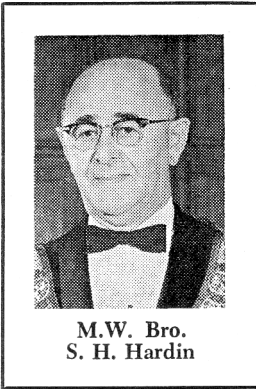




Grand Lodge Bulletin

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HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY EDITION



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PROCLAMATION . . . I, Samuel H. Hardin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., DECLARE the month of November to be the Higher Education Bursary Month for the Masons of the Province of Alberta.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

As these lines go to the Grand Lodge Bulletin, the Higher Education Committee will again have the pleasant duty to present bursaries to some twenty young men and women. Thus the students will not only be able to improve themselves, with the advantage through cultivation and training of the mind, but also the acquisition and ability to later impart their knowledge to others, thereby creating a greater Canada.

I am sure that each of them, their parents and friends throughout Alberta, will always remember that through the generosity of Masons in this Jurisdiction, it was possible for them to continue their education and fulfill their ambitions in the professions of their choice.

I call upon all Lodges and members of the Craft to carry on the Higher Education Bursary Fund as in the past, with voluntary donations, appealing to you to accept a personal responsibility to assist this worthy cause.

May I call to your attention that we are indeed fortunate to have on the Higher Education Bursary Committee, men with long experience in education and administration. We have, and can draw on the great reserve of men in an advisory capacity which no other organization possesses. These men have given and are giving much of their effort and time to this wonderful project and we should do everything humanly possible to give them every encouragement in this good work.

OUR BURSARIES

It was agreed last year that it would be a good idea to take the month of November as a period in which we could all consider the Higher Education Bursary Programme in the light of information available from the Committee charged with the responsibility of the plan, including the selection of candidates and the granting of awards as well as the general progress of the effort and the continuing need for such financial assistance to worthy young people to aid in the prosecution of their education.

It seems appropriate that the Committee should review, briefly, what has transpired during the five years in which the plan has operated and in doing so it is revealed that of a total of thirty six students who have been granted financial aid through the medium of our bursary, twenty-four have come from rural areas and the remaining twelve from our cities.

The basis of our bursaries is NEED. In 1958 Grand Lodge decided that the Jurisdiction should not be divided into zones; applications are received from any young people who may wish to apply and, in the first place, they are screened solely on the basis of need. In order to do this a points system has been set up in which if the applicant's parents income is less than \$2,000.00 annually, five points are awarded; if the income is over \$6,000.00 no points are given. Five dependents in a family receive five points and if

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EDITORIAL

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During the month of November special stress is being laid on the Higher Education Bursary Programme of Grand Lodge and members generally are urged to give consideration to the appeal of the M.W. the Grand Master for funds with which to carry on this excellent work.

In this issue will be found a list of Bursary recipients for the current year and it may well be that our members throughout the Province will be as concerned as was the writer with respect to the apparent heavy preponderance of selected candidates from our cities, while the rural areas appear, on the surface, to have been rather badly overlooked.

Immediately the list was available a protest went forward from the Bulletin to the Committee, pointing out the very evident situation which appeared to work to the serious disadvantage of candidates from the rural areas of the Province.

The explanation has now come to hand and the Bulletin urges members to give thought to the explanation before reaching conclusions that might re-act to the detriment of this fine piece of work carried on by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

There are several groups in the Province providing scholarships or bursaries for needy students who possess the ability to assimilate university training, and it is pointed out that donor groups, some of which are commercial in their outlook, have preference in making awards to certain areas of the Province, in particular, the rural sections, and it appears that during a joint meeting of the donor groups requests were made for the 'adoption' for bursary purposes of certain students from the designated rural areas. Representatives of our Committee in attendance at the meeting could hardly do less than agree to such special requests with the result that the list published herein does indicate a rather top-heavy percentage of candidates whose address, as given, indicates city residence.

It has been pointed out, also, that in two or three cases, students who have been selected for the Masonic award, are the children of families who have but recently moved to one or another of the cities of Alberta, but whose background is rural, rather than urban.

The explanation must be accepted and the reasons given taken in all good faith, but it is suggested that hereafter reasonable care be taken to diversify awards of the Masonic programme in some reasonable proportion as regards urban and rural areas, for, if continued support is to be given, as it must necessarily be, the public relations aspect of the work of the Committee should be borne in mind as it is often much easier to forestall adverse criticism before it has an opportunity to develop than it is to overcome it once it has been generated.

