



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## M. W. Brother Samuel Harris

*I announce with regret that M.W. Bro. Sam Harris has requested that he be not appointed as Editor of our Grand Lodge Bulletin for the ensuing year. Very few realise the immense amount of work M.W. Bro. Harris has put into the Editorship of the Bulletin since he was appointed by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland in 1943—thirteen years of a labour of love that has produced the Bulletin regularly and has provided the Brethren of this jurisdiction and a great many others, with a wealth of information on matters concerning our Craft. Our Bulletin is read in all quarters of the globe and many letters of tribute have been received during recent years.*

*On behalf of the Brethren of this jurisdiction I express appreciation for the effort M.W. Bro. Harris has put forth and for his great interest in the Craft. He is one of the best known Freemasons on this Continent and no one has put more into Freemasonry than M.W. Bro. Sam Harris. I am sure that I echo your sentiments in wishing him many years of relaxation to enjoy the honours he so justly merits.*

*I have invited M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert to assume the duties of Editor of the Bulletin and am very glad to announce that he has accepted. We shall look forward to receiving our copy each month and will all wish M.W. Bro. Heckbert the success his endeavour will undoubtedly deserve.*

Grand Master.

## Message From The New Editor

Time does not permit me to prepare the material for the first issue of Volume 23 and I have therefore requested the Grand Secretary to arrange preparation in his office. I deeply appreciate the confidence placed in me in asking me to assume the Editorship of this important publication and only hope that I shall prove equal to the task. I shall have a message for the next issue.

S. CARL HECKBERT, P.G.M.

## The Grand Master's Itinerary

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|------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Aug. 19-22 | Grand Lodge of Montana.....            | Helena            |
| Sept. 3    | Manyberries Lodge No. 133.....         | Manyberries       |
| Sept. 5-7  | Banff Conference .....                 | Banff             |
| Oct. 7     | Consecration Exemplar Lodge.....       | Edmonton          |
| Oct. 8     | District No. 17 meeting.....           | Holden            |
| Oct. 9     | District No. 10 meeting.....           | Edmonton          |
| Oct. 10    | Excelsior Lodge No. 80.....            | Daysland          |
| Oct. 14    | District No. 19 meeting.....           | Fort Saskatchewan |
| Oct. 16    | District No. 13 meeting.....           | Peace River       |
| Oct. 19    | Coronation Lodge No. 72.....           | Coronation        |
| Oct. 23    | Consecration Foothills Lodge .....     | Calgary           |
| Oct. 24    | District No. 1 meeting.....            | Calgary           |
| Oct. 25    | District No. 6 meeting.....            | Claresholm        |
| Oct. 28    | District No. 3 meeting.....            | Edmonton          |
| Oct. 29    | District No. 12 meeting.....           | Edmonton          |
| Nov. 5     | Gleichen No. 36, 50th Anniversary..... | Gleichen          |
| Nov. 6     | District No. 2 meeting.....            | Medicine Hat      |
| Nov. 7     | District No. 11 meeting.....           | Vulcan            |
| Nov. 12    | District No. 7 meeting.....            | Cardston          |
| Nov. 13    | District No. 8 meeting.....            | Fort Macleod      |
| Nov. 20    | District No. 4 meeting.....            | Lacombe           |
| Nov. 21    | District No. 16 meeting.....           | Drumheller        |
| Nov. 27    | District No. 18 meeting.....           | Calgary           |
| Dec. 3     | Kenilworth Lodge No. 29.....           | Red Deer          |
| Dec. 4     | Camrose Lodge No. 37 .....             | Camrose           |
| Dec. 4     | Fiftieth Anniversary .....             | Camrose           |

## Of Historical Interest

The question has been asked on several occasions recently "What is meant by the A.L. 59." We are indebted to M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the following answer:

Archbishop Ussher of Dublin, made a calculation many years ago by which he decided that the world was created in the year 4004 B.C. Modern chronologers hold that a great many errors were made in his calculations, which he based on the ages of the Patriarchs, such as Methusaleh and others. Some Masonic enthusiasts seized upon this idea to date their documents by adding 4004 years to the Christian era. This was in the period 1860-1875, but it got very confusing and in the end most of them adopted the idea of adding only 4000 years to the Christian era. When used it generally followed the date A.D. or Anno Domini and is preceded by the letters A.L. or Anno Lucis—"in the year of Light" and refers to the elapsed time since God said "Let there be Light." Masonry continues the practice as a symbol of its antiquity.

