



Ed, October is the month where we focus on the bursary fund. That being the case I must thank RWBro Fred Bowker for furnishing me with this article. Bursary presentations have, I am sure, been done throughout the province to our recipients. Why not make sure next year that I have pictures and articles for the AFM. Thanks again Fred.



ACACIA HALL Masonic Higher Education Bursary Presentations:

It was indeed an honor to be part of the bursary presentation as Acacia Hall celebrated its 90th Anniversary. To stand in the same place as MWBro Ross Sheppard, a previous member of Acacia Lodge #11, and to introduce the attending bursary recipients was a special moment for all present. There were approximately 50 masonic family members and friends present as the names of the five attending bursary recipients were called.

The following three students received the regular Masonic Bursary certificates for five thousand dollars. Miss MacKenzie Brie Velders was presented with her certificate by RWBro Tom Davies; DDGM, Athabasca District. Mr. Mason Philip Holt represented the bursary recipient from Battle River District. Miss Rachelle Eldridge was presented her certificate by WBro David Wright, DDGM Elect for Northern Lights District.

Melissa Lynn Meunier and Laura Ann Quinlan were

presented their certificates for \$10,000 each from the Fred and Lilly North Masonic Bursary by the DDGM RWBro Jeff Knight and VWBro. Chris Keown.

Mr. Eric James Stensrud, who was selected as the first recipient of the Wendy and Chris Batty Education Fund for Engineering Bursary of \$5,000, was unable to attend. VWBro. Don Stannard, Chair of the Masonic Higher Education Committee, introduced all of the recipients who were then congratulated by the Grand Master, MWBro Kenn Culbertson. The event concluded with a light lunch that was held on the main floor of the hall.

It is the duty of the bursary committee to promote the initiatives of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Program. Bursary presentations such as was organized at Acacia Hall this year as well as those individual presentations that are organized throughout the province at your lodge or district meetings have



a two-fold impact on the program. These presentations celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of the students and they spread the good works of the bursary program.

Since 1957 the Freemasons of Alberta have funded the higher education for 3,300 of Alberta's future leaders by providing \$5,000,000 in bursary dollars.

I encourage all of the Freemasons of Alberta to do the good act and support the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

RW. Bro Fred Bowker #11

Vice Chair MHEBC

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Ed. At this year's Grand Lodge Communication three distinguished brethren were awarded their Masonic Medal of Merit. Congratulations to all three.



The MASONIC MEDAL OF MERIT COMMITTEE

Brethren, once again I stand before you to present the committee report. This year's report is very condensed, considering all the information & forms are readily available as to the purpose and requirements for nominations. In addition, you know how to contact me if you wish to have a committee member attend a lodge or district meeting to answer questions, or individuals requiring specific assistance.

As always, this committee could not function without the dedication and enthusiasm of all its members and I sincerely thank them for the continued assistance over the past year.

Now onto what is truly important – recognizing the three recipients for 2019. Great endeavors in 2018 – 2019 Brethren, brings the total recipients since 1993 to 92. It is especially heartening to have the 2019 recipients, all from lodges not previously having a recipient, which now totals 54 lodges within this jurisdiction. Always keep your eyes and ears open to recognize worthy individuals qualifying for nomination for the prestigious Masonic Medal of Merit.

Bro. Calvin D. Shaver, PGM

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GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA
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MASONIC MEDAL OF MERIT

June 15, 2019
Calgary, Alberta

Bro. David Henry Todd was initiated into Freemasonry in Fort McMurray Lodge #195, on March 16, 1999, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on May 18, 1999 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 25, 1999.

Bro. Todd comes from a family with long and distinguished masonic lineage and has passed same on to his son, WBro. Robert Todd. He clearly understands the importance of visitations and supports the lodge at District and Grand Lodge attendance. For many years, with the assistance of his good lady, he has provided very fine meals, to lighten the J.W. duty.

Bro. Todd has a small immediate family, having celebrated thirty-three years of marriage with his loving wife Cathy they have two children. Daughter Elizabeth is the oldest, and, of course son Robert.

