



MWBro Ken Cheel

Inaugural address

Brethren,

First, I would like to thank everyone who stayed to witness the installation and investiture of the members of Grand Lodge for this year, the members of Grand Lodge, elected and appointed, who volunteered their time and effort to make this year's Grand Lodge a success. Second, I would like to thank MW Bro. Berard and his team of PGMs who performed a memorable installation ceremony. Next, my heartfelt thanks to the members of my own Lodge - Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, who travelled to Calgary to assist in the installation ceremony; and last but certainly not least, to MW Bro. Stan Mottershead; who placed me in the chair of King Solomon, who has been a member of Saskatchewan Lodge for 60+ years, a friend and mentor for almost 40 years. Thirty (30) years ago, MW Sir, you were placed in the chair of King Solomon and I'm honoured to be one of your successors.

There are also a number of people who are unable to be here today that I owe special thanks to: My grandfather, W. Bro. Harry Austin and my uncle W. Bro. Ken Austin, for sponsoring me into the Craft; and WB Jack Gardener, who was a friend, a mentor and who always practiced the ideals of a freemason. I miss you all.

George Burns once said "the secret to a good sermon (speech) is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together



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as possible." I'm going to try to have a really good speech.

When I first came through the doors of the lodge on my initiation, I had no idea what I was getting myself into and when they asked me "in whom do you place your trust?", I was pretty sure the answer I was thinking of, which was "my Grandfather"; since he was the reason I was standing there, that was not the answer the lodge was looking for. Since I'm standing here today, I obviously came up with the correct answer. Further along in the ceremony, I placed my hand on the Volume of the Sacred Law and took a solemn obligation not to reveal the secrets of Freemasonry by any means – just as everyone in this room has done.

Over the years, as my journey in Freemasonry continued, my vows expanded and included such things as:

- To make a daily advancement in masonic knowledge
- The Five points of Fellowship; and,
- The fifteen points each Master must obligate himself to perform during the installation ceremony, before he becomes a Master of Lodge, (and that's after he has been lucky enough to be elected to that high office); to name a few.

And today, I have just taken another solemn obligation to:

- Accept the office of Grand Master, and solemnly promise to discharge the duties of that high office zealously and faithfully, to the

utmost of my power and ability, so long as I shall continue in that office.

- I, furthermore, promise that I will enforce all the Laws, Regulations and Ordinances of the Grand Lodge with firmness, equity and impartiality; that I will uphold and preserve Inviolable the Ancient Landmarks and Usages of the Order, and in every other respect conscientiously discharge my duty as Grand Master and Ruler of the Craft.

I feel it is important to repeat these words before you, because I would like you, the Craft, to notice that this obligation doesn't say, only the ones I agree with, it say's all, and I must enforce them with firmness, equity and impartiality. To quote a past Grand Secretary – R.W. Bro. E.H. Rivers: "The obligations taken by the ruling members of the Craft call for unfettered support of the Constitution, and nothing else can be acceptable". I must use my personal integrity and the virtues I have learned over the years to conscientiously discharge these duties.

Dwight D. Eisenhower once said; *"The Supreme quality of leadership is unquestionable integrity. Without it, no real success is pos-*

sible, whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

Once we placed our hands on the Volume of the Sacred Law and took our first obligation, We, as Freemasons, have placed our integrity on the line. We have collectively said, I'm a good man, but I want to be a better man. How do we become "better men?" The path forward has been shown to us for over 300 years. Our collective challenge is to internalize the teachings, be willing to change and strengthen our integrity. As MW Bro Aspelet pointed out at the June 1977 Annual Communications: "Masonry, I am sure, is something of the heart".

The beginning of the path – the journey toward becoming a better person starts with the initiation ceremony of Freemasonry. According to the Masonic Renewal Committee, of the Conference of Grand Master Masons of North America, there are 30 virtues mentioned in this ceremony. Each virtue takes a lifetime of study, with a purpose of make our rough ashlar's perfect. But our Ritual work is not just for candidates. The ritual is for the members on the side-lines, so they can listen, contemplate

and when placed in a similar situation, act with the utmost virtue, morality and integrity.

All of us being human, we don't always make the best choices or agree with the choices other people have made. We will have differences of opinion. How we debate or communicate those differences of opinion is extremely important.