## NEW LODGE INSTITUTED

Mosaic Lodge U.D. was instituted by the M.W. The Grand Master in Calgary on June 24, 1957. There are 44 Charter members including M.W. Bro. W. Ireland, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. J. H. Jordan, P.D.D.G.M. They will meet in Crescent Lodge Hall on Sixteenth Ave. N.W. and will practice the Ancient York Rite. W. Bro. T. A. Pruett is the first Worshipful Master and the Lodge is in District 18. All members of the Jurisdiction will wish Mosaic Lodge success. There are now fifteen lodges in Calgary.

## Masonic Ceremonies

We have often been questioned as to the origin of the Ancient York Rite. Since the Authorised Work practiced in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is the basis on which the Ancient York Rite Ritual of this Jurisdiction is founded the following brief comment by M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris on the origin is interesting:

At one time there were two Grand Lodges in England, one founded in 1717 and the other founded in 1751, calling themselves the "Ancients" and designating their older rivals as "Moderns." The work of the Ancients was generally known as the Ancient York Rite. It was more popular in the North American Colonies and became the basis of some twenty or more versions practiced in the U.S.A. today. In 1814 the two rival Grand Lodges united to form the United Grand Lodge of England. While there is no official work authorised by it, the Emulation Working is used by 90% of its Lodges and is the basis of the Canadian Rite as used in Ontario (and Alberta). The basic legend of the Emulation Work is the same as the Ancient York Rite and the signs, grips and passwords are almost the same. Two of our Nova Scotia Lodges are authorised to use the Emulation Work, while the only work authorised for use by the other Lodges in the Ancient York Rite as printed and published by the Grand Lodge. It is based on the version authorised by the Grand Lodge of New York and is, in all essentials, the same as all other versions of the Ancient York Rite.

### MASTERS', WARDENS' AND DEACONS' ASSOCIATION, EDMONTON

The above Association, formed from the Officers of all the City of Edmonton Lodges, arranges for Hospital visits and will be happy to welcome any out of town members. Secretaries of Lodges should advise if any members are in hospital. The Secretary Treasurer is Bro. D. C. Deane, 14351 - 92A Avenue, Edmonton. Telephone 883671.

### MASTERS' AND WARDENS' ASSOCIATION CALGARY

The Secretary of the Calgary Association is Bro. R. M. Holmes, 5911 Centre Street North, Calgary. Telephone 7-3500. They, too, will be glad to welcome out of town members and hospital visiting is arranged by V.W. Bro. W. C. McRoberts, 2734 - 14th Street S.W., Calgary.

## THE PREPARATION ROOM

This article by Robert W. Tarbell is taken from  
the Wisconsin Freemason

"As soon as my house is paid for I am going to join the Masons." Did you ever hear it said? Most of us have, and we have wondered just what to say or do. Was the man in earnest? Did he understand the import of his remark? Would he change his statement later, after mature thought and experience? What should you and I do when we hear a man speak in that manner? These are all questions that may enter the mind of a Mason as he listens to those uninformed in the philosophy of the craft. It is quite natural to talk that way.

Masonic membership should not be taken lightly. It is not a bizarre attraction, but a fraternity in which a member is expected to give much thought. This contemplation should precede any announcement on the part of the petitioner that he plans such a move. In silence he should meditate on the problem, seeking advice from others on general aspects of the fraternity and what membership may mean in his own life. This is a part of the preparatory stage.

The day comes when this man has made his decision and wishes to join a lodge. He approaches a Mason, probably an acquaintance, and asks for an application blank. This is his first definite step and may be of momentous significance. Filling in the information provides food for thought, and the petitioner continues to meditate.

The lodge investigates a petitioner with care, seeking to know about his motives, his personality, his character. It should be said in all fairness that the Masonic fraternity does elect people to reform them, but does look upon the true worth of petitioners to discover, if possible the qualities that may make a strong Mason. On this basis some men are rejected. If the petitioner is elected he will be duly notified and will be informed when to appear to receive the Entered Apprentice degree. Every Mason will remember the thrill that he felt upon receiving the notice of his election.