Non-Masonic activities have included the Fort McMurray Gun Club for many years, including the position of President for 4 years. From this involvement, he took over the organizing of the annual Lodge 195 Trap Shoot event, started by RW Bro. John Hopkins and now expanded to be a marquee event within Athabasca District. With the community invited to participate, Bro. Todd has introduced trophies that reflect true Masonic Principles. (e.g. – remember-a-lost-brother).

As a carpenter by trade, serving in senior roles since 2003 with the local Carpenters Union 1325 has earned him the respect within the business community.

Quoting the nominators – “Within the Lodge setting, this brother is an example of Reliability - because he is always there, rarely missing a meeting; and Decorum – because he is an example of good degree work, well prepared and expertly presented. He sets the example to newer brethren, who are being mentored.”

In recognition of your exemplary service to the Craft and Community, The Grand Lodge of Alberta is pleased to present you with the Masonic Medal of Merit.



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June 15, 2019

Calgary, Alberta

Bro. Ian Hotchkiss Cook was initiated into Freemasonry in Sir William Wallace Lodge #1504, Scotland on October 16, 1961, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on December 4, 1961 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 10, 1962. He subsequently affiliated to Foothills Kelvingrove #174.

Bro. Cook's attendance is exemplary, performing his duties as Chaplain or most any other officer's duties as a fill-in when asked. He is very supportive of the officers and other brethren, a gentleman, well-spoken and never derogatory to others. He actively leads charity work, delivering widows' gifts at Christmas, and is usually among the first to visit a sick Brother. On October 16, 2011, he was presented his 50-Year Jewel.

During 57 years of marriage to Jane, they had 4 children and 9 grandchildren. They have great pleasure with granddaughter, Clara Stewart, recently initiated into Job's Daughters Bethel in Calgary.

Non-Masonic activities include several charities (e.g. Nephcure Kidney, Lance Armstrong Cancer, Livestrong Campaign) and many years as a hockey volunteer (e.g. multitude of capacities in the Varsity Community Association, Crowchild Twin Arena, volunteer scout for the WHL Tri-Cities Americans).

He is passionate about education through ice hockey, representing the Western Canada Calgary area by running a summer hockey camp for youth AA and AAA player's. He pursues instruction at further camps and education at the NCAA level. He has been VP of the NW Crowchild Hockey Association.

Bro. Cook worked in the petroleum industry, primarily in the field on rig-sites, for many years.

Quoting one of the nominators – "This Brother is the stick from which I measure the greatness of a man, I see the gift of inherent, impeccable intelligence and the richness born from the devotion to order when I look at this Brother. He is my greatest teacher of giving and receiving". "He strives to reflect the epitome of a Mason and stands as one who projects many of the ideas found within our General Charge".

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June 15, 2019

Calgary, Alberta

Bro. John William Zryd was initiated into Freemasonry in Clarke Lodge #61, Chester, Nova Scotia, on September 9, 1968, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on October 10, 1968 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 14, 1968. After many moves around the world & various vocations, he affiliated with Cornerstone Lodge #19 in March 2003.

Not letting his health be the limiting factor, he has been an active member of Cornerstone and served as Chaplain for many years. The memory work gave him the opportunity to exercise his brain. This dedication carried over to his involvement with Golden West Chapter #5, RAM.

During his first marriage in 1960 he had 2 sons and he is extremely proud of them. His older son, Michael, completed a PHD, teaches at York University and is assistant Dean of Graduate Studies. Bob, his second son, has a degree in Teaching and Science, and he works in the BC forestry industry. The marriage ended in 1987.

Subsequently, he met Janet Klie in 1993 and they were married in 1995. Both are very active in riding bicycles to many Alberta locations (some over-night), including MS rides and renting bikes in other countries they travelled in. Following a major stroke in 1986, Bro. Zryd was determined to prove doctors wrong, when they said he would never walk or talk again, which he accomplished in style. To learn a new profession he went to Victoria, BC to learn Furniture Restoration and Finishing. He returned to Calgary and went on to complete a BA Degree at the University of Calgary. His true nature is to be a constant learner.