In olden days, the main method of communication was the letter. The process of writing a letter allowed for a well thought out, reasoned, and logical discourse. Today, however, we are in the age of instantaneous communications. If I don't like what you say or do, I'm going to email, instant message, twitter, or whatever the next fad of communication platform happens to be and a heated argument is on. There is no longer that time lag that allows emotions to cool, to enable reflection, and to discover and realize that the "choices made" by another person might not be so different from our own after all.

As Masons, when we are faced with this scenario, we have a rich ritual we can draw on. But to do so, we need to understand our ritual at a deep personal level. MW Bro. Crockett, at the June 1978 Annual Communications said "you cannot communicate properly unless you live Freemasonry,

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Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Freemasonry is a way of life”.

Brethren, all businesses have complex issues which need to be resolved and we may not all agree on the best way to resolve them. And while a business has certain tools to resolve issues and differences of opinion, we as Freemasons, have our own unique methods – our working tools. These methods are found in our ritual and the commitment to ourselves to become a better person. The ritual tells us we should try to work out our problems between ourselves before getting other people involved in an attempt to resolve our differences, because we are all here to help each other to become better people.

Almost four years ago, I wrote an essay as part of my nomination for JGW. The essay asked the reader to imagine different scenarios about lodge:

Imagine the brethren of a lodge being willing to discuss and challenge new ideas that come before the lodge in a thoughtful and respectful manner, not as adversaries. At the end of the evening still being in good cheer and fellowship.

Imagine the brethren, when performing the ritual work, having internalized the moral messages within the ritual; convey that meaning to the new candidates and the other members of the Lodge. That brethren are committed to the wellbeing of the committee, board, office or position they hold and their overriding philosophy is; is the decision or recommendation “the best for the Craft?”

Because Brethren, that’s why we’re here today, to do what’s best for the Craft. You have made decisions regarding who will sit on various committees and who will ultimately sit in this chair. It is now up to those you have elected to do what is best for the administration of the Craft. And it is up to you to do the really important job. Becoming the best person you can be – labour to make your rough ashlar perfect. Masonry is a 24/7 job. It’s not something you put on once a month. You need it at Lodge, you need it at work, and you need it at home. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth coupled with Virtue, Morality and the unshakeable integrity to do what is right, no matter the consequences to oneself, is part of doing “the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good.”

The fundamental principles of Freemasonry are what we have come to learn. When we knocked on the door of the lodge for the first time we didn’t know about “a beautiful system of Morality, veiled in allegory...” we knew we wanted to learn to be a better person. As a reminder of that better person we hope to become, I leave you with this:

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors, and revered by his subordinates: 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 then, without pretention, will retire into the multitude, because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good.

Brethren, I wish you all the best in your masonic journey to becoming a better man. My own journey began over 40 years ago and I’m still a rough ashlar, a very rough ashlar. This next year, with your support, I hope to smooth some of the edges and get closer to that better man.

Thankyou.

MWBro Ken Cheel Biography

Kenneth Christopher Cheel was born into a very strong Masonic family, where his Grandfather, two Uncles and a numerous cousins were all members of the Craft. Of course, it was a well-kept secret until he reached his 21st birthday!

Ken was initiated into Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523 on 6 March 1978, Passed to the Second Degree on February 22 1979, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Hastings Lodge No. 633 on March 28 1979, in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. In February of 1991, he requested and received a demit from that Grand Jurisdiction. He became a member of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 in February 1987; was the Master in 1994, again in 2004 and the last time in 2017. He was elected Secretary in 2012 and remained in that position for five years. He joined the Lodge of Perfection Scottish Rite in February of 1991, Mizpah Chapter of Rose Croix in March of the same year, and the Alberta Consistory in October of 1992.

Ken was elected and served as DDGM for Northern Lights District in 2008 – 2009. In January of 2010, His successor as DDGM, R.W. Bro. Jack McBride became ill. On Jack's request and the Grand Master's approval, he completed the official parts of Jack's duties over the next few months. He was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 2009 for a three-year term and served as the President in 2010 – 11.