The Committee charged with the important responsibility of candidate selection has an onerous task to perform on our behalf and there is most certainly no desire to, in any way, minimize the splendid work they have done and are doing.

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there is only a single dependent but one point is given. If a Mother is a widow supporting a family an additional two points are awarded, as also is the case, if another member of the family is attending university or school providing advanced education. This system was discussed with university authorities who considered it was a very fair way in which to make the initial selection.

After the initial selection is made the Committee then turns its attention to the academic standing of the applicants. Marks obtained in the final examinations of matriculating students are obtained and graded by a further points system, five points being allowed for a standing of 80% or over, graduating down to no points for an average below 60%. Our list is then placed in order of selection. If any cases deserve special attention they may be moved up in the list. Of the fifty five students initially selected from 124 applicants, nine only attained a mark of 60% or less and were not considered further. Twelve were recipients of bursaries in the previous year, one of these received an average of less than 60%, two decided they would work for a year before continuing their education and others were approved by the committee; one had an average of 84% and five exceeded 71%. Personal interviews were arranged in several instances.

At this stage we again collaborate with the University authorities so that the utmost value can be obtained and our representatives attended a meeting called by Mr. R. B. Wishart, Administrator of Student Awards at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. There were representatives of the various donor groups in attendance at the meeting and lists were carefully checked in order to avoid duplication of awards. Certain groups wished to have the opportunity of supporting student applicants from selected areas of the Province and our Committee was glad to co-operate to as great an extent as possible, resulting in some changes being made in our original selections. None of those dropped from our preliminary list will lose financially by having been transferred to another donor group, as the award they will receive during the scholastic year will be equal to our established amount of \$500.00, or greater.

1963-64 HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY AWARDS

We are pleased to give herewith a list of Bursary Awards made for the current season and to extend congratulations to the successful candidates.

Awards to recipients of previous years.

Name	Address	Course Pursued
Neil Stanley Angerman	Evansburg	Science
William James Barton	Drumheller	Architecture
Robert Benesch	Wildwood	Science
Judy Joan Beningfield	Lethbridge	Education
Russell Allan Bragg	Calgary	History
Robert Leonard King	Canmore	Engineering
Kathryn Kozak	Lethbridge	English
Myer Rabinovitz	Edmonton	Law
Carol Margaret Tovee	Turner Valley	Arts

To University Students Applying for the first time.

Jim Lenard Glenn	Lethbridge	Botany
Kenneth Cameron Dewar	Edmonton	History

Matriculating Students.

George Orten Davis	Drumheller	Engineering
Harvey James Holinski	Edmonton	Commerce
John Herbert James	Calgary	Engineering
William Cameron Laing	Lethbridge	Engineering
Harvey Jack Matson	Edmonton	Commerce
Brenda Joan Mulholland	Calgary	Education
Shayne Hazen Page	Medicine Hat	History
Martinus Reedyk	Lethbridge	Medicine
Judith Leslie Wismer	Edmonton	Science

Russell Allan Bragg lived at Standard at the time of the death of his father and his mother moved to Calgary; John Herbert James was a former resident of Jasper and resides with an uncle whose home is in Calgary.

A letter appearing elsewhere in this issue gives indication of the appreciation felt by those who have been assisted in obtaining education through the Higher Education Bursary and there can be little question of the value of this phase of Masonic endeavor in the Province of Alberta. Leaders throughout our country are constantly urging young people to fully complete their education and all Masons who contribute to the funds made available through the bursary programme must derive satisfaction from the knowledge that their contributions are so greatly appreciated.

PROMINENT EDUCATORS APPRECIATE BURSARY PROGRAMME

The communications reprinted on this page have been directed to the Grand Secretary and give a clear indication that the policy of bursary awards meets with the complete approval of those in a position to know the importance and value of advanced education for our young people.

M. W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard, Chairman of the Bursary Committee says in his letter; "In 1958 you entrusted me with the honor of being Chairman of the Higher Education Bursary Committee and I may say that I have appreciated the support that has been given us; I feel very proud of the work that has been accomplished to date. Your Committee has been busy, the members have spent much time in selecting recipients of our bursaries from a long list of applicants each year and the record of those selected shows that the students were capable.

The more we see of the vital need for education in the world today, the more we, as a Committee representing all members of the Masonic Jurisdiction of Alberta, appreciate the opportunity of assisting those whom we select.

