



Grand Lodge Bulletin

Editor, pro tem: Sam Harris, P.G.M.

Grand Master's Introduction

OUR esteemed Editor of the *Bulletin*, M. W. Bro. Alex M. Mitchell, is still confined to the house and it may be some time before he will be able to resume his duties among us once more.

In order that the good work of our Editor may be carried on, I have asked M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., to be Editor, pro tem, and I am happy indeed that he has consented. Sam Harris needs no introduction to the Craft of Alberta, he is well and

favorably known throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction. His intimate knowledge of things Masonic is fully recognised and in him, I am sure, our readers will continue to find that high standard of excellence that has characterized the *Bulletin* in the past.

To our M. W. Bro. Harris we extend best wishes in this new field of endeavor and I bespeak your hearty co-operation.

Just Personal

FOR some twenty years I have been connected with Grand Lodge; being more or less free as an ordinary member to enter into the general discussions and in general to enjoy myself among you year after year. You have done me the honor of electing me from time to time to the Board of General Purposes; for many years I was privileged to serve on the Board of Benevolence and for a time I was the chairman of that Board. In all my labors I have found the utmost happiness; in fact I gained more from my contacts spiritually in Masonry than I was able to return.

This year you have placed upon my shoulders the mantle of authority, the highest gift within your powers, that of electing me your Grand Master. With my knowledge of Masonry, with the knowledge of the men who have held the office in the past, and with the knowledge of my own limitations, I shall endeavor to maintain that high standard which

the jurisdiction of Alberta enjoys in the Masonic world.

Masonry in a world of rehabilitation will be a subject that will receive serious attention. My Committees in Calgary and Edmonton are composed of men fully seized with the job in hand and from time to time you will be hearing from them. At the District Meetings I hope to be able to give fuller particulars of the programme.

I am looking forward to meeting many of my brethren at the District Meetings, and I sincerely trust all the officers of the Lodges and many of the Past Masters will endeavor to attend their District Meeting. Remember it is your meeting and what Masonry will be in your district depends upon the amount of interest each individual Lodge takes therein.

Brethren I sincerely thank you for the confidence reposed in me in electing me your Grand Master and I shall leave no stone unturned to fully warrant that confidence.

The Grand Lodge Communication

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge has come and gone and what a delightful and memorable communication it was. Immediately after the opening and the introduction of the Distinguished Visitors, our R. W. Bro. Rev.

G. H. Crane-Williams led us in a wonderful devotional service dedicated to our Armed Forces. The singing of the hymns by some three or four hundred brethren present was an inspiration long to be remembered. The prayers and the address of our R. W. Bro.

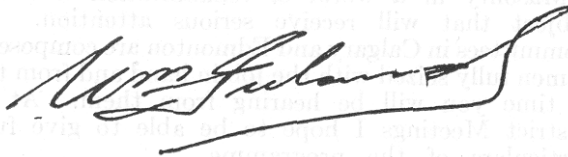
descended as a blessing upon the whole assembly and was in a large measure responsible for the very fine atmosphere that pervaded all the sessions of Grand Lodge. M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley is to be congratulated upon his thoughtfulness in requesting his Senior Grand Warden to prepare this service.

The address of our Lieut. Governor in exhorting the brethren to see to it that the men returning from the battlefronts shall be properly taken care of found a ready response in our hearts.

In the past we have been fortunate in our choice of special speakers at our banquets; this year in the selection of M. W. Bro. Dr. J. G. Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia we listened to an address that will be long remembered. The earnest and rapt attention was manifest as M. W. Bro. Brown unfolded the history and conditions as they existed when speculative Masonry came to light, and its subsequent effect on society. Space does not permit me to dwell on the subject, it will be fully reported in the annual proceedings and I strongly recommend that it be read and studied.

