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HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY EDITION



W. L. McPHEE Grand Master

PROCLAMATION . . . I, William Lloyd McPhee Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta hereby Declare the Month of November to be Higher Education Bursary Month for the Masons of Alberta.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

At the last Communication of Grand Lodge held in June 1962 in the City of Edmonton, the Masons of Alberta voted to raise the money necessary to carry on the established Higher Education Bursary fund by voluntary donations from Lodges or from individual members. This was a highly commendable decision and this special appeal is now made in an endeavor to quickly assemble the monetary requirements for the current year.

Your Grand Lodge, as authorized by its members, is obligated each year for a minimum of sixteen Five Hundred Dollar bursaries; it is planned to make an annual appeal, in the month of November, for the necessary funds until such time as a reserve is created which will provide the amount required for the continuation of this important work. I appeal to you to accept a personal responsibility to assist this cause, to make the Bursary Project a really live issue and I particularly urge that you make YOUR donation BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER.

We have set our objective high this year and are looking to each one of you for a substantial donation. Do not let your Grand Lodge be found wanting. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the names of the young people who have been selected as our bursary recipients for the academic year 1962-1963 and we are confident that the financial assistance being made available

to them will bear much fruit for the future, not only of this fine group of young people, but of the Province of Alberta.

You have made the decision to put this fund on a voluntary basis, so make your voluntary donation cheerfully and generously NOW.

As we are now at the beginning of a new Masonic year, I solicit your support for your Worshipful Master and those associated with him in the work of the Craft. Resolve to attend all Lodge meetings if at all possible. Do your part in making Masonry in your area a real, live, vital thing and your Lodge a place that means something real and tangible in your community, and keep building towards that great day of universal understanding and goodwill.

All Masons will realize that it is important to make a selection of a leader, for the constituent Lodge as well as for Grand Lodge, but the leadership must necessarily depend to a large extent upon the support that is given by the individual Brother, a support which is most essential in these days of unrest and uneasiness which prevails.

We hear, from time to time, that people are losing Faith, that Faith which we need so much in troubled times, Faith in God, Faith in man, Faith in human destiny; too many people are fearful of the consequences which tomorrow may bring and it is up to us as Masons to do our part in bringing our world back to a fuller realization

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EDITORIAL

It will be recalled by members who were privileged to attend the sessions of Grand Lodge in June last that considerable discussion took place with respect to the Higher Education Bursaries and, by majority vote, it was decided that funds for the promotion of this most desirable plan, would be raised on a voluntary basis. Within the framework of Grand Lodge there is an opportunity to encourage our young people to proceed with their education so that, as time goes on, they will be in a position to repay, not necessarily directly in cash, of course, but through their contribution to our society, the assistance that must, in many cases at least, be the difference between securing an education or not securing an education.

The responsibility of our membership is being squarely placed before them in this special 'Bursary' issue of the Bulletin and it is hoped that the response will be willing and generous and that there will be no demand during the remainder of the year for this paper to act as a collection agency for this or any other fund as it is felt that there is no proper onus on the Bulletin to so act.

It cannot be too strongly urged that the Bursary fund is at once proper and essential if the members of the Order throughout the Province of Alberta are to meet an obligation which has been accepted by them and for them in no uncertain terms.

It must be a matter of satisfaction to many to know that the Bursary fund is not intended to assist only the children of the Masonic Fraternity, but is open for application by any young man or woman who is desirous of so equipping himself or herself for the battle of life, a struggle in which the possession of knowledge and training is becoming more and more vital. From time to time we hear complaints that "we are not doing anything outside the Lodge" or that "we are much too restrictive in the promotion of community effort"; here, then, is an excellent opportunity for you . . . and for me . . . to bring into active practice that most desirable of objectives, the assistance of someone who needs that assistance and who is, in turn, obligated to further the educational and scientific needs of the future. Let us not pass up the opportunity to help in promoting the future of a fine group of young people, each one is imbued with the most sincere desire to become equipped with the tools of life and to devote their acquired skills to the benefit of life in the freest of free lands for themselves and for those around them. Your Committee has done a masterful job of selection; it is in YOUR hands and YOUR hands alone to further the great work to which we have obligated ourselves.

HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY AWARDS

In order to have the wishes of the members of Grand Lodge carried out effectively, a strong Committee under the chairmanship of M. W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard of Edmonton has been named and has been functioning in a manner which reflects great credit upon the members; acting with M.W. Bro. Sheppard are M.W. Bro. W. L. McPhee, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bros. L. O. Sanders, F. R. Millican, and J. A. Pink and W. Bros. J. R. Smith and N. Hrynyk.

The duties devolving upon the members of this particular Committee are onerous indeed and it will be generally agreed that the task of selecting less than twenty bursary students from an application list of one hundred and twenty would be no easy one. There is no doubt but that the most careful scrutiny was given each application in turn and that perfectly good reasons exist for the selections ultimately made.