Under MW Bro. Shimmon's, Ken served as the Chairman of the Leadership Committee. Starting with MW Bro. Peter Dunlop, and continuing under all of the Grand Masters until June 2016, he served as the Chairman of the Lodge Officers Training Committee. For the 2014 – 2015 term, he was also appointed by the Grand Master, MW Bro. John Slade to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

Ken was elected JGW in June 2016 and subsequently SGW and DGM.

While this accounting provides the reader with most of his Masonic history, it doesn't speak to who he is on a personal level. For starters – he was born and raised in Peterborough, Ontario; attending Central School and Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School, before entering Trent University to study chemistry. He met his future wife Daphne while attending a social event at Trent University in the fall of 1978. They were married in September 1980 and moved to Alberta in the fall of 1981. They have two children, Kaitlin and Kelsey, ages 31 and 26, respectively and one granddaughter

Parker aged 3 months.

He was employed in the Computer Industry for over 30 years, starting as a Programmer and then moving into Computer Operations. Ken retired from the work force about four years ago after being the Manager of IT and he's busier than ever with Freemasonry.

As with many parents, during the years the children were young, there were a number of activities that kept the entire family busy (over, and above, participating in Lodge events!). Both the children were involved in sports, dance and music. From working bingos to serving on parent advisory groups, volunteerism was part the family life. Ken was on the Executive of the Music Parents Advisory Committee for six years, planning fund-raising events and providing advice on music trips, with local, national and international destinations. In addition, as part of their commitment to their Church faith community, there were many opportunities to serve, such as pancake breakfasts, cleaning bees, pastoral maintenance, etc.

Freemasonry has been a central feature of Ken's adult life. He considers himself fortunate in the mentors he has had – from his Grandfather, W. Bro Harry Austin; his Uncle, W. Bro Ken Austin; to members of Saskatchewan Lodge, most specifically W. Bro. Jack Gardener along with the many others; and to other members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

During Ken's Masonic career, he has also been fortunate to be able to pass along his learning's by mentoring new members to our Craft. Answering their questions definitely keeps you on your toes! It is said that Education is a life-long process. Being a Freemason brings that phrase to life, as Freemasonry is a process of life-long learning and practice!

Through his Masonic journey, he has enjoyed the positions he has filled, the people he's met, and the friendships formed. He continues to enjoy visiting Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

VWBro Don Stannard, Chairman, address to the 2019 Annual Communication

Many of you know Ross Sheppard is the sole gentleman and our brother who is responsible for starting the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund - one individual making a difference. And as a man who inherently believed in education it would be certain he studied its history, such as the Middle Ages, where common people, laborers or serfs were beholden to the nobility in part due to illiteracy. A time where there were no public schools

and no one could read or write, except the clergy and a few others. And in Brother Sheppard's daily advancement of Masonic knowledge and as a Grand Master it would again be certain he understood the role of apprenticeship among the Operative Masons where a Master Mason would take in one or two apprentices for a period of seven years teaching the skills of the craft, along with other learning.... *Continued on page 7*

Editorial

Brethren,



the helm of Design and Production. His patience, guidance and unwavering support have been invaluable to me over the last six months. VWBro Garth Cochran and I first met back in the year

2000 when we worked, together with VWBro Ken Madden, to bring WBro John Hamill, the former Librarian and Curator at Freemasons Hall London, to Calgary as part of a Canada wide lecture tour. Garth's masonic path took him deeper into the world of research: Master of Calgary 23, Vox Lucis 1980 and Internet Lodge. He assumed the position of secretary of Vox Lucis in 2000 and remained in post right up to the time it went dark in 2018. He first showed up on the committee of the Grand Lodge Bulletin in October 1998 and has been a stalwart all the way through to today. Thank you my brother for your work and dedication to this magazine for the past 21 years as it moved from the

Grand Lodge Bulletin

to



Your steady hand and endless knowledge has been mainly in the shadows, and now is out in the light for your brethren to behold. Garth is not going to fade away as you will see him more often at Calgary 23 supporting his son. Should you be visiting them please

shake his hand and show your appreciation to this outstanding freemason, thank you my brother.

On to other things, you will notice that we have a new format and method of delivery to the members of Grand Lodge for whom we have email addresses. Yes my brother this means you! if you wish to receive this directly, please ensure that your Secretary has your details in order to update your GL record.