The candidate arrives at the lodge with his notice and waits patiently to be taken in hand. Presently an officer of the lodge, accompanied by the secretary, approaches him. They introduce themselves and explain their business. The decorum of these officers and the manner in which they explain their mission may create a mind set with the petitioner that will never be erased. These initial contacts may be cheap and commonplace, or they may be serious and impressive in fine quality. The preparatory steps, however performed, are very important. It has been often said that first impressions are permanent.

Next we come to the impressive phases of the ritual. We may discuss this a bit because it, too, is preparatory to the great experience of being

### M.W. BRO. CARL H. CLAUDY

The Brethren of this Jurisdiction will learn with great regret of the passing of M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy on May 27, 1957. M.W. Bro. Claudy was Grand Master of the District of Columbia in 1943 and had been Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association for many years. He was best known as an author whose writings greatly enlightened the Brethren who took the time to read. He was an outstanding Masonic scholar.

a Mason and to the part that the petitioner will be expected to play in the years to come. Many of us have marveled at the truths revealed to the candidate as he proceeds through the three degrees. We find ourselves in memory walking with the candidate, having the same great experiences again, feeling a fraternal kinship with his new brother. We are all responsible for the preparatory stages.

Masonry is an ancient and honorable institution, founded on the Bible, and inculcates the loftiest and holiest principles. These ideals should be impressed upon the candidate from his first contact on through until he attains the sublime degree of Master Mason. There is no place for levity. Every officer, from Tyler to Master, has a part to play. Committee members, posters, those on the side lines, are all contributing. In this sense every Mason is in the preparation room.

### IN YOUR HANDS

The reputation of the fraternity to a greater or lesser degree is in the keeping of each member. It is within the power of every Mason to glorify or nullify the institution. The public never reads Masonic books nor Masonic philosophy. Its idea of the fraternity is not well defined, and sole basis of judgment it falls back upon is the character of the men who are supposed to exemplify its teachings.

—The New Mexico Freemason.

I believe that the place in which I live, while I live in it, is for me the best place in the world and that as it gives me the best that it has it deserves from me, in return, the best that I can give it.

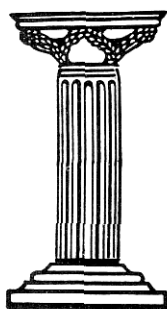
Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk;  
Don't think of your worries, but think of your work.  
The worries will vanish, the work will be done,  
For none sees his shadow whilst facing the sun.

### BETWEEN THE PILLARS

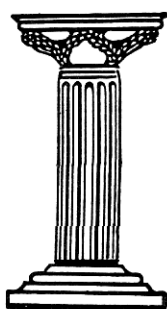
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Auditorium were made and whilst some thought that it was a little large, members felt that the comfortable seats, large lobbies and ample parking space overcame all possible objections.

E. H. RIVERS,  
Grand Secretary.



# Between the Pillars



## GRAND LODGE - 1957

The Fifty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the new Jubilee Auditorium at Calgary on June 12 and 13, 1957, being presided over by M.W. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard. Five hundred and eighty-two members registered and fifty-seven Master Masons with a total voting strength of 717. Twenty Lodges were not represented. The greetings of the City of Calgary were brought by Alderman J. D. Macdonald on behalf of the Mayor, who was in Eastern Canada, and the following distinguished visitors were received. M.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Grand Master and M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary of Manitoba; M.W. Bro. R. C. Hodsman, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. T. R. Luke, Deputy Grand Master of Saskatchewan; M.W. Bro. P. W. Doles, Past Grand Master and R.W. Bro. F. E. Van Demark, Senior Grand Deacon of Montana, and R.W. Bro. John A. Barner, Deputy Grand Master of North Dakota.

Full reports of the year's work and plans for the future were presented by the various committees and were approved by the Brethren. Of the committee reports the most interesting was that of the Committee on Scholarships and a good discussion took place. The committee recommended that a system of Bursaries be set up and that a fund of \$2,000.00 be established immediately, that a new committee should be appointed or elected to draw up regulations to govern under the title Higher Education Committee. The title Bursaries was preferred to Scholarships as it would enable the committee to give assistance to good students who were not able to sit for the many scholarships now available. Many Brethren took part in the discussion and the report was adopted without a dissenting vote. The Grand Master has appointed the new committee.