After what must have been a most arduous task the Committee has made the following awards for the 1962-1963 season.

Student	Address	Course	Year			
Russell Allan Bragg	Calgary	Arts	2			
Carol Margaret Tovee	Turner Valley	Arts	3			
Patrick Clarke Kelly	Lake Majeau	Science	2			
William James Barton	Drumheller	Special Pre Arch.	2			
Richard T. Brownlee	Edmonton	Medicine	4			
Anne C. Richardson	Delia	Education	2			
Anne Careless	Edmonton		3 961, aken			
Myer Rabinovitz	Edmonton	Law	1			
Maureen Mulholland	Calgary	Arts, Science	3			
Alan F. McQuarrie	Pincher Creek	Science	1			
Archibald W. Stewart	Edmonton	Botany	3			
Neil Stanley Angerman	Evansburg	Chemistry	1			
Janneke C. Lievaart	Vulcan	Education	1			
Donald Barrie Bourne	Rocky Mtn. House	Education	1			
Robert Benesch	Wildwood	Engineering	1			
Robert L. D. King	Canmore	Electrical Engineering	1			
David Oscar Borgstrom	Ferintosh	Education	1			
Alternates						
Kathryn Kozak	Lethbridge	Education	1			
Judy Beningfield	Lethbridge Education		1			

S. C. H.

In Memoriam

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the passing of Most Worshipful Brother George Edward Cruickshank, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in the years 1927-1928.

M.W. Bro. Cruickshank was born on March 12th, 1877 at Java, Ontario and came to Alberta as a youth; he settled in the mining area of Southwestern Alberta at Hillcrest where, for many years, he operated as a merchant with unusual success.

He was initiated in Sentinel Lodge No. 26 on May 10th, 1911, passed to the Second Degree on June 21st of the same year and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 24th. Active in the Lodge, he became its Worshipful Master in 1914 and rendered notable service to the Craft during the remainder of his lifetime.

Indicating interest in the work of Grand Lodge he was a frequent delegate to the annual communications and, by his sincerity and his diligence, attracted the attention of members of Grand Lodge; he was approached to stand for election to the office of Junior Grand Warden and following his election proceded steadily until he assumed the duties of Grand Master in June of 1927.

During his term of office he enjoyed an unusually busy period; no less than six new Lodges were instituted in his year and seven special communications were held for the purpose of laying cornerstones, a function which was much more usual in that period than today. During the session of Grand Lodge, while under his direction, an adjournment was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in Cal-

There are many Masons throughout the Province who will recall, with a great deal of pleasure, the generous friendship of the late M.W. Bro. Cruickshank which was especially noticeable in the case of younger members attending for the first time; his ready smile and genial companionship were a source of pleasure to all with whom he came in contact. For many years he was a bulwark of strength to the major committees of Grand Lodge.

His passing will be most sincerely regretted, his sterling example treasured through the years that lie ahead. To the members of his family who survive him will go the heartfelt sympathy of Masons through this Grand Jurisdiction and other Grand Jurisdictions far beyond the borders of the Alberta he loved so well, and served so faithfully as a citizen and as a valued member of the Legislature of Alberta.

DISTRICT MEETING DATES

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District	Date		Location
12	Sept.	19	Jasper Place
0	Camb	977	(Evergreen Hall) Hillcrest
8	sept.	21	Hillcrest
10	Oct.	3	Vegreville
14	Oct.	17	Delia
20	Oct.	17	Lamont
2	Oct.		Medicine Hat
11	Oct.		Champion
4	Oct.		Red Deer
18	Oct.		Calgary
7			Vauxhall
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6			Blackie
1	Nov.	24	
15	Nov.	28	Drumheller
19	Nov.	29	Edmonton
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GRAND MASTER'S VISITS

The M.W. the Grand Master, W. Lloyd Mc-Phee has accepted invitations to attend meetings as indicated and brethren residing within reaching distance of the functions mentioned would be most welcome.

M.W. Bro. McPhee will visit Unity Lodge No. 51 in Edmonton on Sept. 18th and will officiate at the Institution of Balmoral Lodge in St. Albert on September 20th; the members of Diamond City Lodge No. 65 will entertain him on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary at Coalhurst on Sept. 29th, and he will visit Calgary Lodge No. 23 on October 5th and Zetland Lodge No. 83 on October 13th; on October 19th he will be present at the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Mother Lodge, Bow Island No. 64; on October 29th he will attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of Connaught Lodge No. 69 at Viking and will be the guest of Perfection Lodge No. 9, in Calgary on November 6th.

