



114th Annual Communication

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., will be held at the **Best Western Premier, 1316 33 Street NE., Calgary, AB**, commencing **Friday, 14 June 2019** at 09 00 h and continuing on **Saturday, 15 June 2019**. 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 Kenn Culbertson**, 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, 14 June 2019 and continue until 18 00 h. Registration and Balloting resumes at 08 00 h, 15 June 2019 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 and Installation of Officers — Dark Business Suit, Semi-Formal, except **Grand Lodge Officers to wear Tuxedos**.

Grand Master's Banquet (Thursday night) — Western Wear.

Accommodations: All reservations are on a first come basis at the host hotel, Best Western Premier, 1316 33 Street NE, Calgary, AB, 1-800-661-1464, (info@calgaryplaza.com). The cost of a room is between \$114 – \$239. Quote Group Name "The Grand Lodge of Alberta Annual Communication 2019" Reservation number 10536.

Function Tickets: Can be ordered through Grand Lodge Office. Prices and details to be announced. Ticket orders (with payment) must be placed before 25 May 2019. After 25 May 2019 prices will be increased by \$5.00/ticket. Pre-paid event tickets can be picked up at the Book Store. Un-paid event tickets must be picked up at the Book Store Location. Payment will be expected at the time of pick up. Ticket order form on page 4.

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Regalia must be worn at all sessions

Elections for 2019–2020

Grand Master

Automatic as per Part 1.1.G.2.B

RWBro Ken Cheel

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

By acclamation

RWBro Reg Karbonik

Redwood Lodge No. 193

Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167

Senior Grand Warden

By acclamation

RWBro Terry Murray

St. Mark's No. 118

Junior Grand Warden

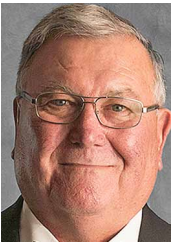
One to be elected

All biographies in this issue have been edited only for style, not for content. 114th Annual Communication

RWBro Ken Ionel

Crossfield Lodge No. 48

RWBro Ionel was born November 17th 1950 and was raised in a small farming community in southern Saskatchewan. He moved to Calgary in 1969 and started an apprenticeship as an Electrician. In 1971 he



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RWBro Murray Pay

St. Marks Lodge No. 118

RWBro Murray Pay was born April 26, 1943 – London England, his family immigrated to Canada in January, 1948. Murray was raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he married to Elaine April 23, 1966 and they have



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RWBro Kyle Scott

Millenium Lodge No. 2000

RWBro. Kyle was born in Winnipeg in 1964, moving to Calgary as a young lad in 1972. He served as Grand Piper North in 2008-09 and Grand Piper South in both 2013-14 and 2017-18. Kyle is a lawyer,



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RWBro Chris Uchman

Patricia Lodge No. 91

RWBro Christopher J Uchman was born April 25, 1970 in Edmonton, Alberta and grew up in Sherwood Park, AB and now resides in St. Albert, AB. After completing school he went into the trades becoming a



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won the award for top second year electrical apprentice for southern Alberta. He has a son Chad and a daughter Carly from his first marriage in 1971 and is currently married to his wife Carol since 1997. In 1977 he became a Master Electrician and started his own company in Airdrie; by 1980 his company employed over 50 electricians. He sold the electrical company in 1993 after purchasing a commercial construction company in 1990 which he still owns and operates today.

He became a member of Crossfield Lodge #48 in 2005. Joined the Royal Arch Masons Strathmore Chapter #21 in 2009. Became a member of Cyprus Preceptory #33 in 2011. Was Worshipful Master of Crossfield Lodge #48 in 2013. He was Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge Of Alberta in 2015-2016. Served as First Principal of Strathmore Chapter #21 in 2016 and 2017. Was elected as DDGM for Phoenix District for 2018-2019. He is a member of the Order Of The Red Cross Of Constantine as well as the Order Of The High Priesthood. His hobbies are fishing and making sausage as well as beef jerky and enjoys taking care of his acreage in Water Valley.

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two children — Cynthia Karlynnne, Jason Cameron

Employment — Murry is a commercial/display Artist graduating in 1964 an employment opportunity moved Murray and Elaine to Calgary in 1968. He incorporated Parade Display Productions Ltd in January, 1975. They were International award winners in designing and producing competition parade floats for Federal, Provincial, City, Community Organizations and Corporations throughout Canada. Show casing for clients and achieving in winning top honours in every major Western Canada parades and designing and production of mobile displays for the Opening Ceremonies of the Calgary

1988 Olympics. Travel for business created another career opportunity, taking courses on corporate travel at SAIT 92-93, working in the industry eventually saw him operating his own registered Travel Agency 1997 – 2012, he then affiliated with an Agency as an outside travel consultant-2012-present
Specializing in creating custom individual and group travel.

Volunteer Involvement - Olympic Volunteer as a driver for Australia and New Zealand Chef d' Mission. White Hat Volunteer – Calgary International Airport - 1997 – present with over 4500 hours of volunteering. Prostaidd Cancer Volunteer – Fund Raiser since 2015

Masonic History- Murray was initiated, passed and raised in Bowmont Lodge #181 in 1970. He affiliated with St. Mark's Lodge #118 in 1972. He was the Grand Standard Bearer–2004–2005, Worshipful Master, St. Mark's Lodge# 118–2007, St. Mark's Lodge #118-Director of Ceremonies – 2014, 2018, 2019 , 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, Elected as committee member–Masonic Higher Education Fund – 2017 – 2020. He is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was Coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° - September 16, 2004. He is a member of Al Azhar Shriners since 1975 and a member of the Tin Lizzie Corp since 1988.

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practicing in Alberta since 1992. He has worked for a wide range of firms, both large and small, and currently operates his own practice as the principal of Craft Law Group. Nearly one-third of his career was spent with Suncor (2005-2013), which involved a move up to Fort McMurray where he joined Lodge. As to Kyle's Masonic journey, he

expressed interest in Masonry as early as 1998, but circumstances deferred his application until he signed up to join a Lodge in Calgary in 2004. Suncor sent him North in early 2005 before he was scheduled to be initiated, and so he was instead initiated, passed and raised as a Master Mason between January and May 2006 in Millennium Lodge in Fort McMurray.

Kyle served as secretary of Millennium Lodge from 2006 through 2009, and then as Treasurer 2009-10. RWBro Scott became a Charter Member of Aurora Borealis Lodge No. 201. As a result, Kyle has been involved in "both sides" of the Craft as his mother Lodge is Canadian Rite, while Aurora Borealis is York Rite. Kyle took on the role of Secretary-Treasurer of Aurora Borealis in its formative year of 2008-09, setting up the books and serving as the lead draftsman for the new Lodge's By-laws. He was then elected Junior Warden for 2009, progressing through the Chairs to serve as Master in 2011-12. Despite Suncor transferring Kyle back to Calgary in 2012, he has remained active with his two Lodges in Fort McMurray and within the Athabasca District, serving as DDGM for the District for the 2014-15 year. He continues to visit the Lodges in his District Kyle has served in the office of Piper for Exemplar Lodge No. 175 in Edmonton, and will continue his tradition of Piping in Exemplar at the Masonic Spring Workshops.