Our distinguished visitors also brought inspiring messages which added much to the enjoyment of the communication. The annual printed proceedings will contain all these addresses as well as the reports of the several committees, if you are really interested in Masonry you will not fail to get a copy, read it yourself and spend an evening or two discussing the high lights in your lodge.

On the whole it was a very excellent communication of Grand Lodge and a very fine climax to our retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, on a splendid year of service that saw Masonry progress in this fair Province of Alberta.



Grand Master

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IN SYMPATHY

It is with sincere regret that I have to inform the Brethren of the passing on Monday, August 21st, of the beloved wife of our Grand Secretary, at the General Hospital in Calgary. I am sure that the Brethren of Alberta deeply sympathize with M. W. Bro. Moore in his loss, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to him at this time, and we trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will comfort him in his sad bereavement.

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**“Upon Today’s
Foundation
We Build
for Tomorrow”**

EVER REMEMBER---YOU ARE MASONRY

Again I call upon every Lodge to accept the responsibility that is ours, that of teaching Masonry, especially of giving proper instruction to our new members.

Many have knocked at the door of Masonry since the beginning of our fiscal year. Many more will seek the privileges of Masonry. It is our sacred duty to see that some portion of Light be given those who enter.

The degrees of Masonry do not make Master Masons. However, the lessons impressively portrayed, each word spoken with the understanding of the sacred mission of Masonry, will be the means of inspiring candidates.

An inspired candidate remains forever a Mason. If we send a soldier Mason away from our Lodge with no conception of Masonry, shutting our eyes to his inefficiency in the catechism, then we are doing that soldier Mason a grave injustice. A good soldier is a trained soldier; a good Mason is an informed Mason.

Focused On Silent Force

The war has strongly focused the attention of the world on that silent force which Masonry has been stressing throughout the ages—the power of that force which assures the only victory of the individual and of nations.

We ask why there is war. We should ask why is there not more of brotherhood.

Today that religion is of value, that institution is of value which brings spiritual and moral values in their proper relation to realities. That institution which gives importance to Life as the connecting link with Life Hereafter is fulfilling its mission.

Let us ever remember that acts and deeds are the genuine evidence of belief.

ALWAYS REMEMBER—YOU ARE MASONRY

DEWEY H. WOLLSTEIN,
Grand Master, Georgia, U.S.A

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Books are the ever-burning lamp of accumulated wisdom.—G. W. Curtis.

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WATCH YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

The various Lodges are being swamped with applications to receive the degrees of Masonry, and several Lodges have found it necessary to work overtime to take care of their crowded calendars.

In some respects that is a good sign, for we should be glad to know that men are now getting into a position where they are financially able to avail themselves of the privileges of our great fraternity.

It becomes necessary, however, to warn the brethren against indiscriminate recommendations of acquaintances who desire to take advantage of this industrial boom. The mere possession of sufficient money to pay the necessary fees does not recommend a man to be made a Mason. Before you add your name to any application for the degrees satisfy

yourself that the applicant is already a Mason at heart, and that, if he be accepted, you will never have cause to regret your indorsement. This is a duty which you owe to the fraternity, your Lodge, and yourself. Just because an acquaintance is a good fellow does not necessarily mean that he is ready for the degrees of Masonry, and bear always in mind that every new Brother whom you recommend should be a pleasure to yourself and an honor to the fraternity.

—*Toledo Masonic Bulletin.*

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR FRIENDS

The war is not over with by any means, but of course we all hope and expect to win, but we should not spend too much time thinking of the future and crossing bridges that we may never reach. Regardless of who wins this war this country will never be the same any more, and any plans that we might make for the future might be out of line or out of date and even out of reason.

Time for Activity

Now is the time for action, and the time to do things. Do not delay. If you have Masonic brethren in the armed forces that are overseas, by all means write to them as feelings now are very strong and also pray for them, and I am sure that is about all you can do. If you have Masonic brothers in Canadian stations, write to them also and invite one now and then to visit your home, or take lunch or go to a good movie with you. That would be a great deal of help to the soldier's morale.

