



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## The Message of the Grand Master

Brethren Greetings:

**A**T OUR Forty-ninth Annual Communication you elected me as your Grand Master, a position which is highly esteemed. I express to you my thanks and appreciation for the great honor conferred upon me.

In entering upon this year of service to the Craft, I pay tribute to the I.P.G.M. William H. Jackson for maintaining the dignity of this high office and for his challenging and inspiring messages to the Fraternity. Each Grand Master as he takes office, gives something of himself, thus adding richness to the Craft.

When we meet again in Grand Assembly it will be our Fiftieth Annual Communication. It will be the beginning of the year of Jubilee. The idea of Jubilee goes back to the early practice of the Hebrew people. They numbered the years in cycles of seven and after seven such periods, kept the year of Jubilee. It was a time of restoration and forgiveness, burdens were eased and loads redistributed, it meant a beginning in freedom for man and beast and land. A guarantee that no man should permanently enrich himself at the expense of others and no one should exploit the soil to its permanent exhaustion. In all it was a time of Thanksgiving and Rejoicing. Thus the present moment with its demands and resources could be used to good purpose, in preparing for the challenge which our Jubilee will present to us.

Having passed our Forty-ninth Annual Communication, we find our interest confined not only to the present and future, but we are captivated with the past as well. Therefore three words come to mind upon which we may expand our thought, they are these, Retrospect; Introspect and Prospect.

### Retrospect: A Survey of the Past.

While the past belongs to the historian, we do well to give thanks for what the G.A.O.U. has done in the past, for the splendid heritage that is ours. We are half way through the most enlightening century that man has ever known. It

can be safely said that the period that ended with World War II was noted for a tremendous increase in machine production; in raw materials fed into the maws of great factories; in airplanes travelling at the speed of six hundred miles per hour; in atomic bombs and super-guns. The world grew smaller through the development of transport such as the world has never seen before. Technical development in the radio-electronics field made it possible for a man's voice to circle the globe in this era. Man became an expert in saving life through spectacular advancements in medical science. Man was concerned to some degree about securing the future, and thus we note in our study of the middle of the Twentieth century, the great urge to promote pensions for the aged, the care of the sick through health insurance programs and other guarantees which man made for man, such as wage insurance and job protection and other safety devices in the Social Order.

The past is not all victory, for all historians are agreed that the greatest achievement of this interesting age was the high efficiency of the art of killing. Through this art we lost two generations of the finest of our young men and women, through it the world today is different from the world of 1905—the year of the birth of our Grand Jurisdiction. While in adversity masonry suffers somewhat, yet the spirit of masonry—Relief, Truth and Brotherly Love, has over the years borne testimony to its greatness and at times has risen to new heights of purposeful achievement.

Freemasonry has been abundantly blessed in this Grand Jurisdiction. With increased prosperity within our Province during the past years, has come expanding opportunities for Freemasonry through individual members consecrated to the service of God and their fellowman. M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas in his "Canadian West" sums it up when he says "Do we realize today that men who unfurled the banners of Freemasonry were in truth Empire Builders. They unquestionably carried their obligations into daily practice by building Churches;

Hospitals; Schools and in organizing all necessary activities required in a civilized community". As Joseph Fort Newton so aptly puts it, "They were men of faith who builded better than they knew. They believed in the future, in the growth of large things from small beginnings".

### **Introspect: An examination of Our Thoughts and Actions Within and Without the Lodge.**

Many Master Masons feel that too much time is given to the raising of Candidates and not enough time given to the teaching of Masonic principles—Relief, Truth and Brotherly Love. We have a serious responsibility towards the candidate as he stands on the one hand at the door of the lodge and beyond, on the other hand stands our great fraternity. Only teaching and guidance can bridge the gap.