RWBro Scott's Masonic journey has expanded beyond Craft Lodge, and across a large portion of our Jurisdiction. He progressed through Royal Arch (Hangingstone #40 Fort McMurray) to Cryptic Right (Zohar Council, Edmonton) and Preceptory (Edmonton No. 46), Scottish Rite (32nd degree, Valley of Calgary) and he joined the Al Azhar Shrine following his return to Calgary (October 2012), serving with the Mounted Patrol, the Provost Corps and also as a member of the Vintage Car Club. He has more recently affiliated with Otuskwan Royal

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PROGRAM FOR THE ONE HUNDRED & FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

June 13TH, 14TH and 15TH, 2019

BEST WESTERN PREMIER, 1316 33 STREET NE, CALGARY

Thursday, June 13th, 2019

17:30 h: Grand Master's Banquet-Dress Western Wear/Casual
Buffet Dinner (5:30-7:30) – Horizons Bistro Cafe

19:30 h: **Come & Go Drop in Social**

Friday, June 14th, 2019

08:00 h: Registration/Balloting Opens
Under the direction of: Grand Registrar

08:00 h: Board of General Purposes Meeting
(members and invited observers only)

08:45 h: Formation of Grand Procession
Grand Lodge Procession

Reception of:

- Past Grand Masters
- Visiting Grand Lodges
- Concordant Bodies
- Special guests
- Presentation of the Colours
- White Hat Ceremony

Excuse non-Masonic guests

Opening of the 114th Annual Communication
(tyled)

- Motion of Loyalty
- Confirmation of the Proceedings of the
113th Annual Communication
- Service of Commemoration and
Thanksgiving - Grand Chaplain

10:00 h: **Business of Grand Lodge**
Rules of Order

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) Communication Committee
- h) Masonic Spring Workshop

Block C – Reports – Financial

- i) Grand Treasurer
- j) Finance Committee
- k) Auditor and Financial Statements
- l) Board of Benevolence

Block D – Reports – Administration

- m) Fraternal Relations

NOTE: There will be an enjoyable Ladies' Program (details to be forwarded to the Lodge Secretaries)

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

n) Grand Secretary's Report

o) Committee on the Work

Block E – Reports – Legislative

p) Board of General Purposes

12:00 h: **Lunch**

13:00 h: **Resume Business of Grand Lodge**

15:20 h: Grand Secretary's Announcements
- Correspondence and regrets
- Recognition of Grand Representatives

17:00 h: Adjournment

18:00 h: Balloting and Registration suspended

Friday, June 14th, 2019 – EVENING PROGRAM

18:00 h: **GRAND LODGE BANQUET**
17:30 Reception, 18:45 Seating, 19:00 Dinner
Toastmaster: Junior Grand Warden

20:00 h: Presentation of Ross Shepherd Memorial Bursary

20:30 h: Entertainment by Bow River Fiddlers

Saturday, June 15th, 2019

08:00 h: Balloting and Registration resumed

08:30 h: 114th Annual Communication reconvenes
Any reports not completed from Friday's session

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

11:30 h: **NOTICES OF MOTION**
For Next Communication

11:45 h: **Grand Master's Address**

12:00 h: **Lunch**

13:15 h: 114th Annual Communication Reconvenes
- Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture
of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2019/2020,
under the direction of **MWBro Gordon Berard**

15:30 h: **Grand Lodge Closes**

15:45 h: 2019-2020 Officers' Pictures

17:30 h: Incoming Grand Master's evening – BBQ
FezDome – Dress Casual
Beef on a Bun with Beans, Salads, Desserts

*****AGENDA & LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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

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Ticket Order Form

To: All Alberta Freemasons

**Dietary Restrictions? No Yes - please specify

Please indicate your Ticket needs for the Grand Lodge Communication at the *Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre, 1316 33 Street NE., Calgary, AB, T2A 6B6* info@calgaryplaza.com Toll Free 1-800-661-1464

Return to the Grand Lodge Office by May 24th, 2019 with enclosed cheque, or email transfer to info@freemasons.ab.ca (Credit Card also acceptable). No refunds will be given on ticket orders returned after May 24th, 2019.

Ticket orders will be retrievable at the Book Store, (Grand Lodge Office) at the Annual Communication.

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NAME AND TITLE: _____

Thursday, June 13th, 2019

Grand Master's Banquet (Buffet Dinner Horizons Bistro Café 5:30-7:30pm)

Cost \$50.00 each WESTERN WEAR

Quantity Amount

_____ \$ 0.00

Thursday June 13th, 2019

Come & Go/Drop-In Social – WPR Room (7:30-9:30pm)

Cost \$10.00 each includes snacks

_____ 0.00

Ladies' Program Friday June 14th, 2019

Pool Side Water Aerobics Class 10:30-11:30am (participate or observe)

International Aquatics Trainer Dena Sykes

Lunch: Mexican Buffet 12:00-2:00pm (Garden Court 2)

Cost: \$35.00 each

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Friday, June 14th, 2019 Past Grand Masters Lunch

Garden Court #1

Cost: \$35.00 each (ONLY FOR "PAST" GRAND MASTERS)

_____ 0.00

Friday, June 14th, 2019 Grand Lodge BANQUET:

Plated Meal (Filet Mignon) 6:00-8:00pm (Plaza 3-5)

Cost \$75.00 each FORMAL WEAR

Entertainment: Bow River Fiddlers

_____ 0.00

Ladies' Program Saturday June 15th, 2019

10:30 h Come learn the history of buttons (Martha Duplessis, Edm Button Club)

11:30 h Chicken Caesar demo Professional Chef Attendance – Garden Court #2

Cost: \$35.00 each

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Saturday, June 15th, 2019 Incoming Grand Master's BBQ:

Location: Fez Dome (5151 101 Street NW, Calgary)

Beef on a Bun, including Beans, Salads and Desserts including pop & water

Cost \$25.00 each

_____ 0.00

Total Payment Enclosed:

\$ 0.00

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

Arch Chapter #9 in Calgary, as well as joining Conclave (Chinook City No. 27 in Calgary) and the York Rite College, while submitting his application last year to the Badlands Chapter of the Widows Sons.

While Kyle's grey head of hair and beard may lead many to believe he is older than 54, perhaps it is merely the many "city miles", with four children now aged 15 to 25. They have now reached that age where Dad can be a little less involved.

As to his other pursuits, in his younger days Kyle served in the Reserves (King's Own Calgary Regiment – Armoured Corps), and he has been involved in many Pipe Bands and other Scottish cultural activities since his youth and he is currently the Piper for the Calgary Burns Club. He volunteered with his son's hockey teams (coaching most seasons that his son played), is a guest instructor for a youth pipe band in Calgary (78th Fraser Highlanders), and

is an active fundraiser for a number of charities (Director of Easter Seals Alberta, former Trustee for the 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 is currently serving in his second year of a three year term on the Board of General Purposes, and with his legal background and experience, has been appointed as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Board.

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tile setter and floor covering installer. RW Bro Uchman, together with his father and older brother started XMG Commercial Floor Coverings in 1992. They have grown the company to be one of the premier Commercial Floor Contractors in the Province with 50+ employees. Chris currently serves as the company's Senior Project Manager.

Chris is happily married to Lanie Uchman and they have one son Jienico, whom Chris had the honor of raising to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in May of 2017. RW Bro Uchman has a very strong masonic tradition within his family. Chris is the third generation of his family to serve as Worshipful Master of Patricia Lodge #91.

RW Bro Uchman was initiated into Freemasonry in Patricia Lodge #91 on October 22, 1996, passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on November 26, 1996 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 28, 1997. Chris served as Worshipful Master of Patricia Lodge #91 for the Masonic Year of 2013-2014 and D.D.G.M. for Northern Lights District 2016-2017. Chris was appointed to the Board of General Purposes for the Masonic Year 2017-2018. Chris is continuing his masonic journey as a proud member of Capital City Chapter #13 Royal Arch Masons and Al Shamal Shriners.

Grand Treasurer

One to be elected

VWBro David N. Blue

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170

VWBro David Neil Blue was born in Edmonton in 1962. He found the love of his life and married her in August of 1985. Together, David and Margaret enjoyed raising two children. David's second love is accounting. He represents the third of four generations of accountants in his family, managing his own accounting practise since 1980. It has grown to a staff of 7 people. His son joined the firm giving David additional time to devote to masonic activities. His expertise was previously recognized with an appointment to a Provincial Advisory Committee, and he acts as a director on community boards as well.