The Constitution was amended to provide for Grand Lodge to meet in Lethbridge in 1959 instead of in Calgary, it was also amended to prohibit more than five Brethren being passed to the F.C. Degree or raised to the M.M. Degree on one day. Previously the section only limited Initiations.

A resolution that was approved calls for the Civic and Masonic biographical particulars of all candidates for the office of Junior Grand Warden to be sent to all Lodges with the notice calling Grand Lodge and list of nominees for elective offices. Other resolutions that were approved give concurrent jurisdiction to Diamond City Lodge No. 65 with City of Lethbridge Lodges and Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 with Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105.

There are now 160 Chartered Lodges in the Jurisdiction with two under Dispensation. Jubilee Lodge No. 173 was Chartered during the year and Foothills Lodge, Calgary, and Exemplar Lodge, Edmonton, received their Charters at this meeting and will be Constituted and Consecrated in the fall. At December 31, 1956, membership was 18,049. There were 670 initiates during the year and 293 passed beyond the veil. A net increase of 327 was shown. Only 26 Lodges have a membership in excess of 200 with two over the 400 mark. An analysis of the membership figures will be found in the Grand Secretary's report.

Thirty-nine Fifty-Year Jewels were presented during the year to veteran members of the Jurisdiction and three Sixty-Year Bars. One Seventy Year Bar was presented by Robert Burns Lodge No. 49 to R.W. Bro. James McNaughton, the presentation being arranged in our behalf by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as R.W. Bro. McNaughton now resides there.

The Committee on Finance presented a detailed report of the year's operations and recommended that the General Liability Insurance policy due to expire July 5, be renewed to cover all Lodges in the Jurisdiction and that Grand Lodge pay the premium. The committee felt that the modest profit on the handling of Regalia by Grand Lodge would provide the funds for this to be done. Provision was also made for Lodges to be supplied, free of charge, with the List of Regular Lodges (Directory). The report was approved.

At the banquet a most inspiring address on "THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING" was delivered by Bro. the Rev. A. G. S. Edworthy of Acacia No. 11. Music was provided by the Al Azhar Salon Orchestra directed by Bro. Bob Ingles and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The Masters and Wardens of Calgary entertained all members following the banquet.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the United Grand Lodge of Germany and representatives be exchanged. This was approved. Two new Grand Representatives were appointed during the year.

The following Grand Lodge officers, having been duly elected or appointed for the year 1957-1958, were installed and invested by M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M., assisted by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard and M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson.

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| Grand Master                 | M.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan (86)             | Blairmore  |
| Deputy Grand Master          | R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen (74)            | Vulcan     |
| Senior Grand Warden          | R.W. Bro. D. Little (7)                 | Edmonton   |
| Junior Grand Warden          | R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134)            | Calgary    |
| Grand Treasurer              | R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling (9)             | Calgary    |
| Grand Secretary              | R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51)             | Calgary    |
| Grand Registrar              | R.W. Bro. T. B. Donald (59)             | Calgary    |
| Grand Chaplain               | R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon W. H. Morgan (165) | Calgary    |
| Senior Grand Deacon          | V.W. Bro. R. B. Burgman (86)            | Blairmore  |
| Junior Grand Deacon          | V.W. Bro. L. G. Sitters (18)            | Ponoka     |
| Grand Director of Ceremonies | V.W. Bro. J. T. Clarke (173)            | Calgary    |
| V.W. Grand Organist          | Bro. P. J. Delicate (77)                | Edmonton   |
| Grand Pursuivant             | V.W. Bro. T. G. Millar (134)            | Calgary    |
| Grand Steward                | V.W. Bro. E. G. Tyson (33)              | Staveland  |
|                              | V.W. Bro. J. Shennan (43)               | Killam     |
|                              | V.W. Bro. L. E. Newby (73)              | Brooks     |
|                              | V.W. Bro. C. L. Johnson (89)            | Grimshaw   |
|                              | V.W. Bro. S. J. Garret (107)            | Carbon     |
|                              | V.W. Bro. C. Wilbraham (144)            | Wainwright |
| Grand Tyler                  | V.W. Bro. F. J. Pearce (137)            | Calgary    |

Many favourable comments on the luxurious and spacious surroundings of the new Jubilee

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