



112th Annual Communication

The **One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication** of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Red Deer South, 33 Petrolia Drive, Gasoline Alley, Red Deer, AB commencing **Friday, 9 June 2017** at 09 00 h and continuing on **Saturday, 10 June 2017**. Brethren are encouraged to be in place at 08 45 h in order to receive Special Dignitaries, Representatives of Concordant and non-Masonic groups etc.

Agenda: The Annual Communication under provision of the Constitution PART I.1.L.1 will be conducted by MWBro James Ratchford, governed by the Rules of Order as per the Constitution and/or those listed in the Preliminary Report. The Grand Master reserves the right to revise the Agenda (PART I.1.A.4).

Registration & Balloting: Shall begin at 08 00 h, 9 June 2017 and continue until 18 00 h. Registration and Balloting resumes at 08 00 h, 10 June 2017 and closes at 10 00 h, as per PART II.1.B.9.

Dress: Grand Lodge Communication — Business Suit/Regalia (includes Grand Lodge Officers). Grand Lodge Banquet — Dark Business Suit, Semi-Formal, except Grand Lodge Officers to wear Tuxedos at Grand Master’s Banquet, Grand Lodge Banquet and at the Installation of Officers.

Regalia must be worn at all sessions

Elections for 2017–2018

Grand Master

Automatic as per Part 1.1.G.2.B
RWBro Gordon Berard
Lodge Renfrew No. 134

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By acclamation
RWBro Kenn Culbertson
Evergreen Lodge No. 166

Senior Grand Warden

By acclamation
RWBro Ken Cheel
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Junior Grand Warden

One to be elected

All biographies in this issue have been edited only for style, not for content.

RWBro Stephen R. Broadley
Glenbow Lodge No. 184
Lodge Pythagoras 345 No. 202

RWBro Stephen R. Broadley was born on 24 October 1949 and raised in Yorkshire, England his father is a retired police chief inspector and long standing Mason. After attending boys grammar school graduated from Bradford Technical College as a Civil Engineering Technologist and served a 4-year apprenticeship with The City of Bradford. He married his wife Jan in 1972 and together with their first child emigrated to Canada in March



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RWBro Duane D. Creasor
Charity Lodge No.67

RWBro Duane Creasor was born and raised in North Bay, Ontario. He has 4 children and 7 grandchildren. He started his working career with Sears Canada Inc., in various roles including Operations Manager, for a total of 16 years. Then moved to Calgary, Alberta in 2000, and since 2005 has lived in Lethbridge, Alberta. He has worked as a General Insurance Agent for the Cooperators both prior and after his move to Alberta. Then in 2002, he joined Johnson Inc./Uni-



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RWBro Kimberly Greenizan
Carstairs Lodge No. 20
Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge No. 2001

RWBro Kimberly D. Greenizan was born in 1955 in Murrayville, BC. Bro Greenizan has a BA in Geography, a Masters in Psychology and a PhD in Psychology. He is also a Certified Information Systems Manager and a Certified Disaster Recover Planner.

He had served in the Military Reserves and Regular Forces from 1974 to 2011, retiring in 2011 in the rank of Major, having held many command and staff positions,



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RWBro Reg Karbonik
Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167
Redwood Lodge No. 193

RWBro Reg Karbonik was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta. He graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology with a diploma in Construction Engineering Technology in 1981; he later attended the University of Alberta and graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1988. He worked as an educator from 1988–2007 at Edmonton Public Schools, the Alberta School of Drafting and NAIT. He joined



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1975 to work with a Canadian consulting company, settling in St. Catharines, Ontario. Stephen attended Brock University on a part-time basis to meet and recertify as CET in Canada. Due to the economy, Stephen and family moved to Calgary in 1979 to work with an international construction company setting up in Alberta. Continuing his desire for education through part and full time studies he graduated from U of C with certificates in Management Development and Project Management. Further studies and exams he qualified as GSC in project management. Stephen has worked in the construction sector as project manager for major general contractors eventually working to VP for three construction companies. He has owned his own Construction Management Company for 25 years providing management services to Government, Developers, Community Associations and general contractors. In addition he was co-owner of a house building company building acreages and homes in rural towns in southern Alberta.

Stephen has been married to wife and best friend Jan for 44 years, they have one daughter, two sons and 9 grandchildren. He has always been involved within the community serving as President of two Community Associations, volunteering on their various committees, providing assistance on management and leadership. He has coached soccer from community to Provincial level over a 35 year period, with some players going on to play professionally and nationally for England and Canada. With wife Jan they have volunteered with the PALS (Pet Access League Society — pet visitation) and the Kidney Foundation. He served on the Board of Directors of Calgary Celtic Soccer Club (President), Calgary United Soccer Association, Calgary Women's Soccer Association and the Federation of Calgary Communities.

Stephen and Family became Canadian Citizens in August 1981 later to find

out that the examining Justice was a Freemason.

His Masonic life started in 1993 in Glenbow No. 184 being initiated 6 January, passed 3 February and raised on 7 April. His father journeyed from England for a surprise visit and appeared part way through the ceremony to assist with his raising. One of the few occasions Stephen has been lost for words (gobsmacked was the term used).

He served as WM in 2000–01 and 2008–09 and has been chairman of the Vacant Chair Ceremony for over 10 years.

District Deputy Grand Master, Calgary Highwood District 2013–14

Alberta Chapter No. 1 Royal Arch Mason — 26 March 1996

Cyprus Preceptory No. 33 — 26 March 1997

Scottish Rite 32 — 22 November 2003

He is proud to be a Charter Member of Lodge Pythagoras 345 No. 202 — 28 November 2013

Stephan is a strong believer in the Craft Lodge and is a member of both Canadian and York Rite Lodges The acts of Visitation, Education, Ritual and Communication should be considered the most important aspects to keeping a strong Lodge.

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fund Assurance Co. Being responsible for their office in Lethbridge, Alberta since 2005. Recently being transferred to Grande Prairie office and has since retired. He was also a member of the Canadian Armed Forces from 2002 to 2005 and is still a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He enjoys travelling, with a highlight being a trip to Scotland in May 2012.

He was initiated in Charity Lodge No. 67 in Lethbridge, AB, on 19 February 2007, passed 16 April 2007 and raised 18 June 2007. Serving as Worshipful Master of Charity No. 67 in 2011–2012 during their 100th Anniversary.

He is also a member of the Eastern Star, Widow's Sons, Shekinah Chapter

No. 4 of the Royal Arch, Acre Preceptory Knights Templar, Cryptic Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Knights Templar Priests, York Rite College, Lethbridge Shrine Club.

He is a member of the Supreme Council and Honorary Inspector General 33rd Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

For Scottish Rite he has served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Lethbridge Lodge of Perfection, in 2012–2013 and Most Wise Sovereign of Chinook Chapter of the Rose Croix, in 2013–2014 and again in 2014–2015. He is also Commander-in-chief of the South-alta Consistory, in Calgary, Alberta.

He served as the President of the Lethbridge Shrine Club in 2014 and in 2015. He also served as Chinookarch District Secretary in 2013–2014 and again in 2014–2015. He was also the Chinookarch District Masonic Foundation representative since Nov. 2013 to Nov. 2015. Serving Chinookarch District as DDGM in 2015–16. Currently serving as the Vice-President of Masonic Foundation of Alberta since November 2015.

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including Resources Manager. As a civilian, he is Regulatory Compliance and Security Manager for Raytheon Canada Limited. Kim also owns Crossfield Storage Solutions, a self-storage business.

Bro Greenizan was initiated in Ottawa's Ionic Lodge No. 526 in 1991. He affiliated to Carstairs Lodge No. 20 and was WM 1996–1998 and DDGM of Phoenix District 2002–2003. He is a Charter Member of Internet Lodge of Research as JW, a Charter member of Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge as DoC and has been Secretary of Airdrie Wild Rose Lodge since 2004. He was Advisor, Stampede Chapter, Order of DeMolay for 2003–2008; Associate Bethel Guardian, Bethel No. 19, 2004–2007 and Founder and President, Airdrie Masonic Temple Association. He was initiated into Royal Arch in 2006 and is currently Second

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Principal for Crescent Chapter.

Kim is Donations Chair of the Airdrie Legion and involved in the Airdrie Parade Committee, the Airdrie Writers Club and the Calgary Bee Keepers Association.

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Stantec Consulting in 2007 within the Oil & Gas Group. In 2010 he became a team lead for the group and that supported industrial and electrical substation design work until the fall of 2014.

RWBro Karbonik was initiated into Redwood Lodge No. 193 in October 1994 and served as Worshipful Master in 2007–08. In 2009 he affiliated with Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167 and assumed the role of Secretary-Treasurer for the Lodge. Having completed his tenure as Secretary-Treasurer he later filled in as Sr. Warden and now serves as Historian and assumes duties as required. RWBro Karbonik now serves as Secretary of Redwood Lodge. RWBro

Karbonik served as DDGM of Yellowhead District for the year 2014–15.

RWBro Karbonik was initiated into the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Edmonton in 2005. He is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, was Grand Expert in the Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, past Director of the 17th Degree, and a Participant in the 10th Degree. RWBro Karbonik was initiated in 2009 into Al Shamal Shrine at the Athabasca Ceremonial. He is currently taking a break from the A&ASR and the Shrine with hopes to rejoin in the near future. RWBro Karbonik joined the Alberta Widow's Sons in 2007 and served as officers in both Badlands Chapter and Alberta Grand Chapter. He finds great pleasure in taking Masonry onto the open road throughout the summer.