Time should be given to study the things that masons should know. Many who have no chance to participate in the ritualistic work become indifferent and lose interest and often remain away. Ritualistic work imparts a great deal of masonic truth. There is nothing finer than a "Perfect Lesson", but, as masons, if we are to measure up to the full discharge of our duty and obligation, we must be more than mere ritualists. If we stop there, we have no idea of the beautiful sentiments and wholesome lessons which are hidden beneath the perfect lesson. By all means have a thorough knowledge of our beautiful ritual, but I would recommend that your studies be not confined within this narrow sphere, but that they be extended beyond the surface of the ritual to the great principles which constitute the foundation of our Ancient and Honorable Order. Anyone who applies himself in his search for more light in masonry will realize that the true spirit of masonry lies beyond the forms and ceremonies of initiation and will find genuine happiness and pleasure in the light which will be unfolded.

The first half of the Twentieth century was notable for its interest in service to humanity. It has been and still is the age of service clubs. The idea of up and doing has been the motivating force, doing those things that the public can see have been a disturbing factor in the life of Freemasonry. Many members propose a similar program for the Craft. We are inactive they say, let us do something spectacular.

The Masonic Design is the development of character and the improvement of life and conduct. Freemasonry deals in principles rather than in projects, in the dissemination of ideals rather than programs and self-advertisements. Open it to projects and you have disunity. The beauty and harmony of the structure must be maintained. Freemasonry teaches the principle of the good life, thus the mason goes out to apply his knowledge in practice and service. We think of Freemasonry

or shall I say Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges, as a University and Colleges—training masons how to live, and sending them out into the world to practice its tenets. The true mason carries his skill and the honor of the Craft into the world of thought and ideas of life and conduct. Freemasonry cannot deviate from the Great Design on the Trestle-Board—the making of masons, the making of better men.

### **Prospect: A Mental View of What Is to be Expected of a Mason.**

It is clear from a study of the essence of ancient and modern masonry, that the final conclusion of the masonic idea for each Free and Accepted Mason is now and ever has been the development of character. Masonry is a most personal thing. The value of the fraternity to the individual depends upon his personal attitude as a mason and the appreciation of the great body of truth set forth so wonderfully and strikingly by the signs and symbols and the personal appropriation of these truths.

The search for more light in masonry can be enhanced through individual effort on the part of a true mason. When the Candidate sees the light for the first time in masonry, he cannot be but impressed by the things that open up to him. To know the meaning and appreciation of the Sacred Law, Square and Compass that lie before him on the Altar; the working tools of the three degrees and the sacred teaching of every landmark should be his desire, for they teach the supreme function of Freemasonry.

In the Sacred Law we often find the thought of human life and conduct expressed as a building, something that is raised and fashioned gradually, stone by stone by each individual. We are all builders, our thoughts, emotions, words and actions are constantly working away at a house not made with hands, this is the house of character. There is no more urgent work today and certainly no greater work than this—the building of Character. It is our prime need. The future of the world depends far more on the development of character, than on anything else, without it no plans that statesmen can lay down for a better world can possibly succeed. We may build more and better houses, so that those who live in them may have a better chance of rising to a higher level of citizenship. But the "Creation of Peoples" does not come about in that way. We do not build citizens from bricks, mortar and lumber, but from stones of honesty, truth, love, beauty, courage and industry.

As Freemasons, let us during the ensuing year apply ourselves to the task of building a Temple worthy of the G.A.O.U. always keeping in mind that every man is the Architect of his own Temple in which he has to spend Eternity.

M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson,  
Grand Master, Alberta.

### A TIMELY ADMONITION

Masonic education is not a senseless luxury to use when we are not conferring degrees. It is an essential part of our work and a continuing obligation, if men are to be made Masons, and if Masonry is to hold fast to its ideals. Yet, what we learn and believe as Masons can never be expressed alone behind tiled doors. We are a universal fraternity and wherever we find ourselves in conflict with forces that would destroy the freedoms we cherish and whose values we have learned within our Craft, there must we as Masons, proclaim by our lives, demonstrate by our actions, and teach by our examples, the overwhelming value of these freedoms, that men the world over may join with us in preserving the way of life that produces the highest good for mankind. Thus we must ever be faithful to our craft, alert to dangers that may threaten, supporting the good that exists, and be ever mindful that the eternal God has made each of us "his brother's keeper."

