



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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Alberta Grand Lodge Officers, 1958 - 59



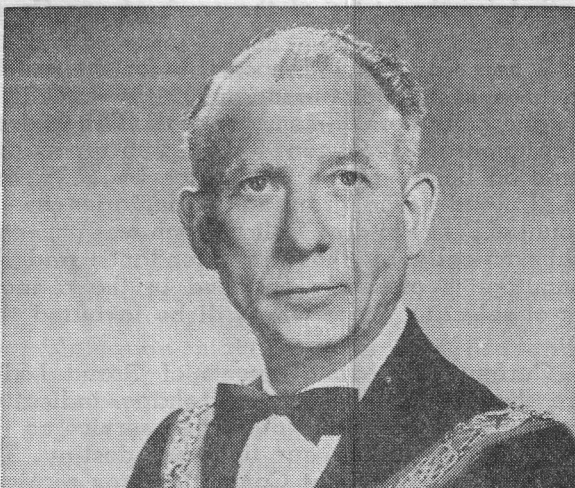
M.W. Bro. DONALD DELMAR McQUEEN

Born Deloraine, Manitoba, April 17th, 1895.
Initiated Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, January 2nd, 1928.
W.M. Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, 1943.
D.D.G.M. District No. 11, 1948 and 1953.
GRAND MASTER 1958 - 1959.



R.W. Bro. DAVID LITTLE

Born Edmonton, Alberta, October 20th, 1894.
Initiated Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, September 23rd, 1930.
W.M. Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, 1946.
Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1951.
Deputy Grand Master, 1958 - 59.



R.W. Bro. WILLIAM HENDERSON HARPER

Born Portsoy, Scotland, September 30th, 1898.
Initiated Lodge Renfrew, No. 134, September 22nd, 1930.
W.M. Lodge Renfrew, No. 134, 1940.
Grand Steward, 1946; Grand Registrar, 1953.
Senior Grand Warden, 1958 - 59.



R.W. Bro. MORLEY GEORGE MERNER

Born Wetaskiwin, Alberta, April 5th, 1911.
Initiated Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, March 15th, 1934.
W.M. Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, 1940.
D.D.G.M. District No. 3, 1957 - 58.
Junior Grand Warden, 1958 - 59.

1958 Grand Lodge Communication in Pleasing Setting

The 1958 communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was held in the fine Jubilee Auditorium in the capital city of Edmonton on June 11th and 12th and all who attended were enthusiastic, not only with respect to the beautifully appointed building, but also as regards the volume of work accomplished by the representatives of the constituent lodges assembled for the annual general meeting.

The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan presided over all sessions and with the well organized programme, prepared in advance of the meeting, all the work was completed on schedule.

The address of the Grand Master, summarizing as it did the work of the year just closing, was well received. The address, having been printed for later distribution to all Lodges through the medium of the annual Proceedings, is well worth the study of the membership in general and need not be discussed in any detail at this time. M.W. Bro. Bannan commented feelingly on the passing of more than 300 members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction during the year, but pointed out that a net gain in membership had brought the total enrollment to 18,356.

The Grand Master outlined quite extensively visits made throughout the Grand Jurisdiction for the purpose of attending the nineteen District Meetings and a number of special occasions, including several Fiftieth Anniversaries. He drew attention to the fact that three Lodges had been instituted, Mosaic and Jordan Lodges in Calgary and Hinton Lodge in the new pulp mill town of Hinton, all three now working Under Dispensation. Congratulations were extended to Exemplar Lodge No. 175, Edmonton and Foothills Lodge No. 174, Calgary on their consecration during the year.

Visits to other Grand Jurisdictions were touched upon and altogether the resume of the year's work was a revealing one indeed; conferences at Washington, D.C. and the more restricted gathering at Banff were summarized for the benefit of those present.