The Blue family has deep masonic roots. David was initiated, passed and raised into Freemasonry in Avon Glen Lodge #170 in 1985. He served as W.M. in 1997. He was the treasurer of his lodge for over 15 years, with a short hiatus to serve the lodge as Secretary. He currently holds the position Treasurer.

David was elected to the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 2011. The Grand Master appointed him to the Finance Committee from 2011 to 2015. He was appointed chair of two sub-committees during his tenure on finance. In the 2014-2015 year, he was appointed Grand Pursuivant.

MWBro John D Hart

Perfection Lodge No. 9

MW Bro 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.

Board of General Purpose

Five to be elected for 3 year term

RWBro Martin Bumstead

King George Lodge No. 59

RWBro Martin was born May 20, 1945 in England. Received a Bachelor of Education Degree, University of Calgary in 1975 and taught for a number of years. Initiated into King George Lodge No.59, 25 February 1977, elected WM in 1986.

Appointed to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 2004. Associate Guardian Bethel No.1, Jobs Daughters. Grand Bethel Senior Custodian. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon 2004-2005. Elected District Deputy Grand Master of Phoenix District 2006-2007. Member of Mountainview Chapter Royal Arch Masons. Awarded Honourary Life Membership

in four Lodges. Married to Darlene since 1978, two children and three grandchildren

MWBro Peter Dunlop

Sherwood Lodge No. 183
No Biography received

RWBro Louis Fradette

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 & Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167

RWBro Louis was born in 1951 at Radville Saskatchewan, where he was raised before moving to Calgary. He moved to Edmonton in 1977, where he created an industrial supply business, which he sold in 2003. He now operates a commercial finance brokerage specializing in arranging business financing. He and his wife, Karen, have been married for 41 years. They have a son, two daughters, and three grandchildren. RWBro Fradette was initiated, passed and raised in Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 in 1990 and served as Worshipful Master in 1996. He affiliated with Temple Centennial Lodge in 2014. He currently serves as secretary for both Lodges. He served as Grand Chaplain in 2009–2010, served as DDGM for the Beaverhills District in 2013-2014, and was Chairman of the 50th Annual Masonic Spring Workshop in 2015. Each month he produces the North Central Alberta Masonic Events Calendar which is now being posted on the Grand Lodge website.

RWBro Gerry Offin

Mystic West Lodge No. 101

RWBro. Gerry Offin was born August 13, 1948 in Rossland, British Columbia and grew up in the small village of Lillooet, B.C. Gerry grew up liking the outdoors and particularly enjoyed hunting and fishing as a young boy. He moved with his parents to Nanaimo, B.C. and finished his high school in 1966.

RWBro. Offin applied to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1970 and was accepted into “the Force” in March 1971. Upon graduation from the R.C.M.P. Depot he was posted to “K” Division (Alberta) and had mostly rural postings in northern Alberta. He retired from the R.C.M.P. in August 1999 and in May 2000, he was hired on as a rural traffic officer for the County of Strathcona in Sherwood Park, AB until August 2013.

RWBro. Offin has been married to his wife Peggy for 43 years and they have two sons and four grandchildren.

RWBro. Gerry Offin was initiated into Freemasonry in Edson Lodge #68 on March 21, 1985, was passed to the Fellowship on April 18, 1985 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 16, 1985. RWBro. Offin affiliated with West Edmonton Lodge #101 in 1989 and served as the Worshipful Master for the Masonic year 1993-1994. RWBro. Offin was appointed Grand Steward by MWBro. Doug Trook in June 2001. RWBro. Gerry Offin was invested at the Grand Lodge Communications in Red Deer in June 2017 as the DDGM of Northern Lights District. RWBro. Gerry Offin is currently District Secretary for Northern Lights District – 2018/2019

RWBro George Stamp

Hinton Lodge No. 178 & Jasper Park Lodge No. 143

...was born in Prince George B.C. April 1st 1961. Initiated, Passed and Raised in Avon Glenn #170 1992, WM of Hinton #178 2003-2004, WM of Jasper Park #143 2006-2007-2008. Grand Steward of GLA 2017-2018. Presently I am The DDGM for Yellowhead district. Other Masonic affiliations include

Edson #30 RAM, Al Shamal Shriners, Widows sons Alberta and Founding member of The Masonic society. In 2016 he retired from CNR where he was a Locomotive Engineer for 35 years.

Recently he and his wife moved From Hinton to Calmar to be closer to our children and grandchildren.

He have been married to Charlene for 23 year and we have a blended family with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

RWBro Stephen Broadley

Glenbow Lodge No. 184 & Lodge Pythagoras 345 No. 202

Born on 24 October 1949 and raised in Yorkshire, England his father is a retired police chief Superintendent and long standing mason. He married his wife Jan in 1972 and together with their first child emigrated to Canada in March 1975 settling in St. Catharines, Ontario. Stephen and family moved to Calgary in 1979 to work with an international construction company then setting up in Alberta. Stephen and Family became Canadian Citizens in August 1981. He has owned his own Construction Management Company for 26 years, was co-owner of a house building company. In addition has held position of Senior CM and Vice President for 2 major general contractors. Has a very strong background in Management, financing and organizational skills.

Stephen has been married to wife and best friend Jan for 46 years, three children and 9 grandchildren. He has always been involved within the community serving as President of two Community Associations and on their various committee's. He has coached football (soccer) Provincial level and still plays. He served on the Board of Directors of associations within the Calgary Soccer Community. With wife Jan they volunteered with the PALS (Pet Access League Society – pet visitation) and the Kidney Foundation.

His masonic life started in 1993 in Glenbow #184 being Initiated 6th of January, Passed 3rd of February and Raised on 7th of April. His father journeyed from England for a surprize visit and appeared part way through the ceremony to assist with his Raising. One of the few occasions Stephen has been lost for words.

He served as WM in 2000/01 and 2008/09 and has been chairman of the Glenbow Lodge Vacant Chair Ceremony for the past 13 years. District Deputy Grand Master, Calgary Highwood District 2013/14

Alberta Chapter #1 Royal Arch Mason– 26th March 1996, Cyprus Preceptory #33 – 26 March 1997, Scottish Rite 32 – 22nd November 2003. He is proud to be a Charter Member of Lodge Pythagoras 345 #202 – 28th November 2013

RWBro Morris Nesdole

Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71

...was initiated into Millennium Lodge 2000 in 1999, where I was Raised and Passed to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. I served as Master of Millennium Lodge 2000 in 2005-2006. I am a past member of Hanging stone #40 Royal Arch Masons, a current member of Preceptors #46 Knights Templar, and a current member of the Al Shamal Shrine. After retiring, I affiliated with Tawatinaw #71 Lodge in Athabasca and served as Master of Tawatinaw Lodge in 2015. I was elected to the position of DDGM for the Athabasca District in 2015 and served my term for 2016-2017. During subsequent years I have been active in supporting my Tawatinaw Brothers grow our Lodge and in visiting other Lodges across the District.

I was born and educated in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; moving to Alberta in 1976. I have one son living in Ottawa with his wife their two children. My wife Nancy and I are now retired and live in the Summer Village of Sunset Beach, Alberta. Since my retirement I find myself actively involved in my lake community and my Lodge.

I am currently serving as Councillor for my village and as a director on several boards including the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta, Alberta Water Council, Athabasca River Watershed Planning and Advisory Council, and the Baptiste and Island Lakes Stewardship Society. I also participate on the advisory committee for the Alberta Third Party Fisheries Review Panel. In my spare time I enjoy my hobbies of knifemaking, photography, hunting, and fishing.

WBro Wes Johnson

Baseline Lodge No. 198

Wes was born in Rosthern Sask. in 1953 and lived in Laird Sask. until he was 6 years old. His family then moved to a farm near Belbutte Sask. until 1967, when they moved to North Battleford Sask. where he attended high school. He married his wife Bernadette in 1972 and moved to Fort McMurray where he was employed by Great Canadian Oil Sands (Suncor). Wes and Bernadette have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Two of their children live in Fort McMurray and two live in Edmonton. Wes and Bernadette now reside

in Edmonton.