RWBro Karbonik from an early age had a passion for flying, this passion led to flying model aircraft, later to joining 395 Squadron of the Air Cadet League of Canada where he rose to the rank

of Warrant Officer. He was selected for Glider Training in the summer of 1976 and attended the Cadet Gliding Program at Rivers Manitoba where he graduated near the top of his class. During the summer of 1975 RWBro Karbonik happened to observe a hot air balloon that had landed in the river valley in east Edmonton and it was through this encounter that he began his long career in balloon flying, one that lasted 31 years. Over that long career he was a volunteer and board member to the Alberta Free Balloon Society and served in many leadership roles including President of the Society. To fill the void that was created when RWBro Karbonik retired from flying he rekindled an interest in model railroading and has been collecting hand-built brass trains and is now beginning to create the layout he desires. In addition to his many hobbies RWBro Karbonik has built a cottage at Pigeon Lake which is where he spends most weekends.

Grand Treasurer

One to be elected

VWBro David N. Blue

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170

My name is David N. Blue. I was born in Edmonton, married to Margaret for 32 years and have two grown children. I am a third generation public accountant, I follow in the footsteps of my grandfather Don Blue APA, my father Neil Blue CPA, CMA (ret), and my son Neil R.L. Blue, CPA, who was presented on February 25, 2017 makes four generations.

I joined Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 in 1985. I served in many offices within lodge and was installed as the Worshipful Master in 1997. In 2001 I was elected as Treasurer and hold this position currently, as I have except for the years I was elected Secretary and one other office.

I have operated my own accounting practice for over 30 years, and I currently employ four full time employees year round and up to seven at tax time. Over the next year, as my son begins to operate the business, I will become Semi Retired. I will continue in a limited part time position as a mentor. I am deeply committed to my family, my lodge, my business and clients. Over the years, I have mentored, assisted and advised clients and Freemasons. I have demonstrated compassion to my clients throughout many life stages, including estates of family members.

One of my favorite Testimonials comes from a family that was referred to me.

David Blue came into our lives in early 2015, following my father's passing, to navigate us through the maze of organizing my parents' accounts, preparing their taxes and providing guidance on estate planning. To say he was a 'life saver' is not an exaggeration. During our first visit, his inviting, professional manner and expertise quickly won our confidence and we left, feeling immense relief in his competence and assurances that he would handle all we required from him. He was true to his word. Since then, we

MWBro John D. Hart

Perfection Lodge No. 9

MWBro John D. Hart was born and educated in Regina Saskatchewan and attended Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for postsecondary education, graduating and moving to Alberta in 1968. John was employed in the Graphic Arts industry until 2005 when he sold his company and retired. During that time he was active in the Calgary Club of Printing House Craftsmen serving as President in 2000 and was on the advisory for Graphic Arts for four years at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

John is married to Marilyn and has two daughters and four grandsons, and was active with community sports and committees. Currently he volunteers for the Calgary Prostate Centre and the Man Van program for Prostate Cancer.

Brother Hart received his degrees in Perfection Lodge No. 9 Calgary and currently is the Secretary-Treasurer. He has served this Grand Lodge well on most committees, and was Grand Master pro-tem in 2007–08, Grand Master 2008–09 and is your current Grand Treasurer since 2009.

have had several consultations with him to learn the next steps of moving forward with the estate/finances/investments. Each visit reaffirms that we made a wise choice in bringing our needs to David, who has given us exceptional advice and the accompanying sense of ease that comes with knowing that we are in excellent hands. Thank you, David, for lightening our burden and providing answers and direction when we needed it most. We look forward to continuing our relationship with you.

Mayne Family, Edmonton

A further highlight of my career, was when the Honorable Iris Evans appointed me to the Charitable Advisory Committee for the Province of Alberta in 1998. This is a position that

I continue to hold. It is a standing committee, so whenever required, I serve at the will of the current minister with my fellow committee members to review the rules and regulations in Alberta pertaining to the charitable, non-profit and voluntary sector. This is a non-paid position but allows me to give back to our Province for all the gifts it has bestowed upon me and my family.

I have served on the Masonic Finance Committee as a Grand Master's appointment that began with MWBro Dunlop.

I was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2010, in 2013 was appointed as chair of a sub committee to select a new auditor for the Fraternity, which was successfully completed. I served as the Grand Pursuivant for the year 2014 under MWBro J. Slade

I am offering my services to our beloved craft as Grand Treasurer as I believe I can use my skills and expertise on the finance team to manage Grand Lodge finances efficiently and effectively, with modern best practices for accounting.

Board of General Purposes

Five to be elected for three-year terms

RWBro Leon G. Comer

Empire Lodge No. 63

Leon was born in London, England in 1946 and immigrated to Canada in 1980.

He started his career in telecommunication at the British Post Office (now BT) in 1963. After several years he decided that telecom engineering was the path to follow and attended BT's engineering college graduating in 1969 as a Telecommunications Traffic Officer and later was promoted to a Telecommunications Traffic Supervisor.

On arriving in Canada he joined AGT in a similar position and moved throughout the company ending his career, after 22 years, as a manager in Cable Assignment.

During this time, Leon was elected as chairman of an international telecom group which saw him travel throughout the US, Canada and the UK.

After retirement from TELUS, Leon opened his own day care business which he has run for 12 years with a fellow brother mason.

Leon was initiated into Empire Lodge No. 63 on 17 September 1990, passed to the Second Degree on 19 November and raised to Master Mason on 19 February 1991. He served as Worshipful Master for 2005, 2006 and 2007.

He was initiated into North Star Chapter No. 2 on 16 February 2012. Awarded the Most Excellent Master Degree on 15 March 2013 and presented with his Royal Arch Mason's Degree on 21 June 2012.

Leon was elected DDGM Beaverhills District for the 2014-2015 year.

Bro Charles Harris

Baseline Lodge No. 198

Bro Harris was born in Lakeside, ON in 1966 where he pursued his roots in agriculture in both research and sales roles. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in his dad's lodge, Doric Corinthian Lodge 569, on 4 March 2009.

A career change into Business Continuity and Emergency Management saw his path go to Ottawa where he gained his 32nd Degree with the Valley of Ottawa in May 2011. He moved to Edmonton in January 2012 accepting a position with the Emergency Disaster Management group within Alberta Health Services where he has been working in the Edmonton Zone as an Emergency Management Officer ever since.

He joined Baseline Lodge 198 in Spruce Grove where he is now the Secretary of the Lodge and also is a Scottish Rite Mason in the Edmonton Valley where he currently sits as the Most Wise Sovereign for the Mitzpah Chapter of Rose Croix and is active in many of the degrees.

Charles has also been involved with Dyslexia Edmonton

where he currently sits a Vice President and also volunteers with his wife Beverley in monitoring at the Learning Centre. He is also serving as the Secretary for Freemasons Hall in Edmonton and is active in his church in Spruce Grove.

When there is free time, activities include skiing, running and the occasional round of golf with a brother.

WBro David A. Pollock

Balmoral Lodge No. 185

David was born in 1945 in Newmarket Ontario. He graduated from Cambrian College in Sudbury Ontario in Geology in 1970 and worked in the Mining and Petroleum industry for thirteen years as a Geological Technologist and thirty years as a Professional Geologist. David has been married to his wife Lynne for 46 years and has a grown family of four children. He is currently a Life Member of APEGA and served as a member of both the APEGA Practice Standards Committee (1988-91) and the Practice Review Board (1998-2004). WBro Pollock joined Balmoral Lodge in 2005 and served as Master of the Lodge in 2010. He was elected to the Grand Lodge of Alberta Board of General Purposes from 2011 to 2013 and has served Athabasca District as MHEBF coordinator for 2015-16 and 2016-2017 and has served as the editor of the Athabasca Artificer for 2016-2017 and anticipates continuing for 2017-18.

WBro. Al Roemer

Concord Lodge No. 124

WBro Al Roemer was born in Calgary Alberta in 1960 but spent most of his childhood growing up in West Germany before returning to Canada in 1971. He graduated from the University of Calgary with a double degree in Sociology (Criminology) and Psychology in 1989 and recently returned to University to complete a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology. Until recently he was employed as a senior manager in the oil and gas industry in Calgary specialising in optimisation, people management and development, regulatory compliance, data and systems management, and project management. He is currently completing his professional practicum placement and seeking to register as a Psychologist later in the year. He is also a member of the International Association for Public Participation and is certified in Public Participation through the same organisation.

WBro Roemer was a member of Stampede Chapter of the Order of DeMolay before joining the Craft immediately following his 21st birthday. He was initiated into Concord Lodge No. 124 on 20 June 1981; passed to the Second Degree on 12 September 1981 and raised to the third on 17 October 1981. He is a Past Master of Concord Lodge, and has been active in various concordant bodies as well. This year it will be his

honor to serve as Grand Organist for the upcoming term.

WBro Roemer has served on the Temple Board for the past five years, and is currently in his second year as President of the Board. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Banff Gate Mountain Resort. He is an active volunteer for several organisations including Simon House Recovery Center and Servant's Anonymous Foundation, and is a past Director of the Canadian Down Syndrome Society and The Prep Program.

WBro Roemer is married to the love of his life and biggest support Kathy, and together they have three adopted children, twin girls still at home and six grandchildren. He is a Master Instructor certified through PADI and continues to teach recreational, technical and commercial diving. Above all else, he is a diving aficionado, magic maker, re-furnished adventurer, and unapologetically compulsive life-long learner.