Growing up in the 1930' & 40's, he played every sport possible, obtained good grades and was able to skip some grades. He served as President of the Calgary Triathlon Association (1980's), 7-year volunteer at the Bar U Ranch and on the board at St Benedict's Anglican Church. He was a fabulous volunteer, doing it for the sheer joy of giving service to others and along the way made many lasting friends. John also served as a director of the Museum of the Highwood for many years.

John served 5 years in the RCAF as a radio operator (on Argus planes searching for submarines). His military service provided him the opportunity for deep sea dive training. This love of being at peace under the water, led to Bro. Zryd becoming a commercial diver and a Master Diver & Instructor. He operated a dive shop for 16 years in Halifax and mainly taught students from Dalhousie University in Marine Biology and completed dives around the globe. Subsequent to the move to High River, he started "Heritage Refinishers", which kept him busy until continuing health issues in 2013 impacted his personal, work and Masonic involvements.

In recognition of your exemplary service to the Craft and Community, The Grand Lodge of Alberta is pleased to present you with the Masonic Medal of Merit.

Ed. At the time of publication the presentation had not been make to Bro. Zryd. We will have this for a subsequent issue. If you see these brethren in Lodge congratulate them.

From Around the World

A Short Observation On The Bemoaning Of The Craft

by Bro Byron J. Collier

In America, bigger is better. More is preferable to less, and if the majority believes something, it must be good. As American Freemasonry bemoans declining membership and looks longingly back to the “Golden Age”, the decade of the 1950’s, when membership was at an all time high, perhaps we’re venerating the wrong period in our collective history for all the wrong reasons - and for this, contributing to the overall feeling of malaise the Craft is experiencing today?

It is important to note that every era of Freemasons has decried the same lament that this generation voices, “We’re not making enough new Brothers,” “we’re not keeping the Brothers we make,” “what are we doing wrong?” As a society with secrets that has existed in various forms for as long as there has been recorded history, it would stand to reason that this is not the first instance of introspection, nor will it be the last. What makes today’s utterances more of a concern is our overall society’s comfort with rewriting it’s history to suit its current narratives. All Masons promise to be truthful, even if the truth is uncomfortable.

It is easy to start a business in a “bull” market, when capital is in abundance and demand is high. The years following the Second World War was a new beginning for America, enjoying the spoils of victory and the advent of consumerism; jobs were plentiful, higher education was available and transportation was that much more convenient with the construction of super highways and airports. It is also important to note that the men who returned from the European, African, and Asian theaters were themselves the children of the Great Depression. America had never known compromise like what was visited during the decade of the 1930’s,

but, in it, compassion and fellowship was forged. The War, with it’s immediate threat of death and confrontation with a real and tangible enemy to their way of life, was the quickening which made being an American something more than just a national moniker. By comparison, the First World War, the “War To End All Wars” exposed what was then an insular America to the world at large. Until this point, America was not a “global player”. Content to contain itself in the Western Hemisphere with the occasional foray into the Pacific and Far East, America’s connection to Europe was anecdotal. The Great War saw Brother Masons coming face-to-face with their compatriots in foreign lands – on both sides of the conflict. Before terms like “post traumatic stress disorder” (PTSD) were popularized, Freemasonry enacted a treatment for it’s brethren. On returning home, those survivors went to work, seeing to the construction of great Masonic edifices, much like what they saw in Europe, some of which stand strong, alive, and vibrant today. They raised worthy fellows to the Craft and enriched the communities in which they lived. Those brethren took their pain and made something beautiful. They defined their future not by tragedy, but by hope, as their constructions, both physical and spiritual, were simultaneously homages to past architects and projections for a brighter future. The 1920’s was the “Jazz Age” not only for the new music, but for the expression of ideas and concepts once verboten. Freemasons flourished and grew strong in this intellectually charged environment with esoteric notions being broached in Lodges and implemented in America at large. Social conservatism saw it’s first real challenges as notions discussed behind tiled doors became whispers on the tongues of “Everyman”. It is important to note that at no time before the latter 20th century was Freemasonry intended to be marketed to the “Everyman”, it was [and is] always for those few good men who sought to improve themselves and through that, their worlds at large. This is not to imply that Freemasons are elitist but rather to the contrary, humble men who are bound by their word to be the

best person they are capable of being. Other fraternal bodies outside of the Masonic genesis do not call upon their membership to exemplify their best self and thereby can be mass marketed since, ultimately, they are not asking for a man's complete commitment, just "a few hours a month." The Craft is a challenge, and those who meet it distinguish themselves from those who choose to not. For this, Freemasons are to be revered. This is not a statement of arrogance, rather a belief that any man who sets himself up as an example of being the best that he can be deserves reverence.