While working for Great Canadian Oil Sands Wes obtained his Red Seal Millwright ticket. He then joined Syncrude in 1981 and worked as a millwright until 1986 when he became a maintenance planner for multiple trades. He started planning turnarounds in 1994. Wes became a turnaround planning leader in 1999 and held that position until his retirement in 2012. While in the positions of planner and planning leader Wes took numerous courses on estimating, planning, scheduling and leadership.

Wes was initiated, passed and raised in Millennium Lodge 2000 in 2003. He served as Master of Millennium Lodge 2000 in 2009/2010. Wes was a charter member of Aurora Borealis and served as District Secretary for Athabasca District in 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

Wes was exalted to the RAM degree in 2006 in Hangingstone Chapter 40 and served as 1st Principal in 2010/2011. He served as Grand District Superintendent (GDS) in 2012.

Wes is a member of Al Shamal Shrine and a member of the Fort McMurray Shrine Club where he served as President in 2010.

Wes is presently a member of Baseline 198 in Spruce Grove and a member of Stony Chapter 41 in Stoney Plain. He is also currently a member of Zohar Council #4 Cryptic Rite and Edmonton Preceptory #46 Knights Templar.

Board of Benevolence

Three to be elected for a 2 year term

WBro Jim Wilson

Mosaic Lodge No. 176

No Biography received

MWBro John Cameron

Crescent Lodge No. 87 & Strathmore Lodge No. 53

Grand Master 2014/2014. I am presently a member of the Board of General Purpose. I am also a member of the Board of Benevolence and presently serve as the Southern Alberta Superintendent. I would like to continue serving our Brethren in that capacity if they so desire.

RWBro Bill Lowrie

Balmoral Lodge No. 185

No Biography received

WBro Jim Currie

Canada Lodge No. 165 & Irricana Lodge No. 137

No Biography received

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee

Two to be elected for a 3 year term

RWBro Kim Parkyn

St. Mark's Lodge No. 118

RWBro William (Kim) Parkyn was born and raised in Edmonton. In 1975 he started work with Imperial Oil in Edmonton with the Systems and Computing Services department he then moved to the Redwater fertilizer plant in 1984 as the Systems Manager before moving to Calgary in 1992. He worked for 16 years with Imperial Oil before being outsourced to Digital Equipment Corporation, Compaq, and then Hewlett Packard where after 30 years in the field of Information Technology and Information Management his worldwide IT engineering position was made redundant. He then took a position with Olympia Financial Group as the IT Manager. Currently he is working as an independent consultant.

Bro Parkyn's Masonic career started when he was initiated into St. Mark's Lodge in Calgary Alberta in September of 1998. He held several positions as he progressed through the chairs serving as Worshipful master in 2004 after which he served as the Secretary-Treasurer of St. Mark's Lodge for four years. He is charter member of the Internet Lodge of Research and served as the Worshipful Master of that esteemed lodge in 2008.

He was elected as the District Deputy for Alpha District and greatly enjoyed that role.

He was accepted into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 2003 and progressed through the chairs within the Calgary Lodge of Perfection serving as the Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2007 and since that time he has served as its Treasurer. He received the honour of being coroneted a 33 Degree Mason in 2017.

He is a member of the clown unit of the Al Azhar Shriners, accepted into the Strathmore chapter of Royal Arch in September 2009 and received his Royal Arch Degree in October 2009, admitted into the Royal Order of Scotland. In June of 2010 he was appointed to the office of the Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Involved with the Masonic workshop over the last few years and was the Workshop Chairman in 2012. He is currently the secretary for the workshop. He was founding director for the Calgary Rite to Learn Foundation and is currently serving as the Centre Director. He has served on the Board of General Purposes and the Board of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary fund.

In his spare time he likes to enjoy a round or two of golf, has a passion for good food, and enjoys a fine scotch whisky.

VWBro Don Stannard

Empire Lodge No. 63

No Biography received

MWBro Chris Batty

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Chris's interest in Freemasonry stems from his father, who was a member of Bostall Heath Lodge No. 4492, English Constitution. Chris was initiated into Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 on October 23, 1975 passed November 27, 1975 and raised on January 8, 1976. On December 10, 1981, Chris was installed as Master of Saskatchewan Lodge for the Masonic Year 1982. Chris was elected the District Deputy Grand Master for the Northern Lights District for the year 2005–2006. Chris was elected to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee in 2006 and served as the Chairman from 2007 to 2014. During this period the MHEB Fund grew from approx. \$600K to over \$3M, at the same time providing in excess of \$200K annually, to financially constrained students.

Chris was elected as the Junior Grand Warden in 2012, and serving as the Grand Master for the year 2015–2016. He was appointed as an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 2015, and was appointed a Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 2017.

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 M.W. Bro. Ross Sheppard's Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund, so that Alberta's greatest resource: its young men and women can become its greatest

asset. In addition, since June 2017 Chris has been a tutor with the Rite to Learn Program.

RWBro Martin Bumstead

King George Lodge No. 59

RWBro Martin was born May 20, 1945 in England. Received a Bachelor of Education Degree, University of Calgary in 1975 and taught for a number of years. Initiated into King George Lodge No.59, 25 February 1977, elected WM in 1986. Appointed to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 2004. Associate Gardian Bethel No.1, Jobs Daughters. Grand Bethel Senior Custodian. Appointed Grand Senior Deacon 2004-2005. Elected District Deputy Grand Master of Phoenix District 2006-2007. Member of Mountainview Chapter Royal Arch Masons. Awarded Honourary Life Membership in four Lodges. Married to Darlene since 1978, two children and three grandchildren

VWBro Ian McLachlan

Temple-Centennial Lodge No. 167 & Baseline Lodge No. 198

VWBro McLachlan was born and raised in Timmins, Ontario. From 1965 to 1968 he attended the Provincial Institute of Mining where he graduated as a Mining Technologist in 1968. He worked as a mining technologist for several years and then attended the Montana School of Mines graduating in 1968 as a Mining Engineer.

Ian worked with Shell Canada and then with Syncrude Canada Ltd. in Fort McMurray until his retirement in 2006.

While in Fort McMurray VW Bro McLachlan was initiated in Millennium Lodge 2000 in February 2001.

Following his retirement in 2006 he moved to Edmonton Alberta and affiliated with Baseline Lodge #198 where he served as the Worshipful Master in 2013-14. He also affiliated with Temple Centennial Lodge #167.

VW Bro McLachlan joined The Holy Royal Arch in Nov. of 2012.

In 2017-2018 he served as a Grand Steward in the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Bro Brad Trotter

St. Marks Lodge No. 118

No Biography received

RWBro Jason Casselman

Northland Lodge No. 147 & Peace River Lodge No. 89

No Biography received

Junior Grand Warden's Essays

RWBro Ken Ionel

It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to be nominated for the office of Junior Grand Warden. If elected I will strive to do the best that I can do to maintain and uphold the fundamental principles of our great Fraternity as well as work diligently to promote the betterment of the Craft and Grand Lodge. There has been a lot of discussions and opinions on what is wrong with the operation and administration of Grand Lodge. I don't

think we need to re-invent the wheel at this time. We should however check for loose or broken spokes and replace and/or repair them. Let's not make change just for the sake of change. I believe that Grand Lodge is in good shape thanks to the extreme efforts of our Past Grand Masters as well as the immense dedication of many of the committee chairs/members. At my visitations to the Lodges I was always welcomed and there was a very high level of respect for myself as DDGM but also for Grand