In the main, dispensations granted during the year followed a fairly well established pattern and it is interesting to note that a number of the dispensations requested by Lodges had to be refused on the grounds that they would not, in the opinion of the Grand Master and his advisers, be altogether in the best interests of the Craft in general. A study of the refusals lead one to believe that the grand Master had given the most searching consideration to all requests, and few would disagree, for instance, with his refusal of a request to permit the raising of six candidates at one time, or his inability to acquiesce to a request that a proposed applicant, formerly a temporary resident of the Province, but now spending his time in business in other Provinces, be accepted for membership in this Grand Jurisdiction. Several other refused requests would appear to have been entirely justified.

M.W. Bro. Bannan touched briefly on many subjects of interest to the membership and extended congratulations to those who had achieved the dignity of long adherence to the principles and privileges of the Craft. He expressed a regret that was general throughout the Grand Jurisdiction in connection with M.W. Bro. Sam Harris' retirement as Editor of the Bulletin, a post in which he had rendered distinguished service over a long period of time.

The work of the various Committees of Grand Lodge was lauded by the Grand Master and he conveyed the thanks of the Grand Lodge to those who had rendered such faithful service in the interests of Freemasonry. It is to be hoped that every Lodge in Alberta will take advantage of the opportunity to study the report of the chief officer during the coming fall and winter months.

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented written reports of their stewardship in the year just past and these papers were systematized in exemplary fashion by R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen, Deputy Grand Master in a comprehensive review of the condition of Masonry in Alberta.

The report of the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers and that of M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Chairman of Finance, embraced the practical side of the operation of an extensive and growing Grand Lodge and there is no question but that our membership has been well served by those charged with the responsibility of the conduct of the business of Grand Lodge. The Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of the respective committees are also deserving of the thanks of the membership at large for their ardent devotion to the duties imposed upon them in the course of their service. Each individual report contains much that is of interest and of value and it is hoped that the subject matter will not be overlooked in the hours detailed for the study of the work of our Grand Lodge.

A new Committee, responsible for the institution of a system of bursaries for the benefit of sons and daughters of members of the Order, drew much favourable comment for the fine report presented on behalf of the Committee by M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland. The granting of bursaries in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars each was accepted enthusiastically by those in attendance and the Committee is presently engaged in the arduous task of selecting those who will be favoured this year.

Current and capital assets of Grand Lodge were shown to be in excellent shape, indicating careful management and dedicated service on the part of those guiding our financial destiny. The report of the Benevolent Committee was received with satisfaction in the knowledge that members or their dependents who face necessitous circumstances may find a measure of assistance readily available.

The Annual Banquet was held in the Macdonald Hotel and was well attended, R.W. Bro.

Harper was Toastmaster and the Guest Speaker was Bro. Mr. Justice M. M. Porter. Musical entertainment by Bro. Arne Dahl of Camrose No. 37, accompanied by W. Bro. R. C. Hugh, was much enjoyed.

The ceremony of Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture of the other Officers was presided over by M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson, P.G.M., on June 12, he was assisted by several Past Grand Masters and, although the business of Grand Lodge had been completed, many remained to witness this important ceremony and give inspiration to those assuming the responsible tasks for the ensuing year. M.W. Bro. McQueen and his officers can indeed enter upon their year of office with the knowledge that the members of this Jurisdiction will support them in their undertakings. The following is a complete list of Officers and Boards for the year.

M.W. Bro. Donald D. McQueen	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. Little	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. B. Coates	D.D.G.M. District No. 1
R.W. Bro. J. A. McKay	D.D.G.M. District No. 2
R.W. Bro. R. E. Towns	D.D.G.M. District No. 3
R.W. Bro. H. J. West	D.D.G.M. District No. 4
R.W. Bro. D. M. Cameron	D.D.G.M. District No. 5
R.W. Bro. H. Gray	D.D.G.M. District No. 6
R.W. Bro. A. W. Rider	D.D.G.M. District No. 7
R.W. Bro. A. B. McMurdo	D.D.G.M. District No. 8
R.W. Bro. R. H. Irving	D.D.G.M. District No. 9
R.W. Bro. R. E. Beattie	D.D.G.M. District No. 10