The Communications Committee would like me to convey their appreciation to those of you who participated in their survey during July. The importance of your feedback is critical to the onward course of freemasonry in Alberta. You will have a more detailed response from the committee in due course.

For my part the changes to the way the AFM is delivered and the new sections have been in my mind for some time. However, it is an organic document and will be subject to change from time to time. The survey brought forth various requests for more Alberta content and in some places specific requests for more about what lodges are doing. I have no specific knowledge of individual lodge business around the jurisdiction so I call upon each of you to get involved. If something important is happening or a landmark has been achieved, then contact me with an article. Send the best quality pictures you have with it and I will do my very best to include as many as possible in the "Around the province" section.

I have made some connections with the editors of masonic publications around the world, so will be including some international content. There are some outstanding young masons out there with very relevant ideas that we would do well to hear. In that same vein, I

am also looking for contributions from Alberta masons and because of our new connections it is always possible that your article will be picked up by another masonic publication. Sharing our knowledge and ideas is always a good thing. We spend our time in lodge discussing visiting other lodges within Alberta and also nationally and internationally, so this is a way to bring forth some masonic ideas from both inside and outside our jurisdiction.

There will be articles that you will like and some that you will not. As part of the Letter to the Editor section by all means have your say, but brethren, remember your obligations when doing so. I have editorial oversight but would rather not need to use it. On that note if you have seen an article that you think would be a good fit then again let me know where it is and a complete copy of same with the details of the writer and publication it comes from. I will have to ensure we have rights to print so the article may not appear for a month or so. There might also be a specific time of year where it will fit like a glove and I reserve the right to select that as I see fit.

Brethren once I have refined the publication process, I will be looking for someone to take over the initial design and production as we move forward. If you are interested in the position, please contact me. You can be from anywhere in the province as email, phone and Skype ensure we are never very far away.

Enjoy this first electronic edition, I look forward to where we are going with this wonderful craft.

Steve, Editor AFM

Ed: Sometimes we think we thought of it first; this poem, if you use it well, will bring your lodge rewards far greater than silver or gold, it will bring you a brother.

THE YOUNGER BROTHER

By Bro. Gerald A. Nancarrow, Indiana

When we have a younger brother
Who is learning his new part,
Let us, as we prompt and question,
Teach him also from the heart;
As he learns his new-found science
Let us teach him, too, the art.

Let us aid him in the shaping
And the smoothing of his block;
Let us spread a binding mortar
And thus add a firmer rock
To our structure: Make him granite
By the knowledge we unlock.

Show him more than words and phrases,
More than empty form and shell,
Let him see the wealth of beauty
In the lessons which we tell;
Help him move toward strength and service
And to meet his trials well.

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that was considered necessary for the Society of that period. This included grammar, rhetoric, arithmetic, and geometry, plus social and political topics; and as the apprentice progressed forward in learning, his "Masters Piece" was submitted and if the piece passed his master's rigid examination, the apprentice became a Master Mason, capable of seeking work independently, and repeated this form of primitive education to another apprentice. As time went on, Freemason lodges came to be, and men of all walks of life began to be educated further; scholars, philosophers, clergymen and even nobility together as equals practicing morality with the common man. Outside the Lodge, it was, "Your Excellency, Sir", but within the Lodge it was "Brother." Then came the industrial revolution being introduced, fostering further literacy, and with it an increased demand for education. And by the dawning of the Age of Enlightenment, our world began to offer formal education to more people and we as citizens for the betterment of humanity built a pathway for Public Schools, Universities and Colleges - the final goal being education for everyone with equality as its cornerstone. And this is the final form of education Brother Ross Sheppard believed in, and promoted through his development of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund – his "Masters Piece."

As Freemasons of Alberta, we care about people, we educate people and we are concerned with developing character, leadership and enhancing individuals. This past year, the MHEBF

has provided over \$240,000.00 to post secondary students across Alberta. And I wish to very much thank everyone who has played their parts to perfection; whether through giving your time or donating to our bursary funds – all of this completed together is our "Masters Piece." But there is one final step to complete with our work, and it fills me with great privilege to

introduce the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary speaker for 2019; an absolutely brilliant 19 year old woman, who is one of only ten students across Canada accepted and attending the prestigious and one of a kind Queens University's Accelerated Medical School Program - ladies and Gentleman,

Miss Rylie Essington.