Brethren of the early part of the last century understood this, and based on the strength of their accomplishments, proved to the world their character and nobility. The 1950's was itself too a "Jazz Age" where, after fighting and dying together in the Second World War, Mason and non-Mason alike saw to it that artificial contrivances like segregation and classism were buckled. "Light", in all it's forms, was being spread – but everyone wasn't prepared for what they saw. For in this frenzied atmosphere of social change a rally for secularism gained momentum. Yes, membership rolls were up, higher than before, but what were these men in fact looking for? The television series "Gangland" once detailed the rise of motorcycle gangs in America as a collection of men who missed the camaraderie and esprit de corp they shared while at war. Similar could be said about Freemason's in the 1950's. Men were joining anything and everything back then. This "Golden Age" Mason did not see his future inexorably bound to a past older than his grandfather. As for the homilies of self development not being actively engaged but community service above all, Freemasonry became indistinguishable from other fraternal organizations - and worse still, Freemasons themselves couldn't make the distinctions.

We now find ourselves moving toward the middle of the 21st century, amidst its many concerns and distractions. Every age of Masons before this one has experienced ebbs and flows in its membership. This generation must not forget on whose shoulders they stand and embrace the rich history of the Craft, themselves being better men for living up to their oaths, and on the strength of that, attracting and retaining the next generation of brethren.

Ed. Bro Byron has some 30 years experience in the financial services industry and has been the President and Managing Member of Artemis Capital Group LLC in Chicago since 2003. He joined the craft in Jerusalem Lodge No.26 in Plainfield, NJ in 2015 where he is now their Senior Deacon. He is walking the path of both York and Scottish Rite's which without doubt has broadened his masonic experience. He has three prior articles published in "The Laudable Pursuits" and the "New Jersey Freemason. Byron is in the process of writing a book which he anticipates publishing in 2020. I look forward to seeing this and hopefully more articles in the future.

Alberta Education

Part One Survey Says ... Grand Lodge Survey Feedback

A big thank you goes out to the brethren who responded to the Grand Lodge's Communication Committee's Survey this past July. As promised, this article provides you the various outcomes from the questions asked.

This article is broken down into two sections. The first provides an overview of the survey process and a summary of the data. Think of it as an "Executive Summary" with some "Insights" we can learn from the responses.

The link ([click here](#)) takes you to the data itself so you can see the charts and further feedback.

Survey Distribution

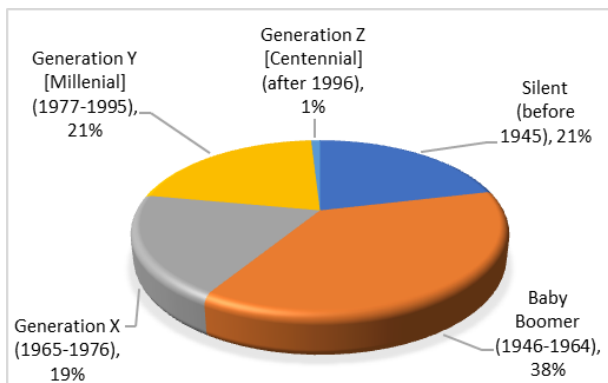
In early July, the Communications Committee distributed a survey directly to over 2,600 email address of the brethren, also through all of the Lodge Secretaries for redistribution, and awareness of the survey through a couple of social media sites.

Who Responded?

