



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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M.W. Bro. Wm. Lloyd McPhee

**The Grand Master
of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.**

M.W. Bro. Wm. Lloyd McPhee was born at Long Creek, Prince Edward Island, on January 5, 1902, and five years later moved with his family to Calgary where he still resides.

His Masonic career started in February 1924 when he was initiated into Bow Island Lodge No. 64, situated at Bow Island in southern Alberta. He returned to Calgary in 1927 and affiliated with Perfection Lodge No. 9, and has always taken a keen interest in Masonry.

He served as the W.M. of Perfection Lodge in 1949 and was D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 1 in 1955, in which year he assisted in the formation of Foothills Lodge No. 174 and became a charter member thereof.

One of his earliest recollections and connections with Grand Lodge was made shortly after his being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason when at the Grand Lodge Communication held in the City of Medicine Hat in 1924 he occupied the Chair of the Senior Deacon and gave the Inner Chamber lecture of the Ancient York Rite in the old form.

M.W. Bro. McPhee is a P.T.P.G.M. of the Calgary Lodge of Perfection, a member of the Delta Chapter Rose Croix, serving a number of years as Treasurer of these bodies. He is also a member of the Alberta and South Alberta Consistories and at the present time is 1st Lieutenant Commander of the Southalta Body.

In private life he is married to the former Doris A. Tennant, R.N. and they have four children. He is Treasurer of the Canadian Western Natural Gas Company Limited, on the Board of Governors of Mount Royal College, Director of the Alberta Motor Association, was Treasurer of Wesley United Church and the Home Mission Council Church Extension for seven years, Treasurer of Calgary Wing, Air Cadet League of Canada, since its inception 20 years ago, a member of Noma, and the Society of Industrial Accountants. He belongs to the Glencoe Club and the Petroleum Club.



R.W. Bro. Pryce Jones

There are few lodges in the Northeastern section of Alberta which have not enjoyed visits from that ardent, active and energetic Mason, R.W. Bro. Pryce Jones, whose likeness we show above and who was presented with a jewel noting fifty years of sterling service to Masonry, when Evergreen Lodge No. 166 held an emergent session on April 16th, 1962.

R.W. Bro. Pryce Jones was made a Mason on Dec. 12th, 1911, in Meridian Lodge No. 83 at Macklin, Sask. Moving to Edmonton he affiliated with Strathcona Lodge in 1918 and in the early part of 1921 was the founder of Meridian Lodge No. 129 at Stony Plain, Alberta, of which Lodge he became Worshipful Master on its consecration.

Called to reside in Irma in the conduct of his work he associated himself with Victory Lodge at Jarrow in the latter part of 1922; exercising his flair for organization R.W. Jones organized Gratton Lodge at Irma and was a leading figure at its institution in April, 1925.

Later the same year, on taking up residence in Edmonton, he affiliated with Evergreen Lodge No. 166 and following a further move in 1954 he became a member of Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 and served as D.D.G.M. of District No. 17, in which position he gave leadership that is still recalled with pleasure and satisfaction.

Once again moving to Edmonton, he went back to an old love, Evergreen Lodge, to which splendid Lodge he still owes allegiance. R.W. Bro. Jones in addition to being a Charter Member of Meridian and Gratton Lodge enjoys the distinction of being an Honorary Life Member of each,

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EDITORIAL

As the period of recess for our Lodges ends and the sound of the gavel is once more heard and heeded in Lodges throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, officers and members will return, refreshed and revitalized to once again take up work of spreading the influence of Freemasonry in the hearts of men.

It will be a pleasurable anticipation that will dominate the minds of our membership and the fellowship of our meetings during the coming winter months will doubtless have a noticeable effect upon those to whom the love of Freemasonry is a deeply rooted entity.

Always surmising that officers who have accepted responsibility will do their utmost to meet the demands which must necessarily fall upon them, and accepting without question the fact that members, generally, will give unquestioned support to those on whom they have conferred the honour and duties of office, there should be no reason why the coming Lodge season should not be outstanding in its contribution to the well-being of Masons and those nearest and dearest to them.

More especially to the Worshipful Master, installed in June and, for the first times manifesting his eager desire to serve acceptably in his important office, do we extend our best wishes and, let us hope, our most generous assistance. The pleasure of being Master of a Lodge is a great one, the responsibility, a sobering one indeed, if the Master is to render effective service to his fellows.

On a wall of the beautiful Auditorium building in the City of Edmonton, where we have been pleased to hold our annual communications in alternate years are the words of Suetonius: "He found the city built of brick, he left it built of marble." It is for the Worshipful Master and those named to work in harmony with him, to devote their energies and their abilities to the task they have undertaken, that the bricks may be moulded, refined, turned from mere baked clay to sparkling marble in such fashion that all of the symbolism of Freemasonry will be made to have meaning, that veiled allegories will produce everything that is fine and good, that Freemasonry will advance in the hearts and minds of its members so that charity will always prevail, that friendship and brotherly love will dominate the lives and actions of all proponents of our great Craft and that the three great social treasures, Fraternity, Liberty and Equality may be not words alone, but may be full of real meaning for all who have entered the door of Masonry seeking an opportunity to render themselves more effectively serviceable to their fellow men.