RWBro Les Saggars

Calgary Lodge No. 23

RWBro Les Saggars was born in 1955 in Hitchin, England. He received his undergraduate education at the University of Calgary and a Master's Degree in Health Science from Saint Joseph College in Maine. Les and his wife, Eda, live in southwest Calgary.

Professionally, RWBro Saggars has been employed throughout his career in the healthcare field, primarily in the finance, human resources and medical affairs areas, serving on a number of professional association boards and organizing two North American conferences. He was Director, Medical Affairs for Alberta Health System's Calgary Zone before attempting semi-retirement and, as was the case with his Lodge, then returning to work, this time as Director, Medical Affairs, South Zone.

He joined Calgary Lodge No. 23 in 1996, receiving his three Degrees in the spring of that year. He is a "Lewis" (the son of a Mason), served as Worshipful Master in 2003, 2005 and again in 2015 and is an active visitor to Lodges in the Calgary area.

RWBro Saggars was invested as DDGM for Calgary-Highwood District in June 2016 and is currently Vice-President of the Calgary Masonic Temple Board.

RWBro Kyle B.A. Scott

Millennium Lodge No. 2000

Aurora Borealis Lodge No. 201

Kyle was born in Winnipeg in 1964, moving to Alberta as a young boy in 1972. Many Brethren will know RWBro Scott from his bagpiping at many Masonic Events. He served as Grand Piper North in 2008–09, Grand Piper South in 2013–14, and has agreed to again serve as a Grand Piper to RWBro Gord Berard in his upcoming year as Grand Master.

Kyle joined Millennium Lodge in Fort McMurray in early 2006, taking on the role of Lodge Secretary soon after being raised as a Master Mason. He was one of the Charter Members of Aurora-Borealis Lodge No. 201, and was the first Secretary-Treasurer of the new Lodge. Kyle served as Master of Aurora-Borealis Lodge in 2011–12. He was transferred to Calgary that year, but this did not end his commitment to northern Alberta, as he was elected and served as DDGM for the Athabasca District in 2014–15.

Kyle is a corporate/commercial lawyer, practicing in Alberta since 1992, currently operating his own practice as the principal of Craft Law Group. Nearly one-third of his career

was spent with Suncor (2005–2013), including head of legal and regulatory affairs for Oil Sands based in Fort McMurray. His current practice involves making many "house calls" on clients, with travels across much of the Province, from Calgary to Edmonton and on to Fort McMurray. These travels often overlap with Masonic visits.

He continues to visit the Lodges in his District and others, recently attending the Palliser District Meeting in Medicine Hat in November, as well as January visits to Chinook-Spitzee Lodge's Burns Supper in Pincher Creek and Star of the West Lodge's Burns Supper in Calmar. This past December, Kyle was formally appointed as Piper for Exemplar Lodge No. 175 in Edmonton, and will continue his tradition of Piping for Exemplar at the Masonic Spring Workshops.

RWBro Scott's Masonic journey continued into Royal Arch (Hangingstone No. 40), on to Cryptic Right (Zohar Council, Edmonton) and then Preceptory (Edmonton No. 46). Since his return to Calgary, he has joined the Scottish Rite (32nd degree, Valley of Calgary) as well as the Al Azhar Shrine, serving with the Mounted Patrol, the Provost Corps and also as a member of the Vintage Car Club.

Kyle is the father of four children over two marriages (sequential, not concurrent), now aged 13 to 23. He is currently engaged to Yolanta, who resides in Edmonton — another reason for his frequent travels. With children involved in many activities (music, sports, especially rink sports, as well as skiing, etc.), Kyle remains a busy father.

In his younger days Kyle served in the Reserves (King's Own Calgary Regiment), and he has been involved in many Pipe Bands and other Scottish cultural activities since his youth. He is a member of the Legion and serves as the Piper for the Calgary Burns Club. He has volunteered with his son's hockey teams (coaching most seasons), is a guest instructor for a youth pipe band in Calgary (78th Fraser Highlanders), and is an active fundraiser for a number of charities (Heart and Stroke Fund, Easter Seals, 78th Frasers, etc.), among other community activities.

Kyle has enjoyed his Masonic Journey to date, with only one regret that he did not start the journey earlier. He was happy to serve on the Board of General Purposes during his service as DDGM, and he would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Board and to assist with many of the issues facing the Craft.

VWBro Bob Thachuk

Sherwood Lodge No. 183

Bro Thachuk was born in Edmonton on 10 September 1946. He was initiated, passed and raised in Sherwood Lodge 183 in 1992 and served as WM in 1998. He was appointed Grand Steward in 2011–2012. Bob has served on the Board of General Purposes for the last six years and on the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge for the same period. For the last two years he has been the chairman of the finance committee. He was instrumental in establishing a Statement of Investment Policy and Procedure for all the funds of Grand Lodge.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason of the Edmonton Valley of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Al Shamal Shriners (Edmonton) and served as Potentate in 2012. Bob was employed for 25 years with Edmonton Pipe Industry and administered the Pension and Health Plan. He also sat on a number of company Board of Directors (Chairman on most of them) on behalf of the Pension Plan. He was a Certified

General Accountant.

He has been married to Patricia for 47 years and has three daughters and five grandchildren. He has maintained an active involvement in Masonry and looks forward to continued service as an active member on the Board of General Purposes

RWBro Chris J. Uchman

Patricia Lodge Lodge No.91

RWBro Christopher J Uchman was born 25 April 1970 in Edmonton, Alberta and grew up in Sherwood Park, AB. After school he went into the trades becoming a tile setter and floor covering installer. In 1992 along with his father and older brother they started XMG Commercial Floor Coverings and

he currently serves as the company's Senior Project Manager.

RWBro Uchman is married to Lanie Uchman and they have one son. RWBro Uchman has a very strong Masonic tradition within his family. Chris is the third generation of his family in Patricia Lodge.

RWBro Uchman was initiated into Freemasonry in Patricia Lodge No. 91 on 22 October 1996, passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on 26 November 1996 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 28 January 1997. Chris served as Worshipful Master of Patricia Lodge No. 91 for the Masonic Year of 2013–2014 and DDGM for Northern Lights District 2016–2017.

Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee

Two to be elected

RWBro Gordon M. Harris

Strathcona Lodge No. 77

Exemplar Lodge No. 175

He was raised and educated in Edmonton and has lived his entire life there. He and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 48 years. They have a daughter, Heather, and a son, Jarrad. Heather is married to Craig Dimond and they have one son, Eastyn. Jarrad is married to Tayla Wendler and they have 2 son, Nash, and Knox

He apprenticed with Canadian Westinghouse as an electrical mechanic. After several years, he went to work with the city of Edmonton in the transportation department as a transit operator. He became involved with the Alberta Transit Union as a shop representative until he was elected as President. In 1977 he left the Union position and went to Special Services in Transit where he was in charge of the special events taking place in Edmonton. These events included the Commonwealth Games, University Games, the Pope's visit, Heritage Days, football and hockey games, concerts and other events. He was promoted to General Supervisor of Customer Information and filled that position until he retired after 30 years of service.

He has volunteered for over 40 years starting out as a coach for hockey, ringette and ball. During this time, his teams were successful at the local and the provincial levels. He has held many positions in his volunteer years. He has served as president of Area Council 17 for over 30 years, has been chairperson of Lac Ste. Anne/ Lake Isle Water Quality Society, chairperson of HWY 43 Waste Commission and mayor/councilor for the Summer Village of West Cove for 17 years. He also sat on committees for the provincial government including the Land Use Frame Work Review and the Environmental committee.

He has received a number of awards which include the Commendation Medal of Canada in 1992 and the medal for outstanding service to the people of Alberta in 2005. He has recently been recognized by the Rotary Club at the Champions for Children Awards night for his contributions. Gordon received The Paul Harris Award which is, the highest award that the Rotary Club gives. In 2012 Gordon received the Queen Elizabeth II "Gratia Regina" Award.

RWBro Gordon Harris was initiated into Freemasonry in 1977 at Edmonton Lodge No. 7. He then went on into the Scottish Rite in 1978 and received his 32nd degree. He joined the Al Azhar Shrine in 1978 and is a founding member of the

Al Shamal Shrine in Edmonton. He has been the Shrine Soccer Chairperson since 1995. This program provides soccer uniforms for children. He served as Worshipful Master of Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71 in 2005. He was elected to serve the Athabasca District as DDGM in 2010 and was installed in 2011. He is now a member in good standing with Strathcona Lodge No. 77. He was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2012, and assigned to the Jurisprudence committee for 3 years

Gordon is the coordinator for training in N.E. Alberta and has conducted many leadership courses. Including training for secretary

Gordon was asked by the Grand Masters to review and make recommendations for insurance for both the Grand Lodge and the Lodges in Alberta

Gordon was elected to the Board of General Purposes for the second time and was assigned to the finance committee and in his second 2nd. year was part of the budget committee

Gordon was asked by the Grand Master to help review the Constitution and Regulation between 2003 and 2011

Gordon was asked by the Grand master to assisted in the review of Grand Lodge Location

Gordon is a member of the Scottish Rite and participates in many degrees and coordinates all the regalia for all the degrees. He was also on the committee to review issue with the building

Gordon is a member of the Al Shamal Shrine and as help out on many committee . He has looked after the soccer program from the start for the Al Shamal Shrine

As well as his volunteering and involvement with Freemasonry, he keeps busy gardening, building things, traveling, making wine and spending time with his family. He is an avid John Wayne fan and collects memorabilia and antiques.