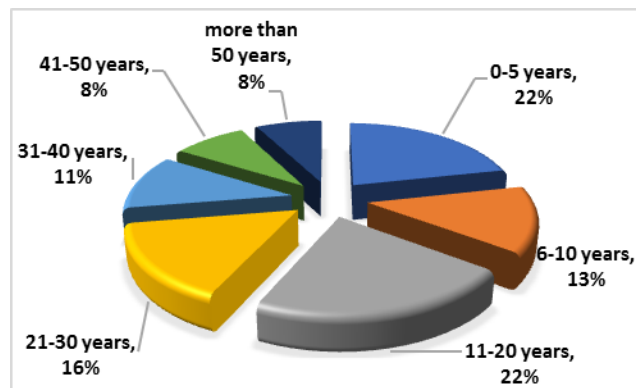
650 brethren from across the province.

84 lodges were represented by the respondents.

Respondents by generations were:



Respondents by years in Freemasonry:



In-

sight: Not

bad for a first time out. However, we need to work hard to ensure a good, broad distribution of future surveys.

Survey Feedback

Brethren were asked, 'How would you rate the communications between Grand Lodge and you?'

4.44 out of 7 (63%)



Brethren were also asked, 'How would you rate the communications between your Lodge and you?'

5.87 out of 7 (83%)



Insight: A need for more and better communications from Grand Lodge to the Brethren.

Question 7 of the survey asked, 'How would you rate the Alberta Freemason as a publication?'

5.14 out of 7 (73%)



Insight: With our moving to an online format while including it being on the website, it is our hope more brethren can get the Freemason and we can target articles based upon your readership and feedback.

Other Feedback

In addition to the questions that resulted in the graphical responses, there were open ended questions, the results of which are expanded on in section two. From the two open-ended questions, "What type of information or updates would you like regarding Grand Lodge activities?" and "How could the Alberta Freemason

be improved?”, there were many responses. Several over-arching items that come from the feedback included:

Brethren want to greater communications regarding Grand Lodge activities including committees, events (both Grand Lodge and Craft Lodges).

What Grand Lodge is doing for the membership – provide insights to the members.

A very strong acceptance of electronic communication (even by generation) with some members still preferring to receive hard copy.

The visitation schedule of the Grand Line.

Major events such as Grand Communication, Spring Workshop, travelling lodges, and other special events.

Mentoring, education, readings, and presentations.

I would like to see more information about Freemasonry from across Alberta (including local lodges and district updates).

Insight: There is a desire for more communications on a huge number of items. Work to be done.

Thank you

One of the objectives of the Communications Committee is to improve communications between Grand Lodge and the members. We realize this is a two-way street. Your participation in this survey was fantastic and we want to thank you for your time and feedback.

Be patient with us as we work our way through the various steps of becoming more responsive and open.

WBro Brian Wik

Chairman

Communications Committee

Grand Lodge of Alberta

Around the Province

Acacia Hall – 1929- 2019

Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, MWBro Kenn Culbertson, the Potentate of the Edmonton Branch of the Al Shamal Shriners, Illustrious Sir Gary Semaniuk, VWBro. Don Stannard, Chair of the MHEB Committee; distinguished Guest, Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen, and honored students, Welcome to Acacia Hall.

I would like to begin our celebrations today by providing a brief history of our Hall. This year is the 90th Anniversary of the Acacia Masonic Hall built in 1929. In fact the company that was formed to manage the Hall the Acacia Building Association was formed on June 20, 1929. The Freemasons that meet in this Hall have always been extremely proud of our history. Acacia Lodge was formed in 1897. The first Master was a lawyer by the name of A.C Rutherford, went on to become the First Premier of the Province of Alberta in 1905. In the true nature of Freemasonry our Charter members came from all walks of life; Bro. T. W. Lines, a Grain Merchant; Bro. W. E. Ross, a Hardware Merchant; Bro. Thomas Bennett, an Immigration Agent; Bro. G. M. Montgomery, A. Tinsmith; Bro. W. Halliday, a Tailor; Bro. D. B. McLean, a Farmer; RWBro. T. F. English, a Baggage Master; and Bro's J. Falconer, A. Stoker.