Lodge and the Grand Line. The warm welcome and respect shown encouraged me to do even more visiting. Part of my vision moving forward would be to preserve and protect the traditions and policies that are working well in our system but also be receptive to innovative and constructive ideas from all members but in particular from our younger members as they are the key to running Grand Lodge in the future. I would strongly pursue achieving a Grand Lodge that has the emulation of

who can best work and best agree as we were instructed when we received the working tools of a Master Mason. I would continue to encourage all Lodges to hone their skills in performing their Ritual and Floor Work as well as continue to implement a sound educational program, an enjoyable festive board and an active social program. Further to the Ritual and Floor work in my travels to other Lodges I noticed that on occasion some of the Brothers appear to be intimidated by the near perfect work of other Brothers and they are thereby very reluctant to take on the task of learning and performing the work. In construction 95% only gets you substantial completion on a building you must achieve 100% or you do not get paid. I believe that in school, university and Lodge a 95% effort is an extremely good score. We all attempt for 100% but what I advise the Brothers that I coach or mentor is – do the best that you can do because your best is all you can do. Membership numbers unfortunately continue to be on the decline we need to challenge the sponsors of our candidates to ensure that once they become a Master Mason they continue to attend Lodge as well become actively involved as either an officer an educator or a volunteer for social programs. Visitation is the one of the great foundations of our Fraternity. There is no better way to gain knowledge regarding the pulse of a Lodge or a Lodge District than through visitation. The Brother can then return to his mother Lodge and report what and how their sister Lodges are doing and implement changes for the betterment of their Lodge. I would engage in discussions relative to having the three principal officers of a Lodge set a schedule for visitation every month that they meet and provide a positive/negative report to their Lodge of their experience.

So how do we make a good thing better? If given the opportunity by the Brethren I would do all I can to pinpoint the items and issues that the members are not happy with and encourage Grand Lodge to be as open as possible to review those concerns and address them satisfactorily. Harmony being the strength and support of all well-governed institutions. In closing please remember that we are all mere mortal men walking on the face of God's good and great earth for a short period of time I pray my time proves well spent.

RWBro Murray Pay

Vision for the Future.

The course of Freemasonry today is a complex situation. Lodges that flourished so many years before now are affected by the changing economic times and has driven deep into the pockets of everyone. Membership loss has been a continual dilemma. What was once the pinnacle of belonging is continually diminishing. Within and without, we need to reverse the decline. Perhaps my paper, will address to encourage the future and move forward with a positive approach. We have to treat our fraternity as part of our home. There are some solutions at our finger tips and they have always been within our grasp.

By hard work and effort we will recover to enjoy a fruitful future. By comparing the fraternity to our own life experiences there is success. My parents immigrated from England, January 1948 and settled in Winnipeg. I was raised, educated and grew up in a strict household. When my father retired on his birthday in August 1967, it was the end of his working life without a prospect of other choices as was the case at that time. I pledged to strive then always to accomplish something more. From hard working parents background to sharing a life as a married couple with the same values, we became aware that nothing could be accomplished without effort. My work life included many challenges to eventually forming a company in January 1975. After over 40 years we closed our business on December 31, 2016. During those years, like others, there comes a family, homes tied to mortgages and a lot of responsibilities. Our company grew international as an award winner that required us to travel throughout Canada and into the North West USA. Using transferrable skills, in 1991, I became a travel consultant of which I still am active in today.

Treat the membership as a family member. The COMELY program has been around for many years. It has almost disappeared to the Internet as the use of email for notices became the new silent communication system. It does not replace the old fashion system of calling a brother. Monitoring the health of the membership is a continual activity and will continue to be the best communication as the internal barometer for a lodge health especially in these economic times. A healthy lodge having a program is not all lodge meetings.

With activities for all to enjoy can be a diversion from outside problems. Lodges who continue with some format of the COMELY program will still reap a harvest of success and survive. This is dear to my heart and I will endeavour to make it part of my agenda to improve and upgrade the program.

Today's world no longer rely on family, friends and work colleagues to attract membership. Sitting at a computer and exploring the internet the inquisitive mind looking for a diversion will find us. When exploring the Internet, it is no wonder when they google "Masons", an avenue of information comes streaming forward. Just about every lodge has a medium to attract an inquiry to knock on our door with the invitation to connect. With introduction of the Seven Steps to Initiation, the inquisitor may find a new home for his mind and may be willing to follow through with participating in the program. The results have shown there is a greater chance of having a lasting lodge relationship, stronger member and lodge. The fraternity has already been fortunate to find many fine new and fresh faces to join Freemasonry and it has been as a result of the Seven Step to Initiation program. It is an excellent tool and is the gauge to create growth. Though it is already recommended it needs to be part of every lodge program which would be my goal to have it as the primary bench mark for the future of the fraternity.

Growth for the future needs for Freemasonry to be more visible. Today's public still does not know enough about us. Without disturbing our landmarks and adhering to Grand lodge guidelines, we can take advantage of enhancing our visibility in numerous ways with the use of the media. Having a Public Relations program, the public can better understand who we are and what we stand for. A proven fact that lodges in smaller communities attracts attention as they are more connected within the community network. We do not have to wait until Freemasons Day to open our doors, but by promoting an Open House and a tour, we may attract guests to ask more and who knows want to take the Seven Steps with us. Taking a look at the good works we do, within Grand Lodge and within our lodges, we can showcase so much more so that others can see our achievements. Whatever is being done now this would be an initiative of

mine to assist the image of Freemasonry. The media likes good news. This was a practice my company used every year prior to the Stampede parade. Inviting the media to an unveiling brought the reporter, photographer and interviews. As it did for us in business, it will heighten our profile within the community and introduce other avenues of interest in Masonry.

Final Thoughts

As a young boy, I remember when the Shriners came to Winnipeg for a convention. That impression eventually brought me to the doorstep of Freemasonry with becoming a Mason in January 1970. My sponsor was a neighbor with whom he and his wife became close friends and surrogate grandparents to our children, Cindy and Jason. Balancing work then, even today, as a young family choices had to be made resulting putting aside a number of things including the craft. Eventually, as times improved, I became reinvolved with Masonry with the support and encouragement through a friend. This led me to proceed through officer chairs in St. Mark's Lodge to becoming Worshipful Master in 2007 as well as serving in several capacities within the fraternity. Lodge visitation became a new found family of friends. The hand of friendship was a strong bond and to share that bond has been my focus ever since.

Encourage what is good and put it to more effective use with self-affirmation to embrace the future positively. To be elected as the Junior Grand Warden as I have done throughout my life to I will deliver a Vision for the Future with the same diligence and perseverance. To place my name forward to be a Grand Lodge officer did not come without long thought, consultation with others and finally consultation with my wife. Elaine and I spoke at length as to what to expect if elected. Her answer came with understanding, support and a willingness to share that Vision with me.

On October 28, 2018. I wrote a short message and placed it like so many have done over the years it in the Western Wall. Messages are collected every six months and placed in an urn and buried on the Mount of Olives. I like others quietly asked for direction from the Most High for His council. Today, I ask you for the same direction to fulfill My Vision for the Future.

RWBro Kyle Scott,

The challenge – “Our Craft (and most of the concordant bodies) continues to decline in numbers” and “Can we reverse this trend?”

A number of our recent Past Grand Masters have worked to address this issue of declining numbers within many of our Lodges, and the overall trends for our Jurisdiction as a whole. This has included promoting more education within the Lodges and initiatives to reorganize and re-invigorate the Craft. Key elements of these efforts have included improving the candidate introductory experience with variations of the “7 Step Process”, among other initiatives. I, for one, believe that the administration of our Lodges is stronger now than five years ago, that most Lodges are doing a better job managing candidate intake (and the overall candidate experience) and that these positive initiatives are spreading throughout our jurisdiction. However, we have a fundamental issue with attracting sufficient young men to our ranks. The “To be one, ask one” and similar campaigns do not appear to be having a major impact. While most every Lodge in Alberta continues to attract Petitions for Initiation with qualified candidates, our losses (of Brethren leaving for whatever reason, many joining the Grand Lodge Above) continue to outweigh our gains. This is nothing new. However, I feel our reluctance to “encourage” young men to consider our Craft has an impact, with some of this reluctance tied to our apparent prohibition on “recruiting”. Yes, there is a Masonic offence for “improper solicitation of candidates” – it is found within the Constitution (C&R 1.u.21.1.c.1.D). As the current Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Board of General Purpose, I would have a hard time interpreting what would constitute “improper solicitation”, as I assume that we are not discussing the introduction of the equivalent of 19th Century Royal Navy Press Gangs.