We see tremendous opportunities for service to mankind in this field, service of a most practical nature. When we are considering the applications we find ourselves faced with the problem of selecting some twenty outstanding students from a group of from thirty five to forty deserving young people who would have great difficulty in achieving their ambitions without help. Last year you provided the sum of \$12,600.00 to forward our

work and we trust that you will open your hearts again this year. Individually we can accomplish little, as a group we can really make our presence felt and we can leave a mark that will redound to the credit of our Grand Lodge for years to come.

Dr. Walter H. Johns, President of the University of Alberta expresses his sentiments in the following words: "I am happy to have this opportunity to express the appreciation of the University of Alberta for the very substantial programme of bursaries provided by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M. this year and to thank the members for their past contributions to this project.

If we subscribe, as we must, to the view that "Education is the Foundation of Democracy" we must plan to provide more and more capable students with a higher education. There is a continually growing need in all fields of endeavour for university graduates. Bursaries such as yours, which encourage good students to enter first year, are especially valuable. I am particularly pleased to endorse your programme and to commend it to all your members.

Dr. Malcolm G. Taylor, Principal of the University of Alberta in Calgary, has also been good enough to express his thoughts as he writes, "In response to your recent letter regarding University scholarships and bursaries, may I first emphasize how grateful the University is for the contribution of your Lodges to date. Your support has often made the difference in a career choice for a good student and I am certain that the gratitude of these students exceeds our own.

You ask about future need. There will always be a need. Education costs, like all others, are continuing to increase; for example, it was necessary for the University to raise fees this year. A bursary can make the difference whether a good student can prepare himself for an increasingly complex, technological world.

I do hope that your Lodge members will support your programme of bursaries as enthusiastically in the future as they have in the past."

Dr. W. H. Swift, Deputy Minister of Education for the Province of Alberta offers encouragement for the future expansion of the bursary plan when he says; "The Department of Education commends the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., for its programme of bursaries. Two factors make such assistance to students doubly important at this time. The first is that the numbers of young people of college age are increasing at an ever accelerating rate. The second is that advanced education is becoming increasingly necessary, both for the individual and for society, if many highly important vocations are to be filled and functions served. The result is that the funds available, both public and private, for scholarship and bursary purposes are severely strained. There should be no dearth of worthy applicants for Grand Lodge bursaries."

It will be generally admitted that **Mr. R. B. Wishart**, Administrator of Student Awards at the

University of Alberta, should be in a very excellent position to evaluate the necessity for financial assistance to those desiring to improve their respective educational standards and we might very well pay strict attention to his remarks, as follows; "The Student Awards Office at the University of Alberta has noted with a great deal of satisfaction the expansion of the Bursary Program of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and has been happy to cooperate with your officials. The first year of university is usually the most difficult financially and these very worthwhile awards are a wonderful boost for students in financial need. I want especially to emphasize the need for more scholarships and bursaries to provide both the incentive and the rewards for scholastic achievement. Every reward we have available is used every year and the student registration increases every year. For example, this year we were able to offer scholarships to only about half of those students who entered university with 85% or better in Grade XII. The others will have to apply for assistance strictly on a basis of need. The bursaries offered by your Lodges have become a very significant portion of our whole Scholarship and Bursary Program for both matriculants and undergraduates."

There is no doubt but that the foregoing comments from distinguished people in the field of education will have a direct bearing on the future generosity of Masons throughout Alberta as they make commitments with which the fine and evidently well received program is able to be continued and all will be interested in the remarks of **Norman L. Tozer**, a former recipient of the Masonic financial assistance and who is now employed in important work for a utility company operating in the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Tozer says in his letter: "I would like to take this opportunity to explain how the financial assistance provided by the Higher Education Bursary Committee helped me during my four years at University.

I entered the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta in 1958. Initially I had expected to obtain suitable employment during each summer by means of which I could save enough money to fully finance the following term. I soon found out that only in rare cases could a university student finance his education in this way.

I now realize that I could not have remained fully independent (financially) and completed my education in four years. Had I not received the Grand Lodge bursary in each of my first three years at university I would have been forced to remain out of school for at least one year to earn sufficient money to enable me to continue. The bursary has, in effect, given me an extra year of valuable practical experience as an engineer in the natural gas industry. I have been employed by Canadian Western Natural Gas Company Ltd. since my graduation.

I extend my thanks to those many persons who have worked for and supported this bursary program and enabled many students