Early meetings of Acacia Lodge were held in Holy Trinity Church and in 1908 the Lodge moved to the new I.O.O.F. Temple which was located just south of the present site of the Salvation Army Citadel on 81st Avenue. In the year 1911, the Lodge moved to the Richards Block on Whyte Avenue. In the year 1913 a new lodge was formed in Strathcona, called Strathcona Lodge, U.D., and was welcomed by Acacia Lodge and given the use of our lodge room. In the year 1920 another new lodge was formed call Dominion Lodge, U.D., asking Acacia Lodge to house them temporarily until finances warranted them moving to one of the north side halls. As the population of Edmonton and Strathcona grew so did the Masonic Lodges. The first railway arrived in Edmonton in 1903 when a branch-line from Calgary via Strathcona was built to cross the Low Level Bridge.

The Strathcona train station was completed in 1908. It is said that Acacia Lodge starts their meetings at 7:45 PM rather than the traditional 7:30 start time for most area lodges because the brethren wanted the time to meet the evening train and gather their mail before attending lodge.

Edmonton became a city in 1904 and shortly after, with a population of 5,000 people became Alberta's capital. During the early 1910's, Edmonton grew very rapidly, causing rising speculation in real estate prices. In 1912, Edmonton amalgamated with the City of Strathcona, south of the River. Government records confirm that Acacia Lodge #11 was looking forward to owning its own Hall and in February of 1914 it purchased Lot #11, Block 67, Plan #1, the location that is known today as 10433-83 Avenue and Acacia Masonic Hall. Following the 1914 land purchase; the 1st World War and an economic recession impacted the building of a Hall. Edmonton was a very busy place in 1929. The registrars report for Acacia Lodge in 1929 was penned by RWBro. Reverend Lytle who titled the report, "Acacia's Year". He documented a report from the building committee that in May of 1929 confirmed support from Strathcona Lodge as well as other organizations, such as the Native Sons, Strathcona Chapter No. 25, Carman's Local, and the Eastern Star to use the proposed new Hall. It was also considered that the Hall could serve other masonic organizations as well as private functions as it would fill a need in the community as there was no Hall on the South side of sufficient size to accommodate any large gathering. The secretary was directed to write a "Thank You", letter to Bro. Thomas Rist, for his generous donation of \$1,000 and his offer of loaning the Lodge sufficient funds to carry the project through. In June of 1929 the Acacia Building Association was formed and it continues to manage the affairs of Acacia Masonic Hall today.

On Thursday, August 1, 1929, at 7:45 p.m. Bro. Thomas Rist a few members witnessed a ceremonial turning of the first sod and on Saturday, August 24, 1929 MWBro. Middleton laid the cornerstone. The event was commemorated by the presentation of a Trowel suitably engraved to the Grand Master. Bro. Thomas Rist was also presented with an engraved spade. This special event is illustrated by the photograph that stands in our foyer outside of this lodge room.

Bro. Thomas Rist, passed to the Grand Lodge Above



October 4th, 1936 at the age of 89 years. Under the Chairmanship of WBro A. Bartlett an artistic memorial plaque was designed and placed on the North (east) wall of the Lodge Room, and on November 26th the Thomas Rist Memorial was unveiled.

WBro. Ross Sheppard in his capacity as D.D.G.M. Elect of District #10 and as a senior member of Acacia Lodge presented a suitable celebration of life for our departed brother. The Thomas Rist Memorial stands as a fitting remembrance of one who was a real friend of Acacia Lodge and who more than anyone else made the erection of the Acacia Masonic Hall possible.

RWBro. Fred Bowker #11

Consecration of the Goose and Gridiron Lodge, No. 203

Since the beginning of recorded masonic meetings, lodges have met in taverns, public houses and inns. In the spirit of these lodges, eleven Calgary masons desired to create a travelling Craft Lodge of Past Masters focused on promoting masonic fellowship in a table lodge environment at suitable local establishments. Furthermore, the custom of the Lodge would be for all brethren and visitors regardless of rank and station, except Grand Lodge Officers, to meet on the level and wear a plain lambskin apron.