RWBro Reg Karbonik

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RW Bro. Karbonik was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta. He graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology with a diploma in Construction Engineering Technology in 1981; he later attended the University of Alberta and graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1988. He worked as an Educator from 1988–2007 at Edmonton Public Schools, the Alberta School of Drafting and NAIT. He joined Stantec Consulting in 2007 within the Oil & Gas Group. In 2010 he became a team lead for the group and that sup-

ported industrial and electrical substation design work until the fall of 2014.

RW Bro. Karbonik was initiated into Redwood Lodge No. 193 in October 1994 and served as Worshipful Master in 2007–08. In 2009 he affiliated with Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167 and assumed the role of Secretary-Treasurer for the Lodge. Having completed his tenure as Secretary-Treasurer he later filled in as Sr. Warden and now serves as Historian and assumes duties as required. RW Bro. Karbonik now serves as Secretary of Redwood Lodge. RW Bro. Karbonik served as DDGM of Yellowhead District for the year 2014–15.

RWBro Murray V. Pay

St. Mark's Lodge No. 118

Lodge Renfrew No. 134

Personal History

Married to Elaine April 23, 1966.

Two children — Cynthia Karlyne, Jason Cameron

Display Artist — 1964 / Owner, Operator — Parade Display Productions Ltd — incorporated — January, 1975

Travel Consultant — 1992 — present, specialized in personal and group travel arrangements

White Hat Volunteer — Calgary International Airport — 1997–present

Masonic History

Bowmont Lodge No. 181

Initiated — January 21, 1970

Passed — February 18, 1970

Raised — March 18, 1970

St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 — Affiliated 1972

Grand Standard Bearer — 2004–2005

Worshipful Master, St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 — 2007

Lodge Director of Ceremonies — 2014

Comely Chairman, Alpha District: — 2007 and 2008

Chairman, Alpha District Burns 250th Birthday Dinner: 2008

Masonic Spring Workshop Chairman — 2009

District Deputy Grand Master — Alpha District 2016–2017

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

Calgary Lodge of Perfection — October 21, 1989 — 14°

Delta Chapter of Rose Croix — April 12, 1990 — 18°

Southalta Consistory — November 10, 1990 — 32°

Commander in Chief, Southalta Consistory — 1999

Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Lodge of Perfection — 2004

Coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° — September 16, 2004

Member of Al Azhar Shriners since 1975

Member of the Tin Lizzie Corp since 1988

Al Azhar Director — 199

Board of Benevolence

By acclamation

Bro Davis Yakimetz

Beacon Lodge No. 190

Candidate Essays

At the Grand Lodge of Alberta Annual Communication held in Medicine Hat in 2005, a resolution was passed to amend Regulation 1.2 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta Constitution and Regulations by adding a subsection that would read:

Candidates for the position of Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden shall be required to publish, in a regularly published and distributed Grand Lodge of Alberta communication, when their nominations are published, an unedited article of approximately 1000 words, but not less than 500 words, outlining their vision for Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. This article shall focus at least, but not exclusively, on (a) the candidate's description of current issues in Alberta Freemasonry, (b) his proposals for dealing with such issues during the ensuing four years should he progress to the office of Grand Master and (c) his ideas for leading the Craft in Alberta in the future.

This year's essays are once again presented in an **unedited** form.

RWBro Stephen R. Broadley

Brethren it gives me a great deal of pleasure to have the opportunity to put some of my thoughts to paper and will be as concise as possible.

(a) the candidate's description of current issues in Alberta Freemasonry,

I will try to keep this to what I consider the present main issues; Freemasonry is losing its identity of being the most elite fraternity; raising the quality of prospective candidates and the Lodges capacity to know the difference; education and visitation.

(b) his proposals for dealing with such issues during the ensuing four years should he progress to the office of Grand Master

For three hundred plus years Freemasonry has been revered as the organization to be admitted in too. It should be

an honour to be a part of this fraternity and constantly worked at though out life. "Such is Freemasonry, and such is its mission, and we should never forget, while enjoying its benefits and appreciating its value, the duties we owe to the Order, for here is no right without a parallel duty, no liberty without the supremacy of the law, no high destiny without earnest perseverance, no greatness without denial." Does that sound familiar; it should because it is repeated every year at the installation of officers for every Lodge. Yes we should be letting people know what we are, what we do, and why we do it and why we have "been the steady, unvarying friend of man, the constant messenger of peace and love." We are the best and should be proud of what we are.

Over the past few years there has been a tendency to go for candidates by numbers, questions asked; are they breathing, can they walk and talk, do they have \$200 they are in. This may be a little coarse but, be honest how many white balls have you put in the box for an initiate not knowing who you are voting for. Thankfully times are changing and we should only be accepting quality candidates. The idea brought forward by King George Lodge No. 59 of the seven step process for initiates, hopefully adopted by Grand Lodge is a great step forward and should be instituted by all Lodges. I am going to add at this point a section from the General Charge as a reminder, "If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life, who without blemish fulfills his duties as a man, a subject, a husband and a father, who is pious without hypocrisy,

benevolent without ostentation and aids his fellowmen without self-interest If you, my Brethren, meet such a man, you will see the personification of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.” this is the type of person we should be admitting. (If you would like to review the full charge visit

<http://www.kinggeorgelodge.com/about/education/special-charge>)

Education and visitation are two of the main benefits of Freemasonry. There is resurgence in many Lodges to work at education presentations, many of the younger brethren are inspired to do research on many varied subject and put forward education papers. Lodges allow the forum to make these presentations

to like thinking Brethren. Some stoic Brethren that have been going to Lodge on Thursday evenings, because that is what they have done on Thursdays for years, are now becoming interested and excited in the diversity and depth of the education being provided. This leads into visitation, one tends to visit more frequently the Lodges that are interesting, that put on good education and perform excellent ritual work. Other Lodges are realizing this and are upping their game. Anything and everything Grand Lodge can do to assist in keeping this trend moving forward should be considered.

Within Grand Lodge I would like to see improvements in communication with the Craft Lodges. In its basic form

Grand Lodge is the heart of the fraternity and should be run in a business like manner. Business meetings should be run as business meetings, precise to the point and result oriented. Those results being communicated to the brethren by way of their Lodge’s on a regular basis (c) his ideas for leading the Craft in Alberta in the future.

My ideas for leading the craft are simple we need to maintain the principals of masonry, “as our fraternity has been formed in perfect unanimity and concord, in which we all greatly rejoice, so may it continue until time shall be no more.” With your direction and assistance I shall continue to do so.

RWBro Duane D. Creasor

I decided when considering what to write in my essay, that it was important to review the essays of previous years. I considered the following questions: Have these suggestions and ideas changed our direction? Have we seen any progress or improvements from the wealth of ideas and suggestions?

Many of the same suggestions and ideas stood out throughout. Encouraging and keeping new members, and our approach to that issue. The ever changing society, the way it communicates. How the current generation feels about things in general, what’s important in their lives, and what goals are important to them that they would be interested in striving to achieve. Attendance and participation, ritual work, were also mentioned. Along with education and making our business meetings more interesting.

We have all heard these things mentioned many times over the years. What was the result?

Many of the great masons of years past, have all expressed their love for freemasonry. Each Grand Master has had a very important and worthwhile role in trying to achieve the goals they have set during their year. It is only as it should be. Yet, why do we consistently bring up the same talking points year after year?

These suggestions and ideas are the things we need to constantly work at each and every year to make our Lodges successful. They are not reprimands but rather reminders, to help us re-center, refocus on the important things in

freemasonry.

The brethren have time and again shown they are committed to the fraternity. In fact, in my visits to many lodges over the last few years, I have found that there are many brethren in each Lodge that are working hard, to achieve and put into practice many of the suggestions and ideas, for the betterment of the craft. Their appreciation and love of the craft is still active, whether it be a large or a small Lodge

By focusing on these many worthwhile suggestions and ideas, by making them part of our overall program. This will help each and every Lodge to re-center, refocus & maintain a higher standard of our Masonic rituals & traditions.

Is there anything missing in what we do and how we do things? Especially since our numbers are decreasing despite our attempts to reverse

I know most of our brethren are committed, and show it by their actions. Knowing what the Lodge needs is paramount. Making the necessary changes to improve our Lodge is also important and necessary along with any adjustments. Take for example, the special degree teams, the inter-Lodge visits, by groups or individuals. Regardless of the size, it is the visitors, the degree teams, that pick up and encourage the brethren, both during and after our meetings. A demonstration of our brotherly love

We all must realize that we are not the same. Today more than ever our brethren have family, work and other responsibilities that do interfere with their attendance, and participation at Lodge. But their lack of attendance and

participation, doesn’t necessarily mean that freemasonry isn’t important to them. That they are somehow no longer masons in their hearts.

In fact, they are only practicing what they as masons should, by putting their family responsibilities first. We should ask ourselves: ‘What can we do to assist our brethren?’. Do we take the time to find out why they are not attending or supporting the Lodge? Whether it be by their attendance at Lodge or any of the social functions. How do we do something to change this to a positive?

How many of us call our brethren, if we haven’t seen them at the last meeting? How many actually follow-up and call or visit a brother in the hospital, or at home while he is recovering? Or is unable to attend due to various health reasons, or age. In lodges where this is practiced, they are close, strong and take pride in all aspects of freemasonry.