2019 Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary Recipient Rylie Essington

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Freemason's of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for awarding me the Lauraine Douchet Masonic Bursary. It is truly an honour to be here and sharing my story with all of you today, and I believe I am speaking on behalf of many students in

normal kid; one with pretty athletic hobbies and who had a strong aptitude for school. Looking back on it all, I can definitely say that I fell in the crowd of 'I never thought something like this, could happen to someone like *me*', because like most kids, a small part of me was convinced that I was invincible.



VWBro Don Stannard MWBro Kenn Culbertson
Miss Rylie Essington MWBro Chris Batty

saying that your efforts as an organization have had substantial impact and created immense opportunities for all of its recipients.

It is my personal experiences that drove my passion towards medicine. But before this, I would say for the most part, I grew up a

There was nothing special about 'that day'. I wouldn't say that the clouds were particularly ominous, nor was the weather acting up. it was just a Tuesday, and like so many Tuesdays before, my mom was driving me on the well-worn path between the dance studio and our home Everything seemed the same, until it wasn't.

Honestly, everything that happened was kind of a blur. I remember my mom screaming, but she doesn't. I know she tried to swerve but there wasn't time. The sound of the impact was deafening. I think we hit a car, but I remember thinking maybe it was a pole. Turns out it was both. Next thing I knew there

were sirens, firemen, and an ambulance. There were only two distinct things I remember after that, which was the brutal pain I felt in my ribs, and essentially how terrified I was.

That moment for me, as I learned later, is called a 'before/after moment', meaning that what was your reality 'before', changes almost indescribably 'after'. I guess the best you can hope for is that it's not permanent, that you can return to the life you had before the car accident. Both my mom and I experienced significant concussions from the crash. To look at us you couldn't see it, but inside our worlds were turned upside down. It started with light sensitivity, never-

ending headaches, trouble being in crowds – to the point where noise made me nauseous. This hindered my ability to dance, which meant giving up my spot on the competitive team. What followed were months of physical rehabilitation and unfortunately what I would call very dark days.

After 12 years of being a competitive dancer, it all ended abruptly, and to say the least, I lost myself.

It was the doctors who brought me back. Their support and guidance had an incredible impact on both my physical and mental recovery. After nine long months, I fully healed, and managed to get through one of the darkest times of my life. Looking back on it, I truly couldn't have done it without

them.

After experiencing firsthand, the life changing support from my doctors, I truly understand the impact which they have on patients.

To me, being a doctor, myself is a way in which I can change *their* world. I will become a doctor, and I will be the one who doesn't give up on them, even when they are ready to give up on themselves. I am so grateful that no one gave up on me.

As a Lauraine Douchet Masonic Bursary recipient, I'll have the resources I need to overcome relevant barriers in pursuing my dream of becoming a doctor and helping those who 'never thought it would happen to them'.

Thank you.

Letter to the editor

This is the spot brethren for you to have your say, perhaps as with Matt below you have followed up on a story, or there is a question that you have waiting for an answer. I don't want this to be an agony aunt column but it is a place to respond or question, I should be well positioned to say that if I don't have the answer I have somewhere to go to get it, after all we have many well versed brethren around this province. Perhaps your question may well spark a brother to write a story and send it in, again we all win. Ed

Steve,

How goes ? Saw you at the degree last night and this reminded me that I was going to look into this 'mysterious' ring. Perhaps you have already solved it ? If that is the case then you can safely ignore the following conjecture.

My first thought was that it was somehow related to Royal Arch ... Using the power of google and its reverse image search algorithms - I happened upon this eBay ad:

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/Atheist-Symbol-ring-Atheism-Athiest-Ring-Sizes-7-to-14-/151076002573>

You can see again the same symbol here: <https://twitter.com/atheistsymbol>

which led me eventually to the following page: <http://www.religioustolerance.org/atheist6.htm>

This site suggests that this symbol is actually the default symbol used for the Appalachian Trail - which is explained with an example here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jstephenconn/3197270478/>

This seems to go no where conclusively anyways - back to the Royal Arch theory. According to the glenbow archives there was a Royal Arch Chapter formed in Empress, Alberta in 1907 called Chapter No 161 and was renamed to Empress Chapter No 35 in 1948 when it came under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. <https://www.glenbow.org/collections/search/findingAids/archhtm/royalarch.cfm>