The brethren submitted a Petition for a Dispensation to form The Goose and Gridiron Lodge to Grand Lodge on 24 September 2018. The Dispensation was received from MWBro. Kenn Culbertson on 15 October 2018, which included the allocation of the Lodge to Phoenix District. RWBro. Ken Lonel, the D.D.G.M. of Phoenix District, instituted the Lodge upstairs at the Rose and Crown Pub in Calgary on 6 November 2018. After six regular meetings, with a total of 77 visitors including 13 Grand Lodge Officers and the affiliation of two brethren, the Lodge returned its Dispensation and Lodge Books as well as a Petition for a Charter to Grand Lodge on 8 May 2019 for further consideration. At the Grand Lodge Communication on 14 June 2019, the Deputy Grand Master, moved that a warrant of constitution be issued to The Goose and Gridiron Lodge. The motion received unanimous support.



On 7 September 2019, The Goose and Gridiron Lodge, No. 203 was regularly constituted and consecrated for Craft purposes and the officers installed and invested, by the MWBro. Ken Cheel and the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The event was held at the Ranchman's Club in Calgary, 112 visitors from across our Grand jurisdiction were in attendance.

Our next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th upstairs at the Barley Mill in Calgary. A-la-carte dinner and cash bar at 6:00 p.m. with the Lodge tiling at 7:30 p.m. Dress is business casual and the room capacity limits attendance to the first 40 members and visitors. We will have enough plain white aprons for everyone.

Should you wish to receive our electronic summons please contact WBro. Steve Kennard at

SecretaryGandG203@shaw.ca

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

V.W. Bro. Eppo van Weelderen

Worshipful Master

Grand Masters itinerary - October 2019

5 **Northern Lights District Meeting** ; Freemasons Hall, Edmonton; 12 00 h

5 **Avon Glen End Of Summer Gala** ; Freemasons Hall, Edmonton 17 00 h

9-11 **Western Canada Conference** ; Banff

12-18 **Holiday**;

19 **Phoenix District Meeting** ; Freemasons Hall, Calgary 12 30 h

26 **Dinosaur District Meeting** ; Irricana ; 12 00 h

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Sunday, October 27th

3:00p.m.

**Calgary Freemasons' Hall
330 - 12th Avenue S.W.**

We cordially invite you and your family and friends to our 4th Graduation Class.

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Book Review

Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry:

Christopher B. Murphy and Shawn Eyer,

Editors, 514 pages

Plumbstone, Washington, D.C. 2017

ISBN 13 978-1-60302-061-9

This collection of essays was published in partnership with the Philaethes Society, North America's oldest independent Masonic research organization. This reviewer would like to disclose that he is a life member of the Philaethes Society. Each essay in this book is independent of each other; therefore, there is some overlap in the material discussed.

The book opens with an Introduction and is followed by "The Traditional History" by James Anderson. This is considered one of the foundational documents of Freemasonry. This document lays out the mythopoeic history (a term used frequently in the entire book) of the fraternity. Most members have heard of this document, but may not have had the opportunity to read it. The next essay is "A Just and Exact Account of Masonry": A survey of the Constitutions and Pocket Companions of 1723 to 1756 by C.B. Murphy. This essay reviews all known materials and exposés of Masonry in the time period noted in the title. The essay is over 100 pages long and is very thorough.

The next essay, "The Essential Secrets of Masonry": Insight from an American Masonic Oration of 1734 by S. Eyer. This essay discusses an oration discovered in 1849 entitled "A Dissertation Upon Masonry, Delivered in a Lodge in America: The Dissertation suggests that early Masons in North America considered the lodge as sacred ground.

"Spiritual and Heavenly People in Corners": Embracing Masonic Ethos through the Eyes of James Anderson, by D. Scofield is the next essay. Anderson's Traditional History traces Masonry's beginnings to Adam and continues Masonry's history through Old Testament figures. The author of the essay discusses whether Masons at the time of the Grand Lodge formation considered themselves as part of a sacred institution.

"Freemasonry, the London Irish, and the Antients

Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry

Studies in Honor of the
Tricentennial of the Establishment
of the Grand Lodge of England



Christopher B. Murphy, Editor
Shawn Eyer, Executive Editor

Grand Lodge" by R. Berman discusses the book Ahiman Rezon published by Laurence Dermott in 1756. This book was part of the foundation for Antients Masonry. A brief biography of Dermott plus a brief discussion of the similarities to Modern Freemasonry with the Antients are discussed.