We must be understanding of all our brethren, especially those that are new to freemasonry. There is an attitude that could become very negative, if improperly applied to our brethren. Regarding the expectations that accompany our ritual work. Do we think we encourage our brethren, by interrupting them to correct, as they attempt to present their part to the best of their abilities? It is the responsibility of the ‘Master of Ceremonies’ or experienced assigned brother to correct, not individuals. Doing things in the right way will relieve any negative pressure that would have resulted otherwise. Instead of turning away, it will encourage them to attend and participate.

If we really want our brethren to par-

ticipate and share in our degree work. We have to be willing to accept, that most can't memorize everything perfectly. That they will take time to perfect their presentation. Making them feel part of the team is important. They then feel like they are contributing, even if it is in a small way.

What is more important when presenting a degree?

That the candidate understands and appreciates the importance of the degree, its meaning and the responsibilities that go along with their obligation. Presentation, whether it be by memory or by reading it well, would not take away from the overall message. The example of our experienced brethren would also encourage those that have a difficult time memorizing, to strive to reach that level in time. The key, is 'in time'. We have to be patient, and understanding. This would remove any 'pressure to perform'. Remember it is a team effort, the experienced helping the inexperienced to help make it come off properly.

Do we continue to provide a mentor to new masons after they prove up in the 3rd Degree? No doubt you have heard the following statement: "If we

focus on the small things, that the larger things will take care of themselves." For example: If we help or mentor our new brother over time to assist in building a solid foundation in freemasonry, we can only expect positive results. Without that solid foundation, our brother could stumble and fall away from freemasonry. With a solid foundation, he would grow, and naturally when ready, be able to take on more responsibility.

Brethren are also concerned about attendance being only 25% percent of membership. Yet when a closer review is done, we find that if we eliminate those home bound, or in assisted living homes, or too old to drive at night or live out of the district. We actually find that our attendance is closer to 40–50% of our active membership. This is twice the national average of fraternal organizations. So the questions is: Do we really have a problem?

The benefits of a good educational program help tie everything together

In conclusion, we need to be positive, and make the best of what we do have available. If every Lodge strived to reactivate 3–4 masons per year. This would go a long way in eliminating the loss due to those who have passed to

the Grand Lodge above. Eliminate the need to have brethren repeat going through the chairs. Develop a close and strong fraternity that will impress and encourage new members.

If we mentor our new brethren, and follow-up on those that we miss at our meetings. Visit our brethren, and widows, focus on making inter-lodge visitation a priority, practice & remind ourselves of the important lessons of freemasonry, be patient and understanding. We will make the fraternity stronger, and subsequently have stronger lodges. Ones that will survive the ups and downs of membership, adjust to the changes in society, and continue to hold the important lessons and teachings of freemasonry as an important and necessary part of everyone's lives.

Remember, we are all masons. Even though you may or may not be able to attend a number of meetings, or be able to present a number of parts, or belong to a number of fraternal organizations. What qualifies you as a mason, is that freemasonry has affected you in your heart, that is what really matters. Lead by example and others will follow.

RWBro Kim Greenizan

There are five things you need to consider going forward if our fraternity is going to grow with integrity and strength. I have listed them as resolutions below and I strongly advise that you give them your consideration.

1. Resolve to communicate effectively.

Over the years we have endeavored to improve communications through the jurisdiction. We have tried to upgrade our website and continue to try to improve it. We have seen a greater number of lodges instituting their own websites and have witnessed the use of facebook and twitter all in attempts to communicate the masonic message to a larger audience. Some of these have been successful but a large number have been misunderstood and caused a many of the older members to feel out of place and pushed aside. This is unfortunate as their mentorship is needed more now than ever.

We have to bring both generations together and develop a greater understanding of how we communicate between each other and the world at large. Everyone has the same objective

in mind — that is to build a bigger and stronger fraternity for the betterment of the communities in which we live. To learn about our past as well as to forge our future.

If there is a particular area of interest or concern for your then step forward and assist us finding or developing the right communication tool. And don't forget about the power behind one on one conversations regarding the health and development of masonry in Alberta.

2. Resolve to be knowledgeable.

Masonry is not as static as some would like it to be; it's constantly evolving, finding innovative ways of doing things and continuously being developed and identified as the new standard. That is the mantra of growth. Read publications, news letters, research papers and other documents publically available or sign them out of the library. See how things were done in the past and try to understand why. The why is crucial as the means of today was not so available to those in the past.

3. Resolve to promote accountability

Accountability gets a bad reputation in because it gets confused with blame. In reality, accountability has nothing to

do with blame, and every-thing to do with ensuring that you and others do what is necessary to achieve results. To work within our current means and find better more efficient ways to achieve those goals and objectives all masons desire. We so not have the means to throw money at the problem so we must embrace technology and the experience of those who truly know its power to ease the financial burdens of the lodges, while we all work together to strengthen our fraternity.

Accountability is not only about budget but also about participation and support. To set up a skype or zoom call so that general purposes meeting for the lodge can be attended by more members even those who are shut in due to illness. They are still part of the lodge and this would endear them to you as you make an effort to make them feel that they are still part of the process.

Financially for the lodge to implement efficient requirements that are cost effective and the involvement of the newer members to help assist in the assessment of risk versus cost versus probability of occurrence. These things are important for uplifting the spirit of

the lodge and making it stronger.

4. *Resolve to be proactive.*

A proactive attitude means that you do not wait for an incident to occur to step up to diffuse a situation. You do not wait until something gets beyond simple to try to make it better but you step forward at the beginning to help others see the best avenue of approach. You work towards the strengths of others and team them with those of differing strengths so that together they can achieve whatever it is that the lodge is seeking. You work with a mentorship programs to train and build confidence in the new members while the older members are still around. This not only gives continuity to the lodge but it continues to involve the older members with

a feeling of accomplishment and value.

5. *Resolve to have a positive attitude.*

Sometimes, the approach to things can make the difference between ok and great. It is our attitude that makes the difference. Remember there are only two things that are completely in your control and that no one can take from you. One is your attitude and the other your integrity. I have not heard many instances where ones integrity has been questioned. However when it comes to attitude we have a very wide spectrum of responses.

An attitude of openness, respect for all both young and old and one of willingness to learn and not condemn is essential for a lodge to grow. Remember the attitude is not only of the individuals

in the lodge but of the lodge itself. Is the lodge welcoming and open to discussions from visitors both in the jurisdiction and outside of it? Think when you visit what it is that keeps you coming back to certain lodges while at others you are not so enthused to do so. Does the later one represent your lodge? If so how would you go about improving the attitude of your lodge?

Be positive and instill participation and growth. Seek out points for improvement and try to discuss them in lodge or in side committees and then present to your lodge. If we can improve the attitude of the lodges one by one then we can improve the attitude of Grand Lodge itself as it is the lodges that make grand lodge go from good to great.

RWBro Reginald (Reg) Karbonik

In the three weeks that have passed since I submitted my formal application for the position of Grand Jr. Warden much has surfaced and become public as to the aspirations and direction in which the Grand Lodge of Alberta would like to move. This direction would involve some restructuring of our Constitution and Regulations with respect to the composition, alignment and governance of the proposed districts. Included in this would be a reduction of the number of elected DDGMs and the appointment of District Deputy Grand Stewards. I do not believe that any one can argue that there is a district in our grand jurisdiction that is functioning without issue; I personally do not believe that the proposed vision would eliminate or solve all of or even the majority of issues that are common. The problem with any degree of tinkering that might be made to attempt to solve issues is that it would involve opening our Constitution and Regulation and entrenching those changes into our operational framework. Once this has been done, it becomes very difficult to undo – so the question that surfaces is, what can we do within the existing framework of the Constitution and Regulations?

General Issues and Problems that I see:

Lodge strength, membership and performance — these are three key elements that a DDGM is obligated to monitor and report on to Grand Lodge. Seldom is a DDGM directed to intervene or offer interventions that might assist or strengthen a Lodge with any

of the three issues mentioned. In that a DDGM is only required to make one official visit to a lodge too many issues related to these key items are missed. Can DDGM's be contracted or obligated to make more visits to lodges within a District without entrenching this into the C & R, likely. If 'super' districts are created and managed by fewer DDGM's will more effective observation and reporting result — I personally don't see it happening, not even with the appointment of District Stewards. Lodges that have dwindling memberships as a result of their established locations must over time accept what may be the inevitable — either a merger with a close neighbor or the prospect of going dark. Mergers are seldom successful and often painful for years after. Grand Lodge as I see it must commit resources to assisting affected lodges through this process and create a plan or guide that can be followed. The sad reality is that when a lodge goes dark we generally lose those members from our Grand Lodge Membership.

Grand Lodge Committee of General Purpose (CoGP) — As we are generally aware this is where the real governance of our Craft is done. It formally meets (typically) four times per year as set out in the Constitution and Regulations, working committees meet more frequently either in person or via Net Meeting. Over the last several years attempts have been made to limit input by DDGMs and even to strip them of their voting privileges. Throughout most of the Masonic year how much

do we hear at the Lodge level about what is happening at the Grand Lodge level – typically almost nothing! If we want our membership to be interested in what Grand Lodge is doing it must communicate back to the constituent members; while typically it is assumed that DDGMs will make this communication happen minutes or summaries often arrive weeks if not months after a meeting. The end result is that we only get information that the CoGP feels must go to the membership for ratification at the Annual Communication. In this day and age my thoughts are that while we have elected representation to make decisions and generally manage our organization, we need to communicate the work of these committees and the BoGP on a regular if not timely basis. Regarding the length of time a member may serve on the BoGP we should give some thought to how many consecutive terms a member may serve. While I applaud the service that some members have given to our Craft I also note that continued service of more than two consecutive terms creates an aura of power from seniority. In part for those that attended our last Communication you will recall that a notice of motion was brought forward that would limit a Past Grand Master's tenure on the BoGP — is there a correlation to this thought? I for one do not see myself as trying to remain "influential" forever.