S. C. H.

IMPORTANT EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS

Grand Secretary Rivers announces a number of dates which might well be borne in mind by our membership and further information will be sent out in the not distant future regarding scheduled meetings which will doubtless prove of interest; we are pleased to list the events herein.

August

22 Meeting of District No. 9 at Alix.

Sept.

8 Meeting of District No. 3 at Edson.

19 Meeting District 12 at Jasper Place

26 Constitution and Consecration of Glenbow Lodge No. 184 at Calgary.

27 Meeting of District No. 8 at Hillcrest.

29 Fiftieth Anniversary, Diamond City Lodge No. 65 at Coalhurst.

October

3 Meeting of District No. 10 at Vegreville

17. Meeting of District No. 14 at Delia.

November

29 Meeting of District No. 19 at Edmonton

The probable date for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Connaught Lodge is October 29th, but confirmation will doubtless be available in the near future.

Vulcan Lodge will mark its half century on January 15th, 1963.

BANFF CONFERENCE

The Annual Meeting of the four Western Grand Jurisdictions will be held in Banff on September 6, 7 and 8 and a most interesting programme is in prospect. The conference will be opened by an address by the Rev. George Turpin, Past Grand Chaplain, British Columbia.

Interesting papers will be presented and discussed, leadership being given as indicated.

Masonic Origins in the Mysteries:

Presented by R.W. Bro. Collett, Alberta.

Discussed by R.W. Bro. J. H. McKergow, British Columbia.

An Objective for Freemasonry:

Presented by M.W. Bro. Sherman Dayton, Man.

Discussed by R.W. Bro. Hardin, Alberta.

The Universality of Freemasonry:

Presented by R.W. Bro. Rutter, B.C.

Discussed by R.W. Garland, Sask.

Three, Five and Seven:

Presented by R.W. Bro. Spencer, Sask.

Discussed by representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

All members of the Grand Lodges of Western Canada are eligible to attend and visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions most welcome.

The topics suggested above are certain to bring out much that is informative and of the greatest interest; this general conference is recognized as perhaps the outstanding such event on the North American continent and its deliberations, later to be published and distributed to Lodges, should form the basis for interesting Lodge debate during the coming winter.

Within the Craft in Alberta**THE MAKER OF THE GAVEL**

We are proud indeed to have an opportunity of presenting to our readers Right Worshipful Brother David Dewar Penman, for many years a well known and highly respected citizen of Edmonton, an ardent Mason and a maker of fine gavels. R.W. Bro. Penman was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, in Jan., 1883, and came to Canada as a young man to establish his home. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Patricia Lodge No. 91 in March, 1916, and has ever since been a

keen student of Masonry

and a dedicated proponent of all that is right and good.

"Dave" Penman, as he is so familiarly known to thousands, found on his retirement from active work as an expert craftsman, that his love of good wood and good work remained close to his heart and, as a hobby, he began to make beautiful gavels, exercising the greatest care in the shaping and finishing and literally putting his heart and soul into the production, altogether by his skilful hand, of the finest quality of gavels.

Finding, in due course, that there were gavels to the right of him, gavels to the left of him and gavels all around him, he decided that he would present the gavels to Lodges and to special friends, with the delightful result that today there are Lodges over a widespread area using gavels that came from the hand of David Dewar Penman.

It had been the intention, when this necessarily brief article was begun, to list the Lodges which have been recipients of the beautiful symbols of authority, but the list was found to be so lengthy that this plan was regretfully discarded; more than sixty sets of gavels have been given (and none sold) to Lodges throughout Alberta and elsewhere.

Notable among the presentations made by R.W. Bro. Penman was that of a beautiful set given to the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1928, another set presented to Miramichi Lodge in Chatham, New Brunswick, on the occasion of the celebration of their 100th Anniversary when M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert, an Honorary Life Member of that Lodge journeyed to the Atlantic Province to address the assembly on that historic occasion. In 1961, when R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers

was vacationing in England, he visited Canada Lodge in London, as the members marked their 50th birthday and, through the generosity of R.W. Bro. Penman, was able to present this famous Lodge with a set of beautiful gavels in a handsome case, also the handiwork of R.W. Bro. Penman.

One could go on almost indefinitely to cite unique occasions when gavels from the hand of this Master Craftsman were presented and to outline the most interesting stories in connection with the source of the woods so carefully selected; oak used in the making of the gavels came from Musee Communal, Cambrai, France, from the original Bank of Commerce building in Edmonton, from the old Hudson Bay store, the old Court House and from the Parliament Buildings all in the capital city. With wood carefully chosen for its beautiful grain and worked to a fine finish by loving hands gavels were fashioned and placed in the hands of appreciative Masters and Wardens to be used in guiding the work of the Craft.