The Great Master said "Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends," and that is what many of the brethren are doing and will be doing within the next few months.

We do not have to furnish oil to the foolish virgins who slumber and sleep, and we do not have to cast our pearls before swine, but in order to live a life that we may hear our Saviour say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," we must recognize the least among the human race. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked and by all means visit the strangers and wounded and invite them to visit our homes. So therefore let me urge you to endeavor to invite at least one Masonic brother to visit your home once each month until this war is over with, and it will be a great help to him. Do not be an unthoughtful cuss.

Do You Know Brethren?

All Masons need a better understanding of their fellow members. Do you know half of your Lodge members by their names? And do you know anything about their talents, character, desires, hopes and ambitions in life? If not, it is your duty to begin finding out. The young man who sits next to you, is he married or single? Find out.

We cannot end wars from the earth nor prevent wars with or by wars. We must build a greater civilization, one that is real and has a real foundation, of an eternal nature.

Sgt. F. L. SHERWOOD,
Masonic Messenger.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

In bringing you this, my first copy of our *Bulletin*, I do not for a moment think I can offer you the service and ability our M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell has given during the past years since our *Bulletin* was first issued. I will endeavor to serve and give you of my best until such time as M. W. Bro. Mitchell can resume his good work, and I know I am expressing the wish of all when I say we hope this time will soon come.

Bro. Mitchell is steadily and gradually improving in health and our prayers go out to the Most High for his speedy recovery.

Our subscription list is growing steadily year after year. Let us endeavor to place the *Bulletin* this year in the hands of at least half of our membership and in the near future attain the hope, long desired—a *Bulletin* every month in the hands of every one of our members. The cost is very small, only 20 cents per year per member.

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YOUR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS HONORED

At the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, held in the city of Regina, on June 21st and 22nd last, the Honorary Rank of Past Grand Master was conferred on our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. Ireland, also on M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M.

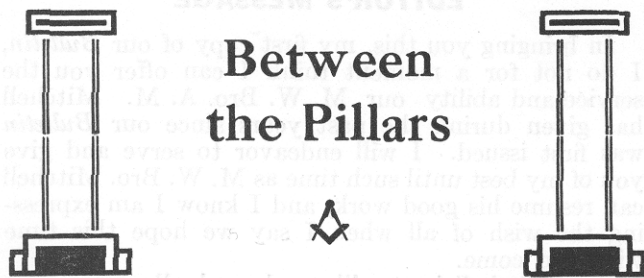
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that they will remain with you through life, because you will have need of them many times in the future.

Third, you must study to improve yourself in Masonry in various other ways. Your Lodge will not be content merely to have your name on its books and to receive your annual dues; it requires that you become a real Mason, not merely a member.

As you stood in the North-east corner of the Lodge during your initiation you were taught a certain lesson concerning the first stone of "Public Buildings" or corner stone. The meaning of that lessor should now be clear to you. You are a Cornerstone of the Craft. Today you are an "Entered Apprentice"—in a short time you will be a Fellowcraft; after that you will become a Master Mason. The day will come when into your hands and those of others like you will fall the responsibilities of the Lodge. What Masonry is to be in the future depends on what you, as an Entered Apprentice, are now. YOU are the cornerstone on which the Fraternity that is to come is now building itself. It is our hope that you will prove a solid foundation, true and tried, set foursquare, on which our great Fraternity may safely build for work in many years to come.

NOTE.—The foregoing is taken from "The Making of a Mason," by W. M. Brown, P.G.M., of Virginia, and it is suggested that Worshipful Masters might use it to advantage by having some brother deliver it to newly initiated brethren.