Budgeting and Long Term Financial Planning — Of all the issues I see with Grand Lodge the effective management of money as a resource is key. I must acknowledge that in general Grand Lodge has been reasonable in exercising

good judgement in spending moneys that have come into its treasury. That being said, are we truly being smart at holding per capita assessments for years at a time without increase? WE know that at the Lodge level that this is impossible so why should we maintain this at the Grand Lodge level? I have both participated in and observed the budget process in action and know that it is not a recognized or exact science;

but are we managing this correctly? I am open to change if warranted.

In summary, I believe you can see where my vision of the future lies; I am not into a massive gut and restructure of our Constitution and Regulation, the reorganization of our Districts or the management structure of elected and appointed officers within the same. I do believe that Grand Lodge has diminished the effectiveness of the role of DDGM

over the last two decades and more than anything else this has contributed to its inability to encourage candidates to come forward. Recognizably some districts are larger, some smaller and some managed more effectively — just like in a Lodge; leadership, training and expectations generate positive outcomes. I also believe the same expectations hold for the roles leading to Grand Master.



WANTED:

Editor for *The Alberta Freemason*

The Alberta Freemason is a publication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta established to facilitate the spread of news and information amongst the Grand Lodge, Constituent Lodges and the Brethren of the Jurisdiction; to provide Masonic education and to function as another “window to the world” for Freemasonry in this jurisdiction.

The role of the Editor is to produce and publish to the Grand Lodge website, in cooperation with a typesetter/designer, a periodic publication containing material received or solicited from sources within the jurisdiction or obtained from outside sources, edited as to length, content, language, grammar, etc. He may

also be called upon from time to time to edit Grand Lodge documents. The Editor is also expected to attend and report at each Board of General Purposes meeting.

The successful candidate will possess superior writing and editing skills, a good overall knowledge of Masonry as a whole and in this jurisdiction in particular, and knowledge of outside sources of publishable material.

This is a volunteer position, reporting to the Grand Master, and will begin with the September 2017 issue. Interested Brethren should contact RWBro George Tapley, editor@freemasons.ab.ca

Program for the 112th Annual Communication

8, 9 and 10 June 2017

Holiday Inn & Suites, Red Deer, Alberta

Thursday, 8 June 2017

- 18 00 h **Grand Master's Dinner & Fun Night**
By Invitation Only
- 20 30 h **Thursday Night Fever at Studio 54**
Open to all Freemasons and guests with tickets

Friday, 9 June 2017

- 08 00 h Registration/Balloting Opens under the direction of the Grand Registrar
- 08 00 h Board of General Purposes Meeting (members and invited observers only)
- Conference Room**
- 08 00 h **Education**
- 09 00 h Formation of Grand Procession
Grand Lodge Procession
Reception of:
Past Grand Masters
Visiting Grand Lodges
Concordant Bodies
Special Guests
Presentation of the Colours
Excuse non-Masonic guests
Opening of the 112th Annual Communication (Tyled)
Motion of Loyalty
Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 111th Annual Communication
Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving — Grand Chaplain

12 00 h **Lunch**

- 13 00 h **Business of Grand Lodge**
Rules of Order
Presentation of the following reports:
Block A — Reports — Operations
a) Jurisprudence
b) DGM's Implementation
c) Condition of Masonry
d) Masonic Higher Education Bursary
Block B — Reports — Information
e) Masonic Foundation of Alberta
f) Grand Historian
g) Grand Lodge Bulletin
h) Lodge Officer Training
i) Masonic Spring Workshop
Block C — Reports — Financial
j) Grand Treasurer
k) Finance Committee
l) Auditor and Financial Statements
m) Board of Benevolence

Block D — Reports — Administration

- n) Fraternal Relations
o) Publication and Forms Committee
p) Grand Secretary's Report
q) Committee on the Work
- 15 40 h Grand Secretary's Announcements
- Correspondence and Regrets
- Recognition of Grand Representatives
- 15 50 h Adjournment
- 18 00 h Balloting and Registration Suspended

Friday, 9 June 2017 — Evening Program

Grand Lodge Banquet

- 17 30 h Reception
Cocktails — Cash Bar
- 18 30 h Seating & Introductions
- 19 00 h Dinner
Toastmaster: Junior Grand Warden
- 20 00 h Presentation of Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary

Saturday, 10 June 2017

- 08 00 h **Balloting and Registration Resumes**
- 09 00 h **112th Annual Communication Reconvenes**
Any reports not completed from Friday's session
Block E — Reports — Legislative
r) Board of General Purposes
Notices of Motion
- 10 00 h **Balloting and Registration Close**
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report on the Elections
Other Masonic Awards
- 10 30 h Masonic Medal of Merit Awards
- 11 00 h General and Unfinished Business
Election of Grand Tyler
**Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled to next Communication
- 11 45 h **Grand Master's Address**
- 12 00 h **Lunch — Grab & Go**
- 13 15 h Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2017–2018, under the direction of **MWBro Chris Batty**
- 15 30 h **Grand Lodge Closes**
- 15 45 h 2015–2016 Officers' Pictures
- 17 30 h Incoming Grand Master's evening
BBQ — German Canadian Club

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

Agenda & Locations are Subject to Change

Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

112th Annual Communication

Ticket Order Form

Will you please determine your Ticket needs for the Grand Lodge Communication at the *Holiday Inn & Suites, Red Deer South, 33 Petrolia Drive, Gasoline Alley, Red Deer, Alberta*, 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 **26 May 2017 enclosing your cheque in payment**. No refunds will be given on tickets returned later than **26 May 2017. Lodge orders will be mailed out but individual ticket orders will be retrievable at the Book Store, (Grand Lodge Office) at the Annual Communication.**

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME AND TITLE: _____

**Special Diet? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please specify _____

Thursday, 8 June 2017

Grand Master's Evening — Dress: Formal

Dinner by Invitation only: 17 30 h Cocktails; 18 30–20 30 h PM Dinner

Cost: \$50.00/person (After 26 May, \$55.00)

Grand Master's Evening Disco — Open to Masons and guests

20 30–22 30 h — Disco Cost \$10.00

Ladies' Program Friday, 9 June 2017

Cronquist House High Tea

Depart 11 00 h, return 15 30 h PM

Cost: \$30.00 each (After 26 May, \$35.00 each)

Men's Friday Lunch

Box lunch Sandwich, Cookies and Drink

Cost \$20.00 each — Circle one Roast Beef

Chicken Avocado

BLT Wrap with Cheese

Friday, 9 June 2017 — Grand Lodge Banquet & Entertainment

Dress: Officers Formal, Others — Business

Cost \$60.00/person (After 26 May, \$65.00)

Ladies' Program Saturday, 10 June 2017

10 30 h to 14 30 h

Cost: \$40.00 (After 26 May, \$45.00)

Men's Saturday Lunch

Box lunch Sandwich, Cookies and Drink

Cost \$20.00 each — Circle one Roast Beef

Chicken Avocado

BLT Wrap with Cheese

Saturday, 10 June 2016 — Grand Master and Past Grand Masters Degree

Cost: \$40.00 (After 26 May, \$45.00)

Saturday, 10 June 2016 — Incoming Grand Master's Bar-Be-Que

German Canadian Club — Hosted by *Widow's Sons* — Dress Casual

\$35/person (After 26 May, \$35.00)

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

NOTE: Tickets will not be mailed out. They will be retrievable at the Book Store at the Annual Communication.

Motions Before the 112th Annual Communication

Motions are presented as submitted.

MOTION 01 — Exemplar Lodge No. 175

I, RWBro John Girvan, will move or cause to be moved at the 2017 Annual Communication that the wording of I.1.K.11.1.b. be amended in the Constitution and Regulations to read: those Past Grand Masters, resident in the jurisdiction for a period not to exceed three (3) years following the completion of their term of office as Grand Master.

MOTION 02— Exemplar Lodge No. 175

I, RWBro John Girvan, will move or cause to be moved at the 2017 Annual Communication that I.1.K.11.1.o. be rescinded and removed from the Constitution and Regulations.

MOTION 03 — Edmonton Lodge No. 7

I, VWBro Leam J. Weir, Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Chairman of the District Revitalization Committee, do hereby move that in the year 2017–2018 the Grand Lodge of Alberta implement the “Revised District Structure Model” proposed by the District Revitalization Committee. The “Revised” structure taking effect for the year 2018–2019 such that the DDGMs slated for investiture at the June 2018 Grand Lodge of Alberta Grand Communication will be elected at those district meetings taking place beginning September 2017.

To wit that the number of districts be reduced to 9 from the current 14 in accordance with the proposed restructuring elaborated in the District Revitalization Committee’s final report. With, as specified, each of the respective districts being administered by the elected DDGM for the district with the assistance of up to two appointed positions which will be filled with the office of District Deputy Grand Steward.