I'm not really sure if what is written there is accurate because if you look in the "History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M. 1905 - 1955" on page 356 there was a recommendation that a chapter be issued to Empress Lodge No. 161 at Empress, Alberta. And then in the next Grand Lodge the

following year on page 363, we see that Empress Lodge No. 161 was duly constituted on June 15th, 1945. I only bring up these details because one, the ring was given to the guy in the Netherlands before there was a lodge in Empress, Alberta - which sort of rules it out as being craft lodge related from that area and two because the information on the GlenBow archives seems not correct. Empress Lodge No 161 eventually amalgamated with Mizpah Lodge No 35, which was one of the early Medicine Hat lodges. This happened on May 5, 1979.

For Royal Arch stuff in Alberta, the Annual Convocation proceedings are well documented at: <https://royalarchmasonsAlberta.com/historical-proceedings/>

And in the 1949 proceedings we see on page 18 that a dispensation for an Empress chapter is issued, and on page 25 it is designated as No 35. <https://royalarchmasonsAlberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/1949.pdf>

The only mention I can find of Royal Arch activity in Empress before this is when there was a convocation held there for the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan because of the bad weather - so there is at least some evidence of activity before the chapter joined the Grand Chapter of Alberta. (page 12 on the bottom)

<https://royalarchmasonsAlberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/1947.pdf>

It appears as though some time in 1974 Empress No 35 merged with Assiniboia No 3 (page 29):

<https://royalarchmasonsAlberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/1974.pdf>

So digging in to the Grand Chapter of Canada's record we can see there were only 153 chapters in 1907 (which calls the Glenbow data in to question): <https://archive.org/details/annualconvocatio1907roya/page/n11>

In the 1908 proceedings we can see that there are now 161 but the No 161 is Madoc in Madoc, Ontario: <https://archive.org/details/royalarchmasons1908cana/page/n15>

Searching all of their proceedings I can not find any reference to Empress, Alberta

having a chapter before 1948-1949.

So basically I have no idea I guess - hopefully you figured it out already - my money is on the Atheist or Appalachian Trail theory - let me know either way ;)

Thanks.

-Matt

Ed, Matt, time spent in research is never wasted, I congratulate you on your diligence and look forward to one day receiving a paper from you. As a note once the Grand Chapter of Alberta was instituted then all Royal Arch Chapters would have affiliated. This has prompted me to do more research.

RW Bro. Steve:

I have attached an article that I think would make a good story for the Freemason.

Acacia Hall is under new management and doing well moving forward....

On June 1, 2019 we celebrated our 90th Anniversary and the GM MW Br Kenn Culbertson was present when the Hall dedicated an original print of the Turning of the Sod ceremony that took place in 1929.

We also had a Masonic Bursary presentation ceremony on the same day for which I will forward another article in the near future.

S&F

RW Bro. Fred Bowker #11

SEC / Treasurer

Acacia Building Association.

Ed: many thanks RWBro Fred, the September edition is somewhat brimming over, I will, however find a space in October, if your bursary article has arrived in time I will have them together.

Around the Province

Strathmore Chapter No. 21 RAM Celebrated their 100th Anniversary

April 20, 2019 Strathmore Chapter #21 Royal Arch Masons of Alberta celebrated its centennial and the re-consecration of the Chapter at Crossfield Masonic Lodge Hall, in Crossfield, AB. The ceremony was under the direction of MEC Keng Wei Chiew the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. There were 12 Chapters



represented at the re-consecration ceremony and 20 Grand Chapter officers. Upon completion of the re-consecration ceremony the Companions joined their ladies at the Crossfield Community Centre for the banquet. The ladies had been entertained by VW

Bro. Chuck Rose while we attended the re-consecration. The banquet had been supplied and cooked by Lillian Sellers and REC Ken Ionel who cooked the beef, there were no complaints, just a lot of platitudes on the quality.

A great day for Capitular Masonry in Alberta and for the Companions Of Strathmore Chapter #21.