"Genius of Masonry": The Preservation of Masonic Tradition in the Songs of the Freemasons by N.A. St. Pierre is a discussion of the role of music in Masonic culture. "The Grand Lodge of All England Held at York: An Independent Grand Lodge in England in the Eighteenth Century by D. Harrison provides a history of Masonry in York and the York Grand Lodge. "John Desaguliers: The Balance of Religion and Science" by J. French provides the background of Desaguliers, the 3rd Grand Master and a clergyman. In addition a discussion of the impact of Isaac Newton's physics on Masonic thinking is included in the essay. The last essay is entitled, "Assessing Authentic Lodge Culture: Moving Beyond the Tavern Myth"

by C.B. Murphy discusses the idea that because early lodges met in taverns that the meetings were an excuse to feast and drink. This seems to be a view that early anti-Masons used against the Craft. The author goes to great lengths to debunk this view by quoting numerous Masonic publications of the period.

This reviewer would recommend the book with the caveat that it is not light entertainment. There is a great deal of duplication of the materials discussed although from different perspectives. This is to be expected as there is a limited number of known early Masonic published works. However, anyone interested in the early history of the Craft will find the book of great interest. Some of the chapters such as the one on Masonic music will especially appeal to some members. The essays in the book are similar in both tone and content to those found in "Philalethes" the publication of the Philalethes Society. There is a reference in the book into how to join if one is interested.

Reviewer: VWBro Loren Kline

Letter to the editor

Ed. First brethren I wish to thank all of you that sent me messages after the September publication. I decided not to list them here as space is a premium. Remember this spot is for your comments and views.

Hello Steve, I thought this may be of interest to you for the ABFM.

In June of 2017 Herman Schmutzer came to Canada for the 3rd time to visit his son (Carsten) and his Daughter-in-law (Anetta). They had moved from Germany 11 years previous.

Herman had always wanted to visit a lodge in Red Deer and finally wore his son down to find Masons in this city. Carsten did a quick search on the internet and came across Beacon #190 and our Saturday breakfasts. Although Herman's mobility is limited, and managed to make it to the restaurant and meet some Brothers. Through Carsten (not a mason) translating, Herman was invited the next Saturday to our Installation @ Beacon

#190. The brothers took great care of Herman and RWBro Joe Stalter handled the translating while we were in lodge and festive board. Carsten and Herman were then invited out to the WM BBQ where they enjoyed the Brotherhood for many hours.

Herman never missed a Saturday breakfast for the rest of June, and on his last visit with us, Carsten knocked on the door for the 3rd time and asked for his application. Herman watched with anticipation and was so proud his son had come to freemasonry on his own.



Carsten was initiated into Beacon #190 in November and his mentor kept in touch with Herman via google translate to keep him abreast of Carsten's progress. Once we knew that Carsten was working very hard and was on pace to raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in April, Herman had his plane ticket booked. As any father would tell you that is one of the proudest moments for a father to witness. The Brothers at Beacon surprised Herman yet again with allowing him to actually Raise Carsten during the Degree.



These pictures are from what we called "the Herman tour of Central District" as while he was here from April 5- May 23, Herman visited 4 lodges and 1 AASR Valley of Perfection.

The Name of his Lodge is: ZU DEN DREI WELTKUGELN-ZUR VERSCHWIEGENHEIT 088 IM ORIENT BERLIN

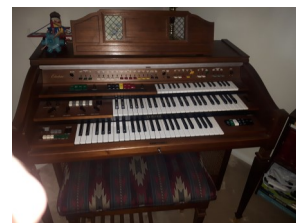
Regards,
Kent Plosz

Ed. You see brethren what a knock at the door can do, Welcome Bro. Carsten. I look forward to sitting in Lodge with you when next I visit.

RWBro. Steve,

I presently have a Yamaha organ that I would like to donate to a lodge in the district. If you know of any lodge that is in need please let me know.

Yours Fraternally,
WBro. Dave Bosworth
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Ed. OK brethren this is now in your hands, please contact WBro Dave if you are looking for one of these to bring music to your lodge.