As these two measures comprise all the major restructuring which has been proposed by the committee to rationalize the District system, all other minor aspects will be accomplished with the agreement of Grand Lodge through the Board of General Purposes and the District Revitalization Committee in collaboration with the incoming slate of DDGMs as needed ongoing.

MOTION 04 — Grand Lodge Office

As per Article 17 of the Constitution and Regulations I, RWBro Kenn Culbertson, move that Constitution and Regulations II.1.A.1 be amended to read:
The office of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M. shall be located in the province of Alberta.

MOTION 05

I, RWBro Ken Cheel, move the adoption of the Social Media Code of Conduct.

Social Media and Alberta Freemasonry

The presence of Alberta Freemasons on various social networking sites is growing exponentially and it is drawing attention to the fraternity. By participating on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn (and others), we should strive to make that attention as positive as possible. When we represent ourselves as members of the fraternity, we become someone’s impression of Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we are

all taught as Masons in terms of how we communicate and interact with Masons and non-masons. As a reminder to all Brethren, these lessons can be found in the Constitution and Regulations of The Grand Lodge of Alberta under sections: Article 23, Appendix B, Charges of a Freemason VI. Of Behaviour, particularly 4. In the presence of strangers not Masons. Article 21 of the Standard Lodge Bylaws.

Part II.3.O.5. of the Regulations.

Masonic charges may be brought against a Brother who violates this Code of Conduct.

Social Media Code of Conduct for Alberta Freemasons

- A Mason Must conduct his Social Media activities in a way that reflects his membership in the Craft. He must act in a way that presents a positive image of his membership in Freemasonry to the world.
- All Freemasons must be civil, courteous, and gracious with all whom we interact with.
- As a Mason, he must be aware that his postings are a permanent record; therefore, his conduct may influence the world with a positive or a negative opinion about him personally and also about any organizations to which he belongs.
- His actions on the various Social Media outlets must reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity he would practice within the Lodge and therefore the brother should use his real name, Lodge Name and Number and the Grand Lodge they are a member of, in any posts to Social Media sites.
- To ensure our fraternity represents itself to the high standards we believe in, we must regulate our actions through Brother-to-Brother intervention. As a Mason, you should advise a Brother if you feel that what he has posted is improper within the framework of our Grand Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts.
- Do not identify any Freemason as a member of the Craft unless he has provided his consent, or has already identified himself as such.
- Lodge notices, and information contained within Lodge notices beyond the time and place of meeting, must not be discussed.
- There must never be discussion related to the application, background or investigation of an applicant. There must never be discussion regarding the ballot of an applicant.
- There must never be discussion related to the business of a Lodge and what is discussed within our tyled doors.
- The posting of pictures or videos of Lodge events must comply with the Grand Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts.
- Information about Lodge or District social activities must comply with the standards already in place for Lodge Notices.
- The posting of social activities of a Lodge or District must comply with the standards already in place for the distribution of Lodge Notices and inserts.
- No communication with other Grand Lodges may take place online. Contact must be conducted through the Office of the Grand Secretary.

MOTION 06 — Dues

I RWBro.Kenn Culbertson a member in good standing of Evergreen Lodge No. 166 move or cause to be moved that Article II.3.J 5.a, 5.c, 6, 7, and 9.a be amended as follows.

The changed sections are marked in red:

II.3.J DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

1. An application for a Demit shall be made in writing and be signed by the applicant.
 2. The application shall be presented to the next Regular meeting of the Lodge following its receipt, when, if the applicant's dues are paid up to date of the mailing of the application, and no Masonic charges are pending, it shall be granted.
 - a. Upon receiving a request for a Demit the Worshipful Master may refer it to a committee for investigation and recommendation.
 - b. If a member whose dues are in arrears applies for a Demit, the certificate of Demit shall state the amount of the member's indebtedness at the date the Demit was requested.
 - c. Should such indebtedness be paid in full within 12 months, a clear Demit may be issued, or the member may again resume active membership, as he may desire.
 - d. If after the expiration of twelve months he should desire to pay such arrears and assume active membership in the same Lodge he must petition for affiliation in the ordinary manner. His petition must be accompanied by the amount of the arrears as well as the fee prescribed in the Bylaws.
 - e. Should he wish to join another Lodge in this Jurisdiction, other than the one issuing the Demit, a petition for affiliation will be required. The Lodge accepting same will be responsible to the Lodge issuing the Demit for the amount of indebtedness shown on it.
 3.
 - a. A Demit shall date from the Lodge record when the same was granted and membership shall cease from and after that date.
 - b. If any Brother shall lose the certificate of his demission, the Secretary of the Lodge shall, upon request and satisfactory proof of such loss, furnish him another certificate with the original date and the fact of reissuance, which shall be entered upon the record.
 4. All annual dues of members of Constituent Lodges shall be due and payable in advance on the (1st) day of January in each year.
 5.
 - a. A member of a Constituent Lodge, who, on the thirty first (31st) day of December owes dues for more than one (1) year shall be suspended.
- II.3.J.5a *A member of a Constituent Lodge, who, on the thirtieth (30) day of June in any year owes dues for more than (6) six months shall be suspended*, ipso facto, provided that by a majority vote of the members present at any Regular meeting of the Lodge before such suspension shall take effect, the Lodge may, on a recommendation of a Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master for that purpose, remit one (1) or more years of such dues.
- b. Any member of any Lodge in this Jurisdiction holding membership in any other Lodge in this Jurisdiction who is suspended or expelled from either Lodge, is automatically suspended or expelled from the other Lodge.
- c. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge may issue a marked Demit at the last Regular meeting of his Lodge prior to December 31 to be effective December 31, of that year. If dues are received before December 31 of that year, the Demit would not be issued, and the order would automatically be rescinded.
- II.3.J.5.c *The Worshipful Master of the Lodge may issue a marked Demit at the last Regular meeting of his Lodge prior to June 30 to be effective June 30, to a Brother who stands to be suspended for non-payment of dues on June 30 of that year. If dues are received before June 30 of that year, the Demit would not be issued, and the order would automatically be rescinded.*
6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Constituent Lodge to send, not later than the last day of October in each year, a special notice to all members who then owe more than one (1) years dues, notifying them that they will be suspended under the provisions of the next preceding section, if on the 31st day of December next thereafter they still owe dues for more than one (1) year.
- II.3.J.6 *It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Constituent Lodge to send, not later than the last day of April in each year, a special notice to all members who are delinquent in their payment of dues, notifying them that they will be suspended under the provisions of the next preceding section, if on the 30th day of June they are still in arrears.*
7. In the event of the suspension of any member it shall be the further duty of the Secretary, before the 15th day of January thereafter, to notify by registered letter the suspended member of his suspension, and if a dual member, to also notify the other Lodge. The names of all Brethren so suspended shall be read in open Lodge at the Regular meeting next following such Suspension.
- II.3.J.7 *In the event of the suspension of any member it shall be the further duty of the Secretary, before the 15th day of July thereafter, to notify by registered letter the suspended member of his suspension, and if a dual member, to also notify the other Lodge. The names of all Brethren so suspended shall be read in open Lodge at the Regular meeting next following such Suspension.*
9.
 - a. A Brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall make written application on Form 106 for reinstatement. Such application shall be accompanied by the two (2) years dues in arrears together with dues for the current year.
- II.3.J.9.a *A Brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall make written application on Form 106 for reinstatement. Such application shall be accompanied by the one (1) year's dues in arrears together with dues for the current year.*
- b. The application shall be presented to the next Regular meeting following its receipt and on it's being presented, the Worshipful Master shall appoint a Committee of three (3) members to enquire into the character of the applicant and any matters relevant to the application.
 - c. The Committee shall report at the next Regular meeting and if the report be favourable a ballot shall be taken, in the normal manner. If two (2) or more black balls or cubes are cast the application shall be rejected.
 - d. If the report of the Committee be unfavourable or if the application is rejected by ballot, the applicant shall be declared rejected and his money returned.

- e. A member who has applied by reinstatement and has been rejected by a closed ballot may, after a full year has expired, again apply to his Lodge for reinstatement.
- 10. When a Mason is suspended for non-payment of dues, in this or any other Jurisdiction, he is, during such suspension, deprived of all privileges of Masonry in this Jurisdiction.
- 11. A suspended member, with dual Lodge membership...

MOTION 07 — Dues

I, RWBro Gordon Berard, move the following amendment:
 II.3.J.5. a The lodge **MAY** suspend a member of a constituent lodge who owes the current years dues ipso facto, provided that a majority vote of the members confirms suspension at the last regular meeting of the year.
 The Worshipful Master shall then immediately issue a suspension to take effect as of December 30 of the same year.

Renumber II.3.J.5.a to b

Rationale: This will leave in our constitution the methodology to fully remove a member after 2 years but the lodge is only liable for the 1 year of dues.

Note From The Grand Secretary RWBro Bill Kostenuk: *The preceding two motions (06 and 07) pertain to the exact same Regulation. Therefore, we will deal with 06 first (chronologically) and, if it passes, motion 07 will be dropped from the agenda.*

MOTION 08 — Good Standing

I.1.N.1.c Duly registers his attendance on the form provided, [add] he is entitled to vote on all matters arising at that communication.

WHEREAS: We have members attending Grand Communication who have not discharged their obligation to their lodge. We are the last jurisdiction in western Canada that allows this to happen.

THEREFORE: I MWBro Ratchford, Grand Master, move that the words: “and produces a current certificate of good standing (current dues card)” be added.