R.W. Bro. A. McLean	D.D.G.M. District No. 11
R.W. Bro. R. T. Martins	D.D.G.M. District No. 12
R.W. Bro. W. J. N. Leslie	D.D.G.M. District No. 13
R.W. Bro. W. S. Cummings	D.D.G.M. District No. 14
R.W. Bro. A. C. Bates	D.D.G.M. District No. 15
R.W. Bro. E. J. Bell	D.D.G.M. District No. 16
R.W. Bro. W. A. Swift	D.D.G.M. District No. 17
R.W. Bro. H. D. Fawcett	D.D.G.M. District No. 18
R.W. Bro. G. Johnson	D.D.G.M. District No. 19
V.W. Bro. J. G. McNiven	Grand Masters rep. N.W.T.
R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. M. G. Merner	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. D. McAllister	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Collett	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. J. F. Leach	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. R. Ford	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. C. C. Simpson	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. R. C. Hugh	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. A. Wilkie	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. J. C. Jackson	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. R. S. Young	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. L. Crawshaw	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Fred Ramsey	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. R. Steel	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. G. E. Baines	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. F. J. Pearce	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

M.W. Bro. W. Ireland	President
V.W. Bro. S. P. Bird	Vice-President
M.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. Little	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling	Grand Treasurer

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EDITORIAL

UNBELIEVABLE as it may seem it has recently come to light that an applicant for membership in a Lodge operating under the Grand Lodge of Alberta was accepted and the First Degree conferred upon him after which it was found that he had been accused and proven guilty of more than one offence under the Criminal Code of Canada within a comparatively short time prior to his acceptance.

It is evident from this fact, that the sponsors and members of the Investigating Committee had erred in serious measure and there is little doubt but that the blame which they will take upon themselves will cause them unhappy moments. There is little use of recrimination at this late date, but it is imperative that the incident serve as a warning against careless methods of investigation in the future.

The proper investigation of petitioners for membership in Masonic Lodges is a subject which might well be discussed when opportunity presents itself, so that members who may find themselves charged with the responsibility of selection and recommendation might be more fully acquainted with the responsibilities which devolve upon those named to perform this important Masonic duty.

It is an honor to be chosen to act as a member of a group named to conduct an investigation of a petitioner and the honor carries with it a parallel duty. The task is one that should not be taken lightly and a mere casual enquiry is not, by any means, sufficient to insure that only good men and true are accepted for membership.

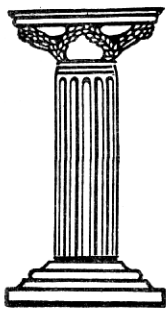
There are cases on record where a member of an investigating committee has been heard to

remark, "I am not altogether satisfied with the record of the applicant upon whose character we have been asked to report, but I feel that he will be stopped at the ballot box and therefore I am not prepared to subscribe to an adverse report." This line of thought is an entirely unacceptable one and certainly cannot work in the best interests of the Lodge; the onus placed upon committee members is a grave one, indeed, and no member can justify the weak approach to so vital a matter as the selection of the material that will go to build for the future.

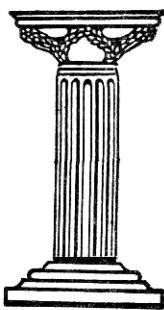
The more serious aspects of investigation are not as noticeable when the petitioner has been a resident of the area in which the application is made and is well known to the membership in general, but when the residence period is a short one too great care cannot be taken for the most searching investigation. Perhaps in these days there would appear to be some desire to make too great haste in the report and the actual acceptance of a candidate by our members. Few men apply for membership immediately they reach their majority and certainly the delay necessary for proper and careful investigation is not a matter of importance in any sense of the word.

There are ample ways of obtaining adequate and entirely authentic information regarding the character of an applicant for membership and none but the most painstaking effort on the part of the committee should be acceptable either to the members of the reporting group or the membership at large. Work on an investigating committee is a solemn duty that requires faithful performance.