Bro. Rev. George M. Cordner, M.P.S.

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### MY MIND IS NOW CLEAR

Masonry, a beautiful system of morality, is also the faithful guide to habits of thought, which we refer to as mental health.

So much of wisdom is hidden in the vast Temple of Masonry that we can acquire it only by degrees; not just by taking the three degrees, but little by little, over a long period of patient study and application.

There is always the perfect assurance on the part of Masonry toward the initiate which guarantees that we shall find that which we earnestly seek. Not only just that much, but as we make a small discovery, vision grows and doors open to a new beauty which we did not dream of in the beginning.

The reward for honest effort cannot be expressed in terms of the material. And, appreciation for such reward can only be expressed by the recipient in silence to Him who gives generously to all who are patient, trustworthy, and willing to heed. Doubts, questions, the feeling of helplessness, these come to every man. Masonry is the training which revealed the truth that defeat is only a temporary condition, and that through such circumstances we acquire greater wisdom. The real story of man, his aspirations, his hopes, and his failures, has never been reduced to the printed word.

Masonry tells the story in Masonry's way. The mind is clear. Obstructions are removed and victory is certain.

The Eastern Freemason.

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many years to our Grand Lodge, M.W. Brother George Moore, P.G.M. and Past Grand Secretary was elected as Grand Secretary Emeritus. May all these distinguished brethren live long and enjoy these honours.

One lodge celebrated its Seventieth Anniversary and one its Fiftieth Anniversary during the year. \$1,000. was voted for the Fiftieth Anniversary of Grand Lodge in 1955. Fiftieth Anniversary is celebrated on the day following Grand Lodge with an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge in the afternoon followed by a banquet in the evening. The following Grand Lodge Officers were duly elected, the M.W. Grand Master being installed into office by M.W. H. B. Macdonald, P.G.M. and the other Officers being invested by other Past Grand Lodge Officers.

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. Peter Dawson, Champion
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, Vermilion
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard, Edmonton
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan, Blairmore
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling, Calgary
Grand Secretary	R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, (Appointed) Calgary
Grand Registrar	R.W. Bro. M. Robertson, Edmonton
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. H. A. Cantelon, Edmonton
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. F. J. Pearce, Calgary

Another prosperous and eventful year of Freemasonry in the Province of Alberta was brought to a successful conclusion. Grand Lodge in 1955 will be held in the City of Calgary on Wednesday, June 8th with the celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary on Thursday, June 9th.

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris,  
Past Grand Master, Alberta.

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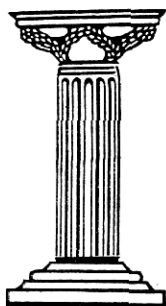
It is a pleasure to announce that our subscriptions to the Grand Lodge Bulletin was again increased during the past year. Only one lodge is not now a subscriber. It is suggested that all Lodges check the number of their subscriptions with the number of their members and order a Bulletin for every member. This is the only way in which we can attain our objective of a Bulletin for every member. It is hoped that the present non-subscriber will become a subscriber this year in order to give our lodges one hundred per cent coverage. Thank you.

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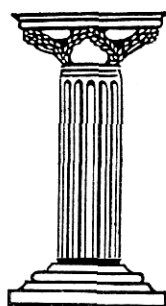
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### TAKE TIME

Take time to live; it is one secret of success. Take time to think; it is the source of power. Take time to play; it is the secret of youth. Take time to read; it is the foundation of knowledge. Take time for friendship; it is the source of happiness. Take time to laugh; it helps to lift life's load. Take time to dream; it hitches the soul to the stars.



## Between the Pillars



### A Few Highlights of Grand Lodge

The *Forty-ninth Annual Communication* of Grand Lodge was held in the City of Edmonton on Wednesday and Thursday, June 9th and 10th, 1954, with the Board of General Purposes meeting on Tuesday afternoon, June 8th.