Amended Regulation I.1.N.1.c. to read:

Duly registers his attendance on the form provided and produces a current certificate of good standing (current dues card) he is entitled to vote on all matters arising at that communication.

MOTION 09 — Elected Position

Whereas II.1.B.1 currently reads:

Nominations for any elective office shall be made by a member of Grand Lodge on the prescribed form, which must be in the hands of the Grand Lodge office not later than 12 o’clock noon on the last working day of February.

WHEREAS; it is undesirable and a possible conflict to have members elected to more than one elected position in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Therefore be it resolved that we add the following subsection to II.1.B.1

No member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can hold more than one elected position at any one time.

Moved by MWBro James Ratchford, Grand Master.

MOTION 10 — Parliamentarian

Rationale:

Whereas: In the past the position of Parliamentarian has proven to be an able consultant to the Grand Master and the Craft in general only on matters of parliamentary

procedure. The Parliamentarian’s counsel has resulted in more efficient and shorter Communications where he was employed.

As the majority of Masons are not experts in parliamentary procedure, the Board of General Purposes and other Grand Lodge Committees would benefit from the advice of a Parliamentarian. Since the Parliamentarian is not recognized as an official office of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, there is a strong argument to be made, that it should be.

The qualifications for the Grand Parliamentarian are a complete knowledge and understanding of Robert’s Rules of Order, possess the current authorized edition of Robert’s Rules and the ability to adapt those rules to the requirements of Grand Lodge. In addition he should have a working knowledge of the Constitution and Regulations, policies and standing rules of Grand Lodge.

Therefore: I, RWBro Gordon Harris move, seconded by MWBro John Cameron, that the office of Grand Parliamentarian be created and the Constitution amended by adding the following articles.

Under Part I.1.F Article 6 — Composition of Grand Lodge
 add I.1.F.2.t. Grand Parliamentarian

Under Part I.1.J Article 10 — Powers and Duties of Grand Lodge Officers

add I.1.J.20. The Grand Parliamentarian as an impartial and non-partisan parliamentary law advisor except where hindered by necessity shall:

1. Act as Parliamentarian to the Grand Master;
2. Act as Parliamentarian to the President of the Board General Purposes or his designate;
3. Assist the Grand Master and/or President of the Board as requested, when they are preparing for meetings, to ensure proper parliamentary procedure is followed; and
4. Perform other such duties as the Grand Master or President of Board may direct.

MOTION 11 — Regalia

I, RWBro Wayne King, move to amend II.4.A.3. to read:

“all aprons, collars, jewels, apron cases for the officers and members of a Lodge shall be purchased from Grand Lodge.”

MOTION 12 — Financial Review

Whereas the Constitution and Regulations currently state:
 Article 9 Powers of Grand Lodge

Part I.1.I.9.b subject to the above stated general powers, Grand Lodge alone is vested with the power, authority and jurisdiction:

- .4 annually appoint a Chartered accountant, a certified General Accountant, or a Certified Management Accountant as Auditor for Grand Lodge,

Article 11 Boards and Committees

Part I.1.K.4. Specific Powers of the Board of General Purposes

a. For the purposes of certainty, the Board of General Purposes shall have the following powers:

- .6 to lay before Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication the accounts of Grand Lodge, Duly audited, and accompanied by a report of the position of the affairs of Grand Lodge,

Part II.1.A: Office, Recognition, Communication, Accounts and Moneys

- 3 The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall commence not earlier than 8:00am on the second (2nd) Friday

of June in each year, alternately in the north or south regions, subject to the following:

- The accounts of Grand Lodge shall be closed on the last day of December in each year. The Auditor's report thereon shall be presented to the Finance Committee and by it to the Board of General Purposes for confirmation and presentation at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

I, RWBro Gordon Harris, a member of the Board of General Purposes, move that Article 11 Part I.1.K.4.a.6 be amended by adding the words "duly reviewed or" after "Grand Lodge" and before "duly audited".

After amendment Article 11 Part I.1.K.4.a to read as follows:

- to lay before Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication the accounts of Grand Lodge, duly reviewed or duly audited, and accompanied by a report of the position of the affairs of Grand Lodge;

MOTION 13 — Scottish Rite Jewel Grand Lodge of Alberta

Notice of Motion to Amend the Constitution and Regulations (II.4.A.2. Regalia, Clothing, Insignia, and Jewels, General)

Take notice that I will move or cause to be moved a motion at the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to amend the Constitution of Grand Lodge to have it recognize and adopt the usage of a Scottish Rite Mason jewel in its jurisdiction.

Whereas: The jewel of a Scottish Rite Mason shall consist of a double-headed eagle, its wings displayed, surmounted by a Prussian Crown, perched on a sword fessways Argent, hilt and pommel to the dexter, as more particularly described in the Arms registered by the Canadian Heraldic Authority. From the sword shall be draped a scroll bearing the motto: "DEUS MEUMQUE JUS"; said eagle to be suspended from a royal purple ribbon which in turn will be suspended from a gold enameled bar bearing the letters: "A.A.S.R." in black.

Whereas: The dimensions of the ribbon are 4 cm x 2.5 cm and those of the eagle are 3.8 cm x 2.4 cm, resulting in an overall size, with the bar, of 9 cm x 3 cm.

Whereas: For over two centuries the Scottish Rite has been the medium for many Master Masons to reflect upon their relationship with their faith, their fellow man and with themselves.

Whereas: Scottish Rite Masons desire to proudly display their affiliation With Scottish Rite when attending Craft lodge.

Therefore be it Resolved: The Regulations for the Administration of Grand Lodge, Part II, Chapter 4, Section II.4.A.2. Regalia, Clothing, Insignia, and Jewels, General, be amended by adding "excepting the jewel of a Scottish Rite Mason" after the line, No Masonic clothing, honorary or other jewels that do not appertain to Craft Masonry shall be worn in Grand Lodge or a Constituent Lodge.

RWBro Roger Matas

To Lodge Secretaries

Re: Alberta Masonic Day/Edmonton Masonic Day, Fort Edmonton Park

As you are aware we are organizing a larger event this year in the hope that the Province will grant the Craft Legislative recognition for our efforts to make Alberta a better and more prosperous place to live.

To that end it is vital that we organize as best as possible and are thereby able to accurately predict how many Brethren will be expected to come out to March in the Grand Procession. Please open an Excel spreadsheet, if possible, and enter in the names of each member of the Lodge who will be attending the Alberta/Edmonton Masonic Day event 24 June 2017 at Fort Edmonton Park.

Send this Excel spreadsheet with a total number of participants for your Lodge no later than 1 June 2017 to the following email address: edmontonlodge@shaw.ca

All those who are registered as **participants** in the Grand Procession will be eligible for **complimentary admission** to Fort Edmonton Park for the AMD/EMD event 24 June 2017.

The support of Fort Edmonton Park in granting us this privilege is based on our having the list of marchers/participants in the Grand Procession provided to them before 3 June 2017.

Any lists submitted after 1 June will be considered, if possible. However the complimentary admission cannot be guaranteed after the 1 June deadline.

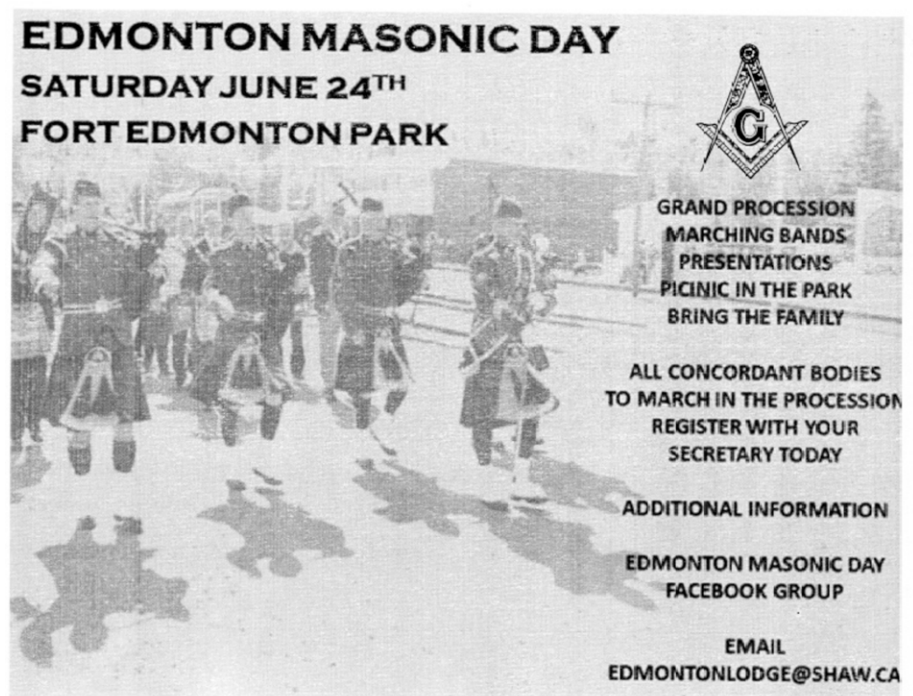
Please join the "Edmonton Masonic Day" Facebook group to keep up on further information.

Any and all additional enquires can be submitted to the AMD/EMD Committee via: edmontonlodge@shaw.ca


Please post this information in your Monthly notice for May.

On behalf of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta thank you for your tireless support of our efforts and your continued good natured responses to our requests.

VWBro Leam J Weir
AMD/EMD Committee Chair



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