Members of the Fraternity in Alberta, in sister Provinces and overseas will long remember the favor and the honor bestowed upon them when they were included among the recipients of gavels from the hand of our beloved Brother who put so much of himself into his dedicated task.

ANNIVERSARIES

During the month of May, 1962, Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge, and Edson Lodge No. 68 celebrated their first half century of activity in their respective communities, while Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15 marked sixty years of sterling service. In each case appropriate Services of Thanksgiving held a prominent place, members and visitors joining in expressing their appreciation for strength and guidance which had been so readily available through the years from a power greater than any earthly source.

M.W. Bro. Morley Merner, the Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Alberta attended each of these important sessions, addressing the respective gatherings in his usual acceptable vein.

Reports of the pleasing meetings were not available for publication in the Bulletin, due to the summer recess, but even at this late date members of the Order throughout the Province will join in extending congratulations for the notable achievement of the aims and objectives of Freemasonry in the communities concerned; all will look forward to greater and greater accomplishment as time goes on.

The Grand Lodge Library in the Masonic Temple, 330 - 12th Ave. S.W., Calgary, will be open each Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 and the Research and Education Committee cordially invite Members to use the plentiful supply of splendid Masonic material.



Between the Pillars

FROM THE QUARRY

By Robert W. Tarbell

PEACE, UNITY AND PLENTY

Paradoxical as it may seem, men are willing to fight for peace. In our most hectic states of mental disorder we want unity, and everyone desires plenty. And what manner of man could wish for more? All the complexity of our desires can be reduced to simplicity by a little thought.

It is one thing to catch ideas from the ritual; it is quite another to see their application to life's activities. The humdrum of the daily grind may seem more important than a beautiful philosophy. We are doubtless all given to the same notions in this respect. The ritual has a strange appeal for us. The story, the symbolism, the drama, the lesson—all these make a powerful impression. Some men stop with the show. If we but carry the thought over into the great outside, every part will have its application.

It is possible to have peace, unity, and plenty today. The expression is not merely a bit of rhetoric for the lodge room, with no chance for growth outside. Let us omit the economics of the matter, important as that side is. There is a human, personal side that transcends the material. Just a word in passing may suggest a rambling thought or two. Peace of mind is to be desired above most any other thing. If all the haunting, vexing problems that pester the conscience-stricken and tired souls of men could be brushed away over night, how happy folks would be! And much of that can be done by each of us. Unity has its place, too. There must be unity of purpose among brethren to accomplish useful plans. Unity of thought rests on co-operation, good will, a desire to understand one another, and the ability to meet the other fellow half way. When we learn to give up some of our pet notions and join hands for the common good, we will discover a unity of purpose that will sweep away many objections. And plenty might well start out with sympathy. There has never yet been a surplus of that commodity. A bumper crop would end a lot of trouble. As you and I develop an attitude that will bring on an increasing amount of peace of mind, unity of purpose, and sympathetic understanding, we will enrich our own lives and contribute to the welfare of others. Hospital beds will cease to be filled with anxious

people, scared of their shadow and unhappy in their distress.

What if the millennium should come to earth? Are you and I ready for it? Are we contributing our share toward a new day and could we embrace our opportunities? It is human nature to pass up the small chances while we wait for the big game that never shows up. Only by measuring up to a faithful performance of each task can we hope to prepare for the larger opportunity. Round about our very feet we may begin the practice of these virtues.

Masonic philosophy points the way. Coming to us first in the ritual, we are equipped with the idea. As we carry out these thoughts in our daily activities we are helping to bring about that day the race has been longing for, that day when peace, unity and plenty shall be the rule of life.

This does not nullify the right to disagree with our neighbors. Out of vigorous and righteous contention have come some of the noblest expressions of good will and righteous purpose that we have on record. And this matter of plenty is not always spawned from a selfish desire. It is more than money. Peace, unity and plenty are spiritual quantities.

Members or their families desiring the services of the Sick and Visiting Committee of the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association are requested to contact the Secretary Manager at the Masonic Temple, 330 - 12th Ave. S.W. in Calgary or to telephone No. AMherst 2-2704. The members of this Committee are anxious to be of service wherever possible and will be pleased to arrange hospital or home visits to the sick on request. Care should be taken to give complete address of the member to be visited.

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this honour having been conferred upon him for his devoted service to the Craft.

Of pleasing disposition and possessing a great love for Freemasonry Bro. Jones has been instrumental in forwarding the work of the Fraternity during a long and useful life and is always given an enthusiastic and genuine welcome when he pays periodical visits to Lodge throughout the Northern section of the Jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. Morley Merner paid high tribute to Bro. Jones when he made the presentation of the Fifty Year Jewel and Gratton Lodge of Irma acknowledged his service by the presentation of a gift. R.W. Bro. Jones responded in his usual genial manner, bringing to conclusion a pleasant and meaningful occasion.