Grand Lodge was presided over in a very able manner by our Grand Master, M.W. Brother W. H. Jackson. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. J. J. Bowlen, brought the greetings of Her Majesty the Queen and the Province of Alberta, whilst the greetings of the City of Edmonton were brought by His Worship the Mayor, Brother William Hawrelak.

Eighteen of the Nineteen District Deputy Grand Masters were present and all of the Nineteen District Deputy Grand Masters elect were present to be installed into office.

During the year four Especial Communications of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of Consecrating and Constituting the following Lodges: Temple Lodge No. 167, Highlands Lodge No. 168 and Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 in the City of Edmonton, and St. George's Lodge No. 169 at Elk Point. We greet these lodges and wish them well. Two lodges, Barrhead Lodge at Barrhead and Milo Lodge at Milo were granted their Charters by Grand Lodge, these Lodges will be Consecrated and Constituted in the near future.

There are now 159 Chartered Lodges and 2 Lodges under Dispensation in this Province, one lodge, Pyramid Lodge at Lomond surrendered its Charter during the year. 132 chartered Lodges and 2 Lodges under Dispensation were represented at Grand Lodge, there being 436 members present with a total of 600 votes, there was also 40 Master Masons present, this attendance is slightly lower than last year. During the year there were 843 initiations being 48 more than last year, making a net increase in membership of 460, our total membership as at December 31st, 1953, being 17,012, this is the first time our membership has exceeded 17,000 members. Fifty Year Jewels were presented to 15 members who have completed 50 years membership in the Craft. Sincere congratulations.

The Grand Lodge of Vienna was accorded fraternal recognition. Eight Grand Lodge Representa-

tives were appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Alberta near other Grand Lodges, namely: The Grand Lodges of Argentine, Arizona, District of Columbia, Minnesota, North Carolina, Panama, Virginia and Washington. Thirteen Grand Representatives were appointed by other Grand Lodges to represent them near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, namely: The Grand Lodges of Alabama, Argentine, Louisiana, Manitoba, Mississippi, Missouri, New South Wales, Panama, Rhode Island, South Australia, South Carolina, Western Australia and the United Grand Lodge of England.

\$9,434.27 was expended for relief purposes during the year by the Board of Benevolence. The M.W. Grand Master, the R.W. Grand Secretary and the Editor of the Bulletin attended the Grand Masters' Conference held in the City of Washington, D.C., and the two first named Grand Lodge Officers attended the Western Canada Conference held at Banff, Alberta. The M.W. Grand Master accompanied by the R.W. Grand Secretary attended all of the Nineteen District Meetings, this is really a task. As usual these District Meetings were interesting and instructive.

The Notice of Motion changing the date of Lodge elections and installations and investitures was passed. No rulings were given by the M.W. Grand Master during the year indicating that Freemasonry in our Province is on a sound basis. The Annual Banquet was held in the Macdonald Hotel on Wednesday evening, the guest speaker being M.W. Brother Laurence Healey, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. His address was enjoyed and appreciated by all whose privilege it was to hear it.

The following were our guests at Grand Lodge this year: M.W. Brother Laurence Healey, P.G.M., R.W. Brother O. H. Nelson, P.D.D.G.M., who was the personal representative of M.W. Brother W. A. Curran, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and W.Bro. J. Cook of Creston, B.C. this brother was formerly a member of our Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 (formerly No. 31) he attended the Convention held in Calgary, Alberta on May 24th, 1905, for the purpose of forming the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Brother Cook is planning on being in attendance at our Fiftieth Anniversary next year. It was indeed a great pleasure to meet this beloved and energetic brother. M.W. Brother Dr. J. R. C. Evans Grand Master and M.W. Brother T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary from Manitoba, M.W. Brother R. L. Hanbidge, Grand Master and M.W. Brother Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary from Saskatchewan and M.W. Brother LeRoy Matson, Grand Master from Minnesota.

The rank of Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was conferred on M.W. Bros. Laurence Healey, Dr. J. R. C. Evans, T. C. Jackson, R. L. Hanbidge, Robt. A. Tate and LeRoy Matson. As a slight token of our great esteem and appreciation for the services rendered over the

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