



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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The Front Page

Have you ever been in the position of having to produce a paper by a given date and of having to find material suitable for publication? If not, you doubtless will not have given the question much thought but, if you have, you will know the many problems that beset the one charged with the responsibility. What type of a paper should this month's Bulletin have? What message can be given to the Brethren? Remember, all members get their Bulletin with their Notice, it is the only means of reaching each and every member of the Jurisdiction, the message is not dependent on his being at Lodge to hear it, it goes directly to the individual in a private envelope and he can read it in the privacy of his own home. Is it read? The Editor often receives comment and sometimes receives some suggestion—also criticism—this is heartening as it is proof that his effort is worth while.

At this season of the year nearly all Lodges are well organized for the winter's activities, plans have been made for receiving those who have petitioned for membership and plans have also, we hope, been laid for the instruction not only of those who have petitioned for membership but those who have been members for any number of years. There is no doubt, whatsoever, that the most studious member amongst us can, if he so desires, daily increase his knowledge of the Art. None of us can acquire all the knowledge we desire.

Over the Centuries a very great deal has been written about the Craft, many of the most learned scholars differ in their views of the legends that have been handed down to us, all Masonic Libraries have books that have been written in the most convincing style, but it is for the modern student to gather the information that is available to him and form his own opinions. Some of the records that are now available may not have been available to the writer of a book a century ago, let us take nothing for granted but pursue our studies and seek out the knowledge that is there for our use.

'The Front Page' this month, Brethren is a challenge to you to be an active Freemason, make your daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, attend your Lodge, that Temple of Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love referred to by our Grand Master last month. You will notice else-

where in this issue that our numbers are steadily growing, our opportunities for the performing of good deeds thereby increase, can we accept these opportunities and make our presence felt for the good of mankind? We can if we do what we have promised to do!

Much has been written in recent years of the Youth of Today, where is Freemasonry's appeal to youth? Many have said that Freemasonry is for the older men and there is nothing to occupy the mind of a young man. Freemasonry is for **MATURE** men, men who are prepared to think. Age does not control that and were it not for the mature young men joining our ranks and carrying the torch for good, where would we be today? We find that those mature young men give our organization an analytical examination to determine if it can give them the opportunities they desire—are we afraid of this approach? Freemasonry over the centuries has stood up to any such examination and there is the strength of the Order. The Principles that have stood the test of time in foul weather and in fair will stand us in good stead, we must be sure we, in our time, do nothing to mar their lustre. Let those who seek to join our ranks seek information, our members should give them all the facts that can be permitted.

When in due time these young men present themselves it is up to the Officers of the Lodge and particularly the sponsors to see that they are adequately instructed as they progress through the degrees and then, I believe this to be the most important period, provide guidance for their further education, they should not be left to seek it alone. How can one who has just become a member know the road he should take to acquire the knowledge he seeks? The leadership should be provided by the Officers of the Lodge. Don't just mail him the Grand Lodge certificate that he has earned, tell him what it means. The newly made Master Mason cannot be expected to know that the Certificate is in English and Latin because Latin was once a universal language, he cannot be expected to recognize the reference to the Worshipful Master and his two Wardens in the three Pillars. He will of course recognize the Volume of the Sacred Law but the other emblems displayed thereon will be of great interest to

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Fifty Year Jewels

Presented In Perfection Lodge No. 9

It is quite an event in the life of a Lodge when one of its members is presented with a Fifty Year jewel, to have twelve members eligible is indeed a memorable occasion and such was the case when Perfection Lodge No. 9 in Calgary at their meeting on June 17th, 1958 made arrangements to present twelve of their members with the Fifty Year jewel of this Jurisdiction. The following were present:—

Bro. Ludwig Stewart Mackid
 Bro. George Thomas Henderson
 Bro. John Edgerton McComb
 Bro. Joseph Mariner Fryers
 Bro. David Ernest Black
 Bro. Edgar Farren

V.W., Bro. Edward James Kibblewhite
 W. Bro. Thomas George Whitehair

Bro. Fryers travelled from Vancouver, Bro. Kibblewhite from Winnipeg and Bro. Whitehair from Olds to attend. The following Brethren were unable to be at the meeting and arrangements have been made for the jewels to be presented to them:—

Bro. William Barclay Pitfield—Edmonton
 Bro. William John Hill—Regina
 Bro. Lovell Steele Murdock—Cranbrook
 Bro. William Alexander Groves, who resides in Calgary. These Brethren expressed their keen regret at not being able to be present and sent best wishes.

Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m., the Toastmaster being W. Bro. O. H. E. Might. The Toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. C. F. C. Davis and replied to by R. W. Bro. W. B. Coates, D. D. G. M. of District No. 1, representing the Grand Master (who was attending the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon). The toast to the Fifty Year members was proposed by Bro. C. S. Evins and replied to be Bro. D. E. Black, who has taken an active interest in the Lodge and has been a prominent business man in Calgary for a great many years. Bro. Black's reminiscences proved the highlight of the evening.

In the Lodge after the regular business, the distinguished Brethren were presented with their Jewels by eight senior Past Masters of the Lodge. W. Bro. Whitehair, being the senior Past Master, received his Jewel from V.W. Bro. T. M. Allen, who was his Senior Warden in 1915. A special effort had been made to contact all members over 70 years of age and pick them up, this resulted in a good attendance and a real 'Old Timers' night, it was generally conceded to be one of the most successful meetings of Perfection Lodge.

Submitted by W. Bro. G. H. BENOY,
 Worshipful Master Perfection Lodge No. 9

Mosaic Lodge No. 176

The Worshipful Masters of the fifteen Calgary Lodges together with some two hundred brethren, attended the Constitution and Consecration of Mosaic Lodge No. 176 in Calgary on Friday, September 12th, 1958. M.W. Bro. Donald D. McQueen presided and there was a good attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, past and present. Many travelled a considerable distance to be present and support the Grand Master in the carrying out of the ancient ceremonies.

Forty-four Brethren signed the petition for Mosaic Lodge and the Institution ceremony was performed by M.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan on June 24th, 1957. The Lodge has been active and with Affiliations and Initiations now have 68 members. They practice the Ancient York Rite and meet in Crescent Lodge Hall on the North Hill in Calgary. W. Bro. T. A. Pruett is the first Worshipful Master and it is interesting to note that at the Installation ceremony, which followed the Constitution and Consecration, Bro. Pruett was placed in the Masters Chair by R.W. Bro. L. Nicoll of King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane. R.W. Bro. Nicoll Initiated Passed and Raised Bro. Pruett and also placed him in the Masters Chair in King Solomon Lodge No. 41 in 1955. The Secretary of the Lodge is Bro. A. P. Newall.

The Lodges of the City of Calgary and many Brethren have been generous in presenting different items of furniture and Regalia to Mosaic Lodge and at the conclusion of the Installation and Investiture of Officers the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. the Rev. W. J. Collett, dedicated the gifts.

Our Editor, at the time of the preparation of this issue, is continuing his travels in Europe and was to be in Rome, September 18th. We have not received any message for publication as yet and will look forward with great interest to the story of his visits on his return, which it is hoped will be in good time to prepare the Christmas issue.

DID YOU KNOW:

That Alberta is the third largest Masonic Jurisdiction in Canada and follows Ontario and British Columbia?

THAT there are more than a quarter of a million Freemasons in Canada?

THAT at June 30th 1958 there are 18,736 members of 165 Lodges in Alberta and that 451 M.M. Degrees were conferred during first half of the year?

THAT the Grand Lodge Bulletin is mailed to all Grand Representatives of our Jurisdiction?

There is only one power, conscience in the service of justice; there is only one glory, genius in the service of truth.

—Victor Hugo.

Banff Conference - 1958

The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the Four Western Masonic Jurisdictions was held at Banff, Alberta on September 4th, 5th and 6th, 1958. The President, M.W. Bro. C. A. Green P.G.M. British Columbia presided, the following were in attendance:

British Columbia; M.W. Bro. K. Reid, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. A. R. Howard, D.G.M., R.W. Bro. C. G. McMynn, S.G.W., M.W. Bro. C. A. Green, P.G.M. Manitoba; M.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. D. Runions, D.G.M., M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Saskatchewan; M.W. Bro. R. Mayson, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. Herman, D.G.M., M.W. Bro. T. R. Luke, P.G.M., M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. L. H. Bergstrom, S.G.W.