One of my favourite authors since I was a young man has been Tom Clancy. In a number of Tom Clancy novels where issues of complying with the (U.S.) Constitution come up, the main character, Jack Ryan, uses a quote more than once in these novels – “the Constitution is not a suicide pact”. That is, if strict compliance with the Constitution guarantees the failure of the organization, then a more flexible interpretation of the

meaning and intent of the clause(s) in question is called for.

I do not imagine we will return to our heyday of the mid-1970's in this Province, where we had 3 times as many members as we do today. The trends in our Society over these 40+ years make that clear. However, the overall population of our Province has roughly tripled in that same time period. In other words, we are 1/9 of what we once were. In effect, for every 9 Alberta men deciding to join Masonry 45 years ago, we now have 1 submitting a Petition.

There was a famous series of Sham-poo commercials from that era – “You tell two friends, and they tell two friends, and so on, and so on ...”. I am proud of continuing to meet and refer good men to the Craft, and I am most definitely not alone. If enough of us are “telling friends” about our membership within Masonry (and yes, I respect that many Brethren desire to keep their membership secret for any number of reasons), and getting those friends to consider it, and hopefully, Petition to join a Lodge that suits them, we will arrest the decline and build positive momentum. No other changes expected to the sponsorship and interview process, as integral parts of our improved candidate screening and preparation processes.

“To be one, ask one” needs enough of us “ones” to be active in our spheres of influence identifying good men and encouraging them to consider the Craft (or, if they have issues with Masonry, to consider another less traditional service organization). Our Craft will be stronger (many will continue to choose Masonry), and overall, our communities will be stronger.

And with a stronger Craft, made up of a larger and larger proportion of younger Men, our institution will, as it has for ages, continue to adjust to the Society (of Western Democracy) that we helped to create as our Society continues to evolve around us, and evolve it continues to do, at an accelerating pace. As a Brother whose initial University studies included History, I have my thoughts on “broad brushstrokes” of these changes and how they have been impacted by (or have themselves impacted) our Craft.

Let us not forget that Masonry was at the forefront of the Enlightenment. As someone with the last name “Scott”, I could not help but read a book published in 2001 entitled “How the Scots Invented the Modern World” (written by an Ameri-

can of Norwegian ancestry then working at the Smithsonian – Arthur Herman). It ended up being a bestseller. It traces the beginnings of the enlightenment in Scotland, which by the late 18th century had become the most literate country on earth, and Masonry, encouraging its members to read, learn and make their own judgments on issues, went hand in hand with that growth (and likely helped spur it). Our organization of Lodges, which evolved into having democratically elected leaders, with a peaceful transition of power between leaders, and then growing that into the Grand Lodge system 300 years ago, laid the foundation for modern democracy (first created with the birth of the United States, of which virtually all of the founding fathers were our Brethren). When talking to a prospective candidate, and I am asked about our Craft, I often reply (to those I know to be mindful of their history) that one of the more Masonic historical statements, written by a famous Mason, is “We hold these truths to be self evident, that all Men are created equal, ...”.

However, within my lifetime (and I would like to think that I am not too old at 54), we have witnessed a reversal of the Enlightenment and its emphasis on learning based on logic and critical thinking. An even earlier bestseller (published in 1987) was Allan Bloom’s “The Closing of the American Mind”. According to Professor Bloom, beginning in the early 1960’s, we have seen a drift away from critical thinking and free speech (a by-product of “moral relativism”), a “watering down” of education standards (teaching to a lower common denominator), and a resulting general lack of respect for (and knowledge of) the past and of enlightenment principles. A “de-Enlightenment” as it were.

Difficult reads, but both poignant, and they set forth a key issue. Our venerable institution was central to the Enlightenment, the expansion of learning throughout society, the growth of the middle class, liberal democracy, and yes, the modern world itself. However, I agree with the observations of Mr. Bloom, and that we have been experiencing a de-Enlightenment over these past 50 years. Masonry’s response has been to close ranks and to cling to our traditions. We, who were at the forefront of positive changes in our overall Society, have retreated. The results are clear for all to see (in our declining

membership). I would not be a Mason were I not a believer in the teachings of the Enlightenment – that every Man can improve his station through learning, and that, “if you are going to bother to do something, you may as well do it right !” Let us understand that we are the champions of the Enlightenment, and rather than resist society’s changes, continue to espouse our doctrines, not to resist change, but to continue to promote improvement, to our members and to our society as a whole.

Masonry has been around from time immemorial because it is valuable, it is an attitude of how to live ones life (“the pursuit of excellence in all areas of our development – morally, socially, in our masonic work or otherwise”; and “learning is a lifelong pursuit”; etc.). These character traits embodied by Masons will, if we properly convey our benefits, attract respectable men. The ambition of every Mason (and every Lodge and Grand Lodge Officer) should always be this relentless pursuit of living as an honest man with an open mind (and conveying these messages).

As a Lodge Secretary, Treasurer, Warden and Master, and as a Grand Lodge appointed Officer, a District Deputy Grand Master, Board of General Purpose member and Jurisprudence Committee Chairman, I have a solid understanding of our Lodges’ and our Grand Lodge’s administration. This will continue to evolve with input from all members, and I have always enjoyed working with Brethren from across the Province when initiatives are brought forward in an effort to improve our administration. I will continue to do so, but I do not intend this to be my main focus. As set forth above, should I be honoured by the Brethren of our Grand Lodge as their selection this year to join our Grand Line, I will make my priority improved communication, with the direction to all Brothers to spread our message and our good works, with a stronger “encouragement” to those many men who, if made aware of Masonry and what we have to offer, will strongly consider joining our ranks.

RWBro Chris Uchman

Brethren,

After lengthy reflection and serious contemplation on the current condition of Freemasonry in our Grand Jurisdiction, I have decided to put my name forward as a candidate for the position of

Junior Grand Warden. This is a decision that is not taken lightly and will require commitment and dedication over this lengthy journey. I am not putting my name forward to bask in the limelight, to inflate my ego or to chase aprons. It is out of a sincere desire to serve the craft in an attempt to help rebuild the foundations of the great Fraternity which has given so much to me and to the rest of you brethren.

I joined Freemasonry in 1996 in large part due to the high regard that I held for my grandfather and uncles, as many of you may have experienced. I wanted to emulate them in every way and become the type of men they were. The evening of my Initiation into Patricia Lodge was one of the most profound moments of my life. In that moment I could not have anticipated how much Masonry would positively affect my life, or the influence it would have in making me the person I am today. From the very beginning of my Masonic journey it was instilled in me the belief that Freemasons should be the moral pillars of our communities and that we should always strive to conduct ourselves as such. From that day forward I have tried to live up to that ideal not only inside the lodge but more importantly outside the lodge. In the past few years I have had the pleasure of raising my son to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason and installing my cousin, the fourth generation of our family, into the chair of King Solomon with the wish to ensure that our Fraternity remains strong and vibrant for generations to come.

When you look at the condition of Freemasonry within our Grand Jurisdiction, there are numerous positive aspects, but there is cause for concern. We are losing not only members, but lodges at an ever increasing rate. The craft is at a crossroads and we must decide what direction we are going to take Freemasonry. We need to concentrate on strengthening the fraternity as a whole. It is time to rebuild the foundations of not only the lodges in our jurisdiction but the craft as a whole.