Between the Pillars

THE MAKING OF A MASON

The Meaning of the Term "Entered Apprentice"

YOU are now an Entered Apprentice Mason. You have taken the first step in your journey to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Doubtless you found your Initiation an experience you will never forget, nor should you ever forget it. A Degree of Masonry is not an isolated experience but an ever enduring privilege. So long as you remain in good standing you can always sit in an Entered Apprentice Lodge; you can always return to observe, to participate in, and to study its ceremonies. Your possession of the Degree is complete; you can continue to enjoy it as long as you live.

Doubtless you have an eager curiosity to learn more about this remarkable Degree before you receive the Fellowcraft Degree. Perhaps its ceremonies seemed strange to you; I therefore purpose to help you to interpret it by giving you a brief explanation of the term "Entered Apprentice".

The builders of those remarkable structures erected in the Middle Ages and in the Gothic style of architecture, we call "Operative Masons" because they were builders in the literal sense.

These Operative Masons were organized into Lodges, governed by Masters and Wardens. The members were divided into grades. They employed ceremonies of initiation, used signs, symbols, and passwords, preserved secrecy, and admitted only men to membership. Their Lodges were in many ways strikingly similar to ours.

It was necessary for the Operative Masons to recruit new members to replace those lost through removal, accident, illness or death. To do this they used the apprenticeship system which was in vogue in all crafts for many centuries.

The word Apprentice means learner or beginner, one who is taking his first step in mastering a trade, art or profession. The Operative Apprentice was a boy usually between the ages of ten to fifteen. He was required to be sound in body and without maim in his limbs in order that he might do work requiring physical strength and endurance. He had to be of good habits, obedient and willing to learn, and of unquestioned reputation and likewise recommended by Masons already members of the Craft.

When such a boy was chosen an Apprentice, he was called into the Lodge where all the members could assure themselves of his qualifications. If they voted to receive him, he was given such information

about the Craft, what it required of its members something of its early history and tradition, and what his duties would be. He gave a solemn promise to obey his superiors, to work diligently, to observe the laws and rules, and to keep the secrets.

After being thus obligated he was bound over, or indentured to one of the more experienced Master Masons. As a rule he lived with this Master Mason, and from him day by day learned the methods and secrets of the trade. This apprenticeship lasted a number of years, usually seven.

After this young man had gone to school in this manner long enough to give assurance of his fitness to master the art and to become an acceptable member of society, his name was entered on the books of the Lodge and he was given a recognized place in the Craft organization; and because of this official entering of his name he was given the title "Entered Apprentice".

It is difficult to exaggerate the care our Operative Masonic forebears devoted to these learners. The Intender, as the Master Mason to whom the apprentice was indentured was called, was obliged by law to teach him the theory as well as the practice of Operative Masonry. Not until the Apprentice could prove his proficiency by meeting the most rigid tests of skill was he permitted to rise to a higher rank in the Craft. Other Master Masons with whom he was set to work at the simpler tasks were also his teachers. He was given moral instruction; his conduct was carefully scrutinized; many rules were laid down to control his manner of life. When we read the Old Charges and the ancient documents that have come down to us we are impressed by the amount of space devoted to Apprentices. The Operative Mason knew that the Apprentice of today made the Master Mason of the future.

As time passed, therefore, there grew up about the rank and duties and regulations of the Apprentice an organized set of customs, ceremonies, rules, traditions, etc. These at last crystalized into a well defined unit, which we may describe as the Operative Entered Apprentice Degree. When after the Reformation, Operative Masonry was at last transformed into Speculative Masonry, the Entered Apprentice Degree was retained as the first of the three degrees of the Speculative Lodge. It was modified, of course, to meet the needs of the Speculative Fraternity, but in substance and meaning it is today fundamentally the same as it always has been.

What Your Brethren Expect of You

As an Entered Apprentice Mason you are a beginner in Speculative Masonry and as such certain things are required of you.

First you must have guides and teachers; you must show obedience to them and be willing to have them lead and instruct you.

Second, you must learn by heart certain portions of the Degree so as to prove your proficiency in open Lodge. But you are to learn these parts not merely to pass the test; you must master them so thoroughly

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