Alberta; M.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. D. Little, D.G.M., M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, P.G.M., M.W. Bro. L. W. Bond, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper, S.G.W., R.W. Bro. M. G. Merner, J.G.W., R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary.

M.W. Bro. L. C. Mensing, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. J. A. Jameson, Grand Secretary of North Dakota visited and were the only representatives from south of the border.

On the evening of September 4th W. Bro. J. Tweedley, Worshipful Master of Cascade Lodge No. 5, who was accompanied by a number of members of his Lodge and visitors in Banff, welcomed the assembled Brethren to Banff and to the Cascade Lodge Hall, which has been the scene of the Conference every year. M.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen, welcomed the Brethren to the jurisdiction of Alberta and the President M.W. Bro. C. A. Green opened the Conference. The opening address, entitled 'A Mason explores the Universe' was delivered by W. Bro. Dr. J. A. Pearce, Worshipful Master of St. Andrews Lodge No. 49, Victoria, B.C. W. Bro. Dr. Pearce, for many years Director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory on Little Saanich Mountain near Victoria, B.C., delivered a most interesting address on the wonders of the space surrounding us, illustrated by slides. The heavens in all their glory were truly opened for those privileged to attend and it was pointed out that all studies indicate a well-ordered pattern exists. M.W. Bro. T. R. Luke, Vice President of the Conference extended the thanks of all present.

On September 5th and 6th the following papers were delivered.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?, by R.W. Bro. M. A. R. Howard, D.G.M., B.C. Discussion led by R.W. Bro. M. Herman, D.G.M., Saskatchewan.

WHO ARE FIT AND PROPER PERSONS TO BECOME FREEMASONS?, by R.W. Bro. L. H. Bergstrom, S.G.W., Saskatchewan. Discussion led by R.W. Bro. W. H. Harper, S.G.W., Alberta.

GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUNDS, some aspects of today and tomorrow, by M.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, G.M., Manitoba. Discussion led by R.W. Bro. C. G. McMynn, S.G.W., B.C.

SHOULD WE AS FREEMASONS CONSIDER WIDER FIELDS OF ENDEAVOUR?, by R.

W. Bro. David Little, D.G.M., Alberta. Discussion led by R.W. Bro. W.D.G. Runions, D.G.M. Manitoba.

The Brethren and their ladies were the guests of the Grand Lodge of Alberta at a Banquet in the Mount Royal Hotel on Friday evening and at the conclusion of the Conference the following officers were elected for the year 1959. President, M.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Manitoba, Vice President, R.W. Bro. D. Little, Alberta and Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Alberta.

The following article by the late M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, then the editor of the Bulletin, was printed in the issue of October 1938, Volume 4, No. 2. It is well worthy of our study at this time.

THUMBING A RIDE

If you drive a car you will have observed "ride thumbers" at the street corner, or at the crossroad. Whether you invite them to ride with you is beside the point in this little homily.

The gentlemen "thumbing a ride" are typical of a modern disease, trying to get something for nothing; trying to take a short cut without working for the passage. Some of them are even arrogant enough to consider a refusal an abrogation of their "rights", and are not at all slow in abusing the motorist who ignores them. The shiftlessness and laziness demonstrated in ride-thumbings has found its way into government, economics, science and education, so, it is not at all surprising to find it in Freemasonry.

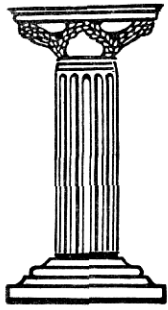
Who is the lad who pays his dues when he is good and ready, regardless of the other fellow paying in advance so that the affairs of the Lodge may be properly financed? Who is the hungry member invariably present at every "fourth degree", or special occasion where food is in evidence at his own Lodge, or his neighbors? Who is the lazy chap who grabs office for the collar, but carefully sees to it that someone else does the work? In every case he is the "ride thumber" and his name is legion.

The old fashioned virtue of working to get anywhere seems, in Freemasonry, to have died the same death it has elsewhere in social life. Presently the supply of "willing horses" will be exhausted. Then what?

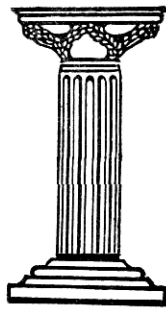
Everyone is willing to help the man who helps himself, but surely we can turn the stony stare on those whose lives are a continual demand upon others.