V.W. Bro. K. A. Philpott, Grand Master's Representative in the North West Territories will institute Polaris Lodge at Fort Smith on Sept. 22nd, 1962 and an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge has been called for Sept. 26th to Constitute and Consecrate Glenbow Lodge No.

The dates indicate unusual activity in Masonry throughout Alberta and give promise of a number of very pleasant evenings for the members of the areas concerned. We hope to be able to report on the major events in future issues of the Bulletin.

RICHES

Masonry has such a vast store of riches of which all may partake that everyone can find something in it to study, ponder and treasure. The most callous and worldly can be made to see its beauty; the most inquisitive have a vast field to explore in its history; the most religious can find true religion in its teachings and all can find a better way of life by adhering to its landmarks and tenets.

L. Harold Anderson

THE HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARIES

During the months to come, through the medium of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, it is hoped that the brethren of this jurisdiction can be fully informed on the important subject of the Higher Education Bursaries, by a series of articles outlining the formation, history and workings of the Bursary Plan up to this time; also to explain the regulations governing the granting of Bursaries and to give you a short sketch of each of the Bursary recipients we have assisted since the plan was inaugurated. By this means we hope every member will become fully informed on the plan; that many of the misconceptions and much of the misunderstanding that appears to have existed will be eliminated, and that the interest of the brethren will be more fully aroused in this important work.

The M.W. the Grand Master has been pleased to proclaim the month of November 1962 as "Higher Education Bursary Month" and has appealed to the brethren to make donations to the Higher Education Bursary Fund during that month. It is fitting, therefore that this month's article should deal with the all-important matter of financing the Bursary Plan.

Those of you who attended Grand Lodge this year, or who have read the Proceedings which are now in the hands of the Secretary of your Lodge, are familiar with the discussion on the subject of financing the Bursaries which came before Grand Lodge. The motion to increase the per capita assessment against the Lodges by \$1.00 per member per year in order to finance the Bursaries was defeated, and it was decided to continue the present system of voluntary contributions. This being the case, it is now up to every member of the Craft in Alberta to get behind the effort, and support the program to the utmost of his ability. Since we have decided that voluntary donations are to finance the Bursaries, let us see to it that they do by making our contributions during Bursary Month.

It has often been said, and I am sure that most of us have heard it at one time or another, that Freemasonry should have a definite project; something that the brethren could support and encourage, and which would result in some real accomplishment. What better objective could an organization like ours have than assisting in the education of young people who, through lack of finances, would otherwise be unable to obtain an education? In this modern world higher education is a must for the young people who are going to be our future leaders and educators. At no time has there been so much interest taken in this matter of education, nor has it ever been of such great concern both to government and to individuals. It behooves each one of us to assist in every way possible, and our Masonic Higher Education Bursaries are an excellent way of doing

Over 120 applications for Bursaries were received from students this year, and your Bursary

Committee has had a tremendous job on its hands to consider the merits of each of these applications and reduce them to the number of bursaries authorized. Many worthy and deserving students had to be refused to enable the Committee to stay within the limits permitted. There is no doubt that a great need exists in this field, and for the Masons of this Province to assist in the way they are doing is a most worth-while object, and worthy of the support of every Mason.

During the fiscal year ended April 30th, 1962, contributions in the amount of \$7,323.90 were received. This is certainly the best year since the inception of the plan, but it is still far short of what is required to properly finance it.

The amount subscribed came from members of only 86 Lodges, which means that the membership of almost 100 Lodges did not contribute. Obviously, therefore, if we all make up our minds to take part in this work, and every member contributes this year, the amount subscribed could very easily be more than doubled.

Your response to the M.W. Grand Master's appeal is earnestly solicited. Forward your donation to your Lodge Secretary, or direct to the Grand Lodge Office, and let us, by a united endeavor, make this year's Bursary program self-supporting.

R.W. Bro. J. A. Pink (23)

Member Higher Education Bursary Committee

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of the Brotherhood of Man, by the practice and promotion of those great moral principles which form part of the basic teachings of our profession. Let us by the practice of the fundamental principles and that philosophy of life upon which our Order is founded, demonstrate to peoples everywhere, the strength and peace of mind that can be attained from the practice of those great moral and spiritual values of life.

It is certain that if we could get people everywhere indoctrinated with the fundamental and basic teachings of Masonry we could go a long way toward that re-adjustment which is so necessary in order to bring peace, harmony and concord to the troubled mind and to alleviate a fear that may well be largely imaginary.

Masonry, the greatest fraternal Order in the world, should be the bulwark that stops the spread of fear and leads people out of the dilemma in which we find ourselves, so that we may look forward with confidence to the great day when the Brotherhood of Man shall reign supreme and men of all colour, race and creed may become united in one great band or society of friends and brothers.

It is up to you, my Brethren, and I urge you at this time to be not merely a 'member', but in all truth, a Mason.