ME Comp Larry Watson, Strathmore 21

Calgary Stampede Parade July 5th 2019

We once again thank the Shriners for allowing us to lead them in the Calgary Stampede Parade this year, there was the possibility of rain (that kept some brethren away) but we that were, attended to represent the Craft and welcome the many visitors who attend the parade. Well done brethren, it is always great to hear the kids cheering as the Mounted Patrol, aeroplanes and cars go by. Without doubt any chance for our brethren to be out there showing our existence is time well spent.



Evergreen Lodge No. 166—Wild West Rite

The 8th Annual Evergreen Lodge #166 Wild West Rite (WWR) was held on Monday, May 27 to initiate two new members, RW brothers Beyersbergen and Vanoni, and give last rites to MW brother Kenn Culbertson. (right) The dress code for the night was informal, and all present were encouraged to wear their best western garb. The evening is intended to promote harmony, fellowship, and good fun, and the ceremony was attended by 83 masons from about 20 lodges, including 60 visitors. The gavel was passed from WM, RW Bro Wayne Barker to the acting Worshipful Marshall, VW Bro Harold Olyan. Other WWR officers included I Party Marshall (IPM) Wayne Barker, Sheriff Wrangler (SW) VW Bro Angus Stewart and Junior





Grand Masters itinerary - September 2019

- 3 **Corinthian Lodge No.22** ; Regular Meeting; Okotoks 50 Year Jewel; 19 30 h
- 7 **Goose and Gridiron Lodge UD** ; Consecration, ticket only, Calgary 11 30 h
- 12 **Saskatchewan Lodge No.92** ; Business Meeting; Edmonton ; 19 30 h
- 13-15 **Tri-Jurisdictional**; Outdoor Lodge; Lethbridge;
- 19 **Cornerstone Lodge No.19** ; Medal of Merit & 60 Year Bar 19 30 h
- 26 **Saskatchewan Lodge No.92** ; Emergent Meeting; Edmonton ; 19 30 h
- 28 **Daughters of the Nile** Supreme Queen, Edmonton; 19 00 h

Always double check the timings with the lodge as there may be local changes that the AFM is unaware of.

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Wrangler (JW) bro Joe Chapman, Senior Deputy (SD) Bro Alessandro Capito, Junior

Deputy (JD) Bro Les Bossert, Director of Cowboys MW Bro Isaac Brower-Berkhoven. Also attending were 18 grand lodge officers, The meeting was followed by a festive board, which featured dishes such as 'Rattlesnake Stew', and was attended by 64 brothers.

Bro Paul Carter, Evergreen Lodge

Provost lodge sees 4th generation of Freemasons

Brethren from various lodges were at the April 24th meeting of Alliance Lodge No 128 in Forestburg AB, to see the raising of two brothers Clayton & Chuck Swanson. The brothers were raised by their father WBro Wyatt Swanson of Provost Lodge No.61 in which all three are members, their Grandfather Grenville and Great Grandfather Charles were also members of Provost Lodge No.61,

The meeting was attended by 35 members from Forestburg, Provost and other lodges form near and far .A great evening was had by all. The brethren were initiated at the December 4th meeting of Provost Lodge No 61 held in Edgerton, where the lectures were given by brethren of the Forestburg Alliance Lodge No. 128. Passed at the Provost No. 61 meeting on March 5th.

When these brothers prove up in the 3^o they will be presented with their Master Masons aprons. WBro Wyatt Swanson is a very proud father and brother. It is really great to hear of the three lodges in the area; Provost No. 61; Forestburg Alliance No. 128 and Edgerton Lodge No 102 are keeping Freemasonry alive and well in their part of the Province.



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Book Review

Ed. I talked with RWBro George a few months ago about books we were reading. He let it slip that he had done reviews in the past, well if you know anything about me then you know where we ended our conversation. RWBro George thank you and I look forward to many more.

I first learned of this book while listening to the Whence Came you Podcast, The author Robert Johnson also runs that Podcast. The other author Jon T Ruark can be heard regularly on the Masonic Round Table Podcast. Both are brothers in the Craft. They have adapted some of the best business practices to assist in the running of Lodges. I think that anyone thinking of entering, or already in the officer line could benefit from reading. If the practices laid out in the book are utilized, you and the Lodge have a better chance at succeeding. The book can be picked up from Amazon or From the WCY webpage.

RWBro George W Stamp
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Yellowhead District G.R.A.
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