I would propose we start by holding a series of district and multi-district round table discussions and events. We need to listen closely and engage all brethren in the formation of a road map forward. Look at what is working for the lodges and then compile best practices of Masonry for dissemination to all lodges. A great example of this is

the recently adopted "Seven Steps to Initiation" program. This was a lodge driven program which is spreading across the jurisdiction. This may be a primary means to reach out to the membership to decide on a path they believe should be taken to reinvigorate our great Fraternity.

We need to look at re-envisioning the roll of the DDGM from a reporting officer to more of a mentor charged with strengthening the Craft within their district by helping to facilitate Lodge Officer Training, Lodge Management Training, Ritual work clinics as well as Masonic Ritual Education at their District Lodge level. It is time to get back to the basics of Freemasonry.

We need to create a robust lodge officer training and lodge management program. This has been done in the past but never really worked, so why didn't it work and what do we need to do to make it work?

The Grand Lodge should be utilizing their DDGMs and other experienced brethren to assist in better training the officers of the lodges in their districts not only in the ritual side of the meetings and degrees, but more importantly in the proper management of the lodges.

We should look at all lodges to determine their strengths and weakness. Many lodges are doing amazing ritual work but at the same time there are an equal number of lodges struggling with not only the execution of the ritual but

understanding of the ritual. Some sort of a mentoring program needs to be developed and put in place to assist these lodges. Having a degree team come in and do the work assists some of the lodges but it does not deal with the core problem.

We should work with the districts as well as the lodges to set up a comprehensive lodge education and management program. This program should be multi-faceted with a number of different modules or courses such as Masonic Ritual Training, Lodge Management, Masonic History, Philosophy etc. By better educating our brethren, and having them develop confidence in their work and themselves, we will create stronger, more vibrant lodges.

Finally lodges should become more visible in our communities to show that we have something to offer to today's evermore superficial society. Our lodges teach many skills often untaught, or not experienced, elsewhere. A brother must speak in public, think on his feet, make decisions, vote on issues or chair meetings. These are invaluable assets in all other aspects of his life and for many, this may well be the only opportunity of learning, practising and perfecting these skills and techniques. By improving the men in our society we help improve our society as a whole.

It is imperative that this process be member driven to rid the perception that Grand Lodge is not listening. All

members of the craft from the newly initiated up to the Grand Master need to work harder on strengthening the bonds of brotherhood. We must reinforce in all the brethren the meaning behind Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Brotherly Love "Every true freemason will show tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behave with kindness and understanding to his fellow creatures."

Relief "Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care, not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole."

Truth "Freemasons strive for truth, requiring high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in their lives.

We should look at these Three Great Principles of Masonry and view them as the measuring stick by which every action should be measured. Every action taken by the Lodges, Grand Lodge and more importantly the Grand Line offices should be done with the goal of improving harmony and promoting good will throughout the Craft.

Thank you brethren for all your support and encouragement in helping me make this important decision to run for Junior Grand Warden. So in conclusion, I hope to be able to help reinvigorate Masonry in our province and see lodges flourish once more while leaving behind a fraternity that will better the lives of its members and society for generations to come.

List of Motions for 2019 Communication

Motion 2019-01 — Masonic Complaints

Preamble

Masonic complaints and Masonic Offences are taken seriously. Confidentiality needs to be maintained. This amendment specifically addresses the need for confidentiality.

MOVED by: R.W. Bro. Ken Cheel

THAT: II.5.B Masonic Complaints be modified to read:

II.5.B. Masonic Complaints

1. Where a person has reasonable...
4. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Secretary of a lodge shall forthwith:
 - a. Provide a true copy of that complaint to the Worshipful Master and the Grand Secretary;
 - b. Provide written acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint to the complainant.
 - c. *Maintain the confidentiality of the complaint.*

Motion 2019-02 — Capital Reserve

Fund

Preamble

There is a need to address the way funds are taken from the General Capital Reserve Fund and where it is deposited. The repayment process is removed.

MOVED by: Board of General Purposes

THAT: II.1.D.6.d Capital Reserve Funds be modified to read:

- d. The investments within the General Capital Reserve Fund may be used, as deemed necessary by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, ***through a process of borrowing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund, for deposit into the Grand Lodge General Account. Such funds to be considered a line of credit which must be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund. Any withdrawal from the fund should be deposited into the Grand Lodge General Account.*** All transactions must be approved and monitored by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

Motion 2019-03 — Affiliation

Preamble

There is a need to provide greater instruction and clarification for those Masons who wish to affiliate with a Lodge in this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction but have not received the degree of Master Mason.

MOVED by: Jurisprudence Committee

THAT: II.3.G.2 Affiliation be modified to read:

2. Affiliation

- j. An application for affiliation shall not be received by any Lodge from a Brother beneath the degree of a Master Mason, unless such Brother presents a Demit from a sister Jurisdiction which authorizes the granting of Demits to members in other degrees.

Should a Brother beneath the degree of a Master Mason from within this Jurisdiction (or from a sister Jurisdiction which does not authorize the granting of Demits to members in the other Degrees) desire to join another Lodge, he must submit a petition for initiation. If his petition is accepted, he must be initiated as an Entered Apprentice by his new Lodge and proceed to complete the three degrees. In all such circumstances, within this Jurisdiction the Brother must maintain his status with his former Lodge and only demit from his original Lodge following his attainment of the degree of Master Mason and/or take action as proscribed by the sister Jurisdiction where applicable. Lodges are cautioned to be especially diligent when conducting the review process for any such Brother electing this path. Courtesy degrees for the Fellowcraft and/or Master Mason degree may be an option subject to the approval from the Mother Lodge and applicable Jurisdiction, if required. Once the Brother attains the degree of a Master Mason, he may then apply for affiliation.

Motion 2019-04 — Communications Committee

Preamble

In the duties and responsibilities of the Communications Committee. Item 8, review and approve all masonic web sites, etc. is too broad to be implemented by one individual or committee.

MOVED by: Communications Committee

THAT: II.1.G.13 be modified to remove Item 8 and to read:

The duties and responsibilities of the committee shall be to:

1. Develop an annual communications plan ...
2. Gather information ...
- ...
7. Attend quarterly meetings ...

~~8. Review and approve all masonic web sites, social media sites or other electronic applications, literature which may be broadcast to the public or the Craft within this Grand Jurisdiction ensuring compliance with the GLA Constitution and Regulations.~~

Motion 2019-0 — Grand Officers

Preamble

Whereas: A Past District Deputy Grand Master or a Past Grand Secretary or a Past Grand Treasurer would have gained a working knowledge of the Grand Lodge and Committees it is desirable and appropriate that an officer presenting himself for the office of Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden or Deputy Grand Master has this knowledge

MOVED by: Temple-Centennial Lodge #167

THAT: I.1.H.8.1 be modified to read:

1. Where a Mason
 - a. Is a member of Grand Lodge, and
 - b. Has been regularly installed as a Master of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, or
 - c. Has been regularly installed as a Master of a Lodge in a Jurisdiction recognized by Grand Lodge, and
 - d. Has served his term in that office, he is eligible to hold any office in Grand Lodge.
 - i. For the office of District Deputy Grand Master, he must be a member and a Past Master of a Lodge in that District, or an affiliated Past Master and have the rank of Past Master for two (2) full years prior to the Annual Communication next following his prospective election.
 - ii. For the office of Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master, he must be a member in this Jurisdiction and have served in the office of a District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer in the Grand Lodge of Alberta and have held the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary or Past Grand Treasurer for two (2) full years prior to the Annual Communication next following his prospective election.

Motion 2019-0 — MHEB Expense Repayment

Preamble

There is a need to identify that the funds required to administer the Masonic Higher Education Bursary and Funds will be paid from the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Funds to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

MOVED by: M.W. Bro. John Hart:

THAT: II.B.G.7 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund be modified to read:

- m. Any expense of the Committee in administering The Masonic Higher Education Bursaries **and Funds shall be paid by the Masonic Higher Education Funds to the Grand Lodge General Fund.**

2019 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America (COGMNA)

15 to 19 February 2019, Rapid City, South Dakota

By RWBro Ken Cheel, DGM

The Grand Lodge of South Dakota hosted the 106th annual conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The annual conference provides Masonic Leaders from Canada, the United States and Mexico a forum for dialogue on the challenges and opportunities facing Freemasonry in our rapidly changing and fast-paced world. Representatives from Alberta at this year's conference included the GM, Kenn Culbertson, the DGM, Ken Cheel, and the JGW, Terry Murray. The GSec., Bill Kostenuk was at the conference of Grand Secretaries which was held at the same time and place.

