval degrees, from Pallas Athene or Minerva in Roman mythology. The wording of the Minerval degree was confirmed in December 1781, when the Bavarian Illuminati and Knigge met. In addition to the degrees, essays were prepared for the instruction of the members. Between the rituals and essays the system became rather complex. The Minerval class of ceremonies included Noviciate, Minerval Degree, Minervalis Iluminatus or Illuminatus Minor, and Magistrate of the Minerval Church.

Freemasonry was spreading across Germany, and was very successful. Weishaupt became interested in Freemasonry and he and Knigge tried to combine the Illuminati Order with Freemasonry. One example of the attempts of the Illuminati to combine Freemasonry and Christianity with their Order was to try and equate Hiram Abif with Jesus.

This did not please either Freemasons or the Church. When the "Scottish" degrees began to spread into Germany (e.g. Berlin in 1742), these too were eventually integrated with the Illuminati Order. All of these attempts to blend aspects of Freemasonry with an Order essentially created by Weishaupt and Knigge led to its eventual falling out of favour. By 1788, the Order had little appeal and started its decline and disappearance.

The book presents the complete degree system of the Illuminati Order for the first time. It succeeds in presenting a coherent resource for those interested in Masonic rituals and the thought patterns of the Enlightenment. Seeing Masonic rituals written out from those days and how they compare with those in use today is an interesting study in the evolution of Masonic thinking.

The book is not an easy read. However, for students of secret societies and the development of rituals, it is worth the effort.

Bow River Lodge's Annual Stampede Lodge

RWBro Glenn McConnell

Bow River Lodge No. 1 held its annual Stampede Lodge event on 8 July 2015 at Freemasons' Hall, Calgary. Among the visitors were Bro Daniel Romeo from Venezuela, WBro Ron Mann from South Africa and RWBro Bill Kostenuk, Assistant Grand Secretary. All non-Calgarians were treated to the White Hat Ceremony.

A major feature of Bow River's Mentoring Program is presentations by initi-

ates entitled "Reflections on My Degree." Bros Nicky Concepcion and Chris Sitter, as recent initiates, left a strong positive impression with everyone with their "Reflections on my EA Degree," which were among the evening's highlights.

The education portion of the evening saw RWBro Jerry Kopp address the topic "Is the Governance Role of Grand Lodges Changing?" His informative discussion included references to changing Lodge needs and significant changes being undertaken by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the Past Master's jewel and certificate to WBro David Mapplebeck and presentation of the new Bow River Lodge No. 1 Handbook to RWBro Chris Cleary, DDGM for Alpha District.



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