To demand the Master's Chair without apprenticeship as a Deacon; to leave the burden of work upon the shoulders of the Past Masters, and claim the jewel without the service; to demand the services of the Benevolent Funds without adequate contribution in time of prosperity, or as a right instead of a great privilege; these are "thumbing a ride" in Freemasonry. These are the evidences of the short cutters and the microbes which fall off willing horses.

No free mason is guilty, but we have many ride-thumbings members who know not Freemasonry.



Between the Pillars



If I Were a District Deputy Again

If I were again District Deputy, I should always remember that I was the **Deputy** of the Grand Master. Knowing full well that some District Deputies forget their functions and present purposes, and that some others never learn them, I should adopt as Article 1, Section 1, of my personal by-laws that I would support the Grand Master's policies in every respect, and would place them before the lodges with all the force and sincerity I could muster.

If I were again District Deputy, bearing in mind that some Deputies are little more than phonograph records and monotonously repeat over and over again the same story in the same words, I should study the Grand Master's thoughts so as to become familiar with them from every angle, and should strive to present them in a new and attractive setting at each visitation to a lodge.

If I were again District Deputy, realising that for better or for worse my personality would be stamped upon the Craft of the District during my term of office, I should prepare for each visitation as carefully as a student prepares for scholastic honors. A Deputy once boasted in my presence that when he went to the lodges on his official visits he never gave a thought to his address until he was in the room, and then took his theme from something said in the introduction. What a dismal failure to recognize his duties to his office and to the Craft! But the District did not fail in its prompt appraisal of him as what is commonly called a "lemon".

An address delivered by Robert G. Ingersoll at a centennial celebration, has been called the greatest patriotic oration in any language. That brilliant orator afterwards declared that he had spent twelve years in preparing that address. So a Deputy, however brilliant he may be, can spend time to prepare himself to merit the trust the Grand Master has reposed in him.

If I were again District Deputy, having adopted the foregoing plan of work, I should remember that upon the Grand Master's trestle-board there are two distinct designs, (1) administrative, and (2), broad major policies. Therefore, in the gatherings of the Masters and Wardens which I should call for the purpose, I would enlist their aid as lieutenants in the executive task of accomplishing in their own lodges the Grand Mas-

ter's policies, presenting, myself, to the membership at large at my official visits the broad plans and purposes of the Grand Master, and emphasizing our duty as loyal Masons to support him and the Craft in all laudable undertakings.

If I were Deputy in these unsettled times I should strive on all my visitations to lead the brethren back to a contemplation of the foundation stones of Freemasonry. They were cemented into the Constitutions of 1723 and time cannot displace them.

Since they were placed there, thousands upon thousands of fraternal organizations have been formed among men, only to live awhile and then fall apart and be no more. Freemasonry, however, has gone on and on while these others sped headlong to oblivion.

Why? Because Freemasonry is founded upon the soundest of all philosophies, the Fatherhood of God, a rational patriotism, and loyalty to our fellowmen.

For this reason I should on every visitation lead the brethren to contemplate the three great tenets of Ancient Craft Masonry—our duties to God, to our country and to Freemasonry. A proper understanding of them has breathed into our Craft the breath of life.

—The New York Masonry Outlook

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him. The Master Mason's Certificate carries the particulars of the Brother's admission to the Craft, since the Grand Lodge of England so ordered in 1755 it has carried the Seal of Grand Lodge and the signature of the Grand Secretary, all of which is confirmed by the signature of the individual to whom it is issued. All Worshipful Masters should be sure that this information is given to the new Master Mason and that he is advised what to do with the document.

Brethren we are urged to be leaders in our Communities, every paper written about Freemasonry exhorts us to perform our duty in this world, it was summed up many years ago in these words:—

'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 it deserves from me, in return, the best that I can give it.'

May 'The Front Page' this month give you a little inspiration and lead you to attend your Lodge and make your daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

E. H. RIVERS,
Grand Secretary.

Masonry is regarded as universal because it is broad and tolerant. Any man of any church or creed, who professes a belief in the three landmarks—the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul—is eligible for Masonry, so far as religion is concerned.