From the moment of arrival at the Rapid City airport, to departure, the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and its many volunteers were exceptional hosts. Transportation and volunteers were at the airport greeting delegates and making sure we safely arrived at our hotel destinations. Volunteers were at each conference hotel to answer questions from out of town delegates. Shuttle service was available between conference hotels, and for delegates to use for travel within Rapid City — for shopping, restaurants and for sightseeing of tourist destinations. This service was offered on a “donation” basis and all funds raised went to a South Dakota masonic charity.

The 2019 COGMNA embraced digital technology for the overall event and meetings administration — a first for the conference. Through the available app, delegates for the conference could customize their schedule, order and pay for tickets for events. Meeting organizers had ready access to ensure delegates had the authorization necessary to participate in each meeting or function. Overall, a quick and efficient process that streamlined event management and administration.

The 2019 COGMNA also changed the format of the conference from numerous breakout sessions on various topics concerning the Craft to keynote speakers, followed by a limited number of breakout sessions. The first keynote speaker was Sammy Lee Davis, a Vietnam Veteran, Medal of Honor Recipient and a fellow Mason. Bro Davis's talk focused on the circumstances surrounding him being awarded the Medal of Honor. Besides being a fascinating talk, it exemplified his character as a Mason. The actions he performed are outlined in the “General Charge” within the paragraphs of an ideal mason:

...the man who never proclaims what he has done, will do,

can do, but where need is, will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion, and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, but who then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude, because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good.

His response to the question “Did he find any difference between the Brotherly Love that he experienced in the service and the Brotherly Love found in the Fraternity” was immediate and forthright: “There is none. There is no difference between them.”

The second keynote speaker was Senator John Thune, the senior senator from South Dakota. As he was unable to be at the event in person, his talk was videotaped in advance and shown to the assembled Masons. This talk focused on the good works the fraternity and its concordant bodies are involved with, specifically the charities related to children and the Shriner Hospitals.

Following the keynote speakers, the remainder of the conference was organized around a limited number of breakout sessions, committee and commission reports. The breakout sessions directed at the Deputy Grand Masters focussed on two topics:

1. The importance of communication between the GM and the rest of Grand Lodge; and
2. The need to give feedback on the conference to the organizers.

With the exception of the Commission on Information for Recognition, the remainder of the committee and commission reports were directed only at the United States delegates, with other delegates not able to ask questions or discuss the topics. As such, the time spent on these reports was of limited interest or value to Canadian delegates.

Overall, the benefit of the COGMNA has been to meet, connect and discuss with members of other jurisdictions the challenges, opportunities and solutions facing freemasonry. The 2019 conference, unfortunately, provided limited opportunity for meaningful discussion that was relevant to issues facing freemasonry in Alberta. Continual participation by Alberta should be based on a solid, relevant agenda that our jurisdiction could benefit from.

Some Tips on Submitting Photos for Publication.

We at *The Alberta Freemason* love getting your photos for publication. They are one of the very best ways to show the Brethren around the Province what you and your Lodge are doing, the fun you are having, the friends you are making and the difference you make in the communities where you live.

Unfortunately, all too often, the photos we receive are unusable because the subject is too small a part of the picture

and we can't blow it up — there are too few pixels to make it clear and sharp. But there are ways to avoid that.

First, don't save your picture for the web or email. That reduces the resolution and/or size to save bytes. Send us the full picture. Then we can crop it or blow it up, if need be.

Second, frame your subject appropriately. If you are shooting a Brother, use portrait mode, get close enough to fill

the screen with his head and shoulders. With a group, in landscape mode, move close enough to fill the screen edge to edge with the group. Don't worry if you don't get the feet in the picture, we aren't really interested in what kind of shoes he's wearing.

So bring your camera or phone out when it's a happy occasion. That way, you can “communicate that happiness to others.”

Around the Province

GM At Eureka Lodge

On Tuesday 26 March, MWBro Kenn Culbertson, the Grand Master, had the pleasure of visiting Eureka Lodge No. 10. The festive board was prior to the meeting, the meal was a feast, with a Greek cuisine the order of the day — fabulous meats, salads, and desserts. The meeting was crisp and handled with excellent work from the Worshipful Master, Secretary Treasurer and all of the officers.

During the meeting there was an excellent piece of education presented by Brother Marc Yaworski of Britannia Lodge No. 18 entitled “What is a Freemason?” Prior to the meeting, outside of the lodge room, I was joined by three Brethren for a photograph. They are from the left: Bro Fredrick Agorilla, Britannia No. 18, Fellowcraft; Bro Darren Goffin, Lochearn No. 151, Entered Apprentice, and Bro Darby Fesik, Kenilworth No. 29 Entered Apprentice all visiting to enjoy the evening in Lacombe and a distinct pleasure for myself to stand with them. My compliments to the senior members of those Lodges for mentoring the newer members and encouraging them to go out and visit.

Joining me on my fraternal visit were Grand Lodge Officers, RWBro Dave McDonald, DDGM Central District; VWBro Ken Yost, Junior Grand Deacon; VWBro David Pollock, Grand



With the GM (l to r): Bro Fredrick Agorilla, Britannia 18, FC; Bro Darren Goffin, Lochearn 151, EA; MWBro Kenn Culbertson; and Bro Darby Fesik, Kenilworth 29, EA..

Pursuivant; VWBro Larry Henkleman, Grand Steward; and VWBro. Kenneth Nolan Grand Steward. Another wonderful night of positive freemasonry in our jurisdiction.

Well done my brothers!

Man Van about Alberta

Free test for Prostate Cancer for Men 40 – 80.

Sat May 4 Olds College; 11 00 – 14 00 h.

Wed May 8 Hanna Round-up Centre, 400 Pioneer Tr.; 13 30 – 17 30 h.

Fri May 10 Brooks, 16 8 Ave W ;12 00 – 16 00 h

Q. How did you hear about the clinic?

A. The answer is Freemasonry!

Grand Master of Alberta Itinerary For May 2019

- 2 **Whitecourt Lodge No. 153**; Regular Meeting; Whitecourt; 19 30 h
- 3 **Al Shamal Shriners** ; Auction Italian Centre; Edm; 18 00 h
- 4 **Griesbach Lodge No. 191**; Mess Dinner; Jefferson Armoury Edm; 18 00 h
- 6 **Empire Lodge No. 63**; Regular Meeting; FMH Edm; 19 30 h
- 7 **Goose and Gridiron UD**; Regular Meeting; Bow River Barley Mill, Eau Claire, Cgy; eat 18 00 h; meeting 19 30 h
- 8 **Cryptic Rite**; Annual Meeting Greetings from GM; Camrose; 19 00 h
- 9 **Nanton Lodge No. 17** Regular Meeting, 50 year Jewels; Nanton; 19 30 h
- 10 **Royal Arch**; Annual Meeting Greetings from GM; Camrose; 19 00 h
- 13 **Evergreen Lodge No. 166**; Regular Meeting; FMH Edm; 19 30 h
- 14 **Victoria Lodge No. 13**; Regular Mtg, 60 year Bar; Fort Saskatchewan; 19 30 h
- 21 **St. George Lodge No. 169**; Regular Meeting; Elk Point; 19 30 h
- 22 **Astra Lodge No. 179**; Regular Meeting; Cold Lake; 19 30 h
- 23 **Peace River Lodge No. 89**; Regular Meeting; Peace River; 20 00 h