S. C. H.



Between the Pillars



BUILDING MEMBERSHIP

Every lodge has a duty to itself to maintain its membership and if at all possible to add more members and encourage the establishment of new lodges within the district. This is the duty of self-preservation because no lodge can expect to thrive and flourish unless membership is kept at a high level. The lodge membership is like the profit ledger of a business establishment. A lodge which falls down on membership is like a business which falls down on profits. Neither can expect to grow into a strong sturdy institution.

One of the troubles in the average lodge is similar to a trouble which often causes a business to fold. This is the desire of every man who makes business his career to be an executive. I have heard an executive defined as a man who comes to work at 10 o'clock and finds a molehill on his desk. He spends the rest of the day until 4 o'clock making a mountain out of that molehill. Business executives of this type soon run the business into the ground. Lodge members who desire to be the executives of their lodge in the sense that they come prepared to make a mountain out of a molehill and never engage in any useful work or activities, help to run their lodge to the ground. If there is a dropping off of membership within a lodge the trouble may often be diagnosed as too many would-be executives among the membership.

Every effort should be made to increase membership as a sign of life and growth. We know that all things on this earth go through a period of growth and development until they reach a highest point. At this point deterioration sets in and decline begins. This decline eventually results in death. The rule of life is just as true for a lodge organization as it is for a human being, an animal of the forest or one of our giant trees which stands for hundreds of years. When growth stops, the decline begins.

The only way we know if our lodge is going forward and growing or standing still and beginning to go downhill is by watching the total of membership. If we keep getting members we keep growing. If the total of our membership declines this is a pretty good indication that we have reached the peak of our development and are on the way downhill.

It is also a pretty good indication that our lodge has a great many lazy members who do not take the time to hold up to others the advantages

and benefits which they may obtain from membership. They are like the lazy television comedian who just holds up his joke book before the camera. He doesn't want to do the work of putting his act across.

Many of our lodge members are equally lazy and do not want to perform the work and duties necessary to put their organization across.

A lodge just doesn't grow by itself like a weed in the ground. It needs the cultivation and care by those who want to see it flourish. In this lodge are men who know the community well enough to be able to recommend for membership many who are not now affiliated or are not members of the Masonic Order. They should make use of this knowledge and contribute something of real value to their lodge by helping to increase the membership and build for the future.

W. H. HARPER,
Senior Grand Warden.

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- R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers Grand Secretary
- M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming Chairman, Finance
- M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard
- R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie
- R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan
- V.W. Bro. G. W. Skene
- V.W. Bro. J. T. Clarke
- W. Bro. P. J. Timms

HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE

- M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard Chairman
- M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith
- M.W. Bro. W. Ireland
- R.W. Bro. F. R. Millican
- R.W. Bro. L. O. Sanders
- V.W. Bro. K. J. Morrison

Committee on the Work

- M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith Chairman
- R.W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone
- R.W. Bro. F. Parker
- R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers

Editor of the Bulletin

- M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert

Board of General Purposes

- R.W. Bro. D. Little, D.M.G. President
- R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper Vice-President
- R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers Secretary

The Grand Master and All Past Grand Masters

- R.W. Bro. M. G. Merner Junior Grand Warden
- R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling Grand Treasurer
- R.W. W. D. McAllister Grand Registrar
- W. Bro. R. W. Austin
- R.W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery
- R.W. Bro. R. F. Lawrence
- W. Bro. T. O. A. West
- W. Bro. B. Brown
- R.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin
- R.W. Bro. A. J. C. Lauder
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- R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith
- R.W. Bro. W. A. Noble

Our Editor, M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert, sailed for England August 5th and will extend his visit to Ireland, Scotland and Continental Europe before returning home in October. Our best wishes to M.W. Bro. Heckbert and Mrs. Heckbert and we hope they will greatly enjoy the trip and have a well earned rest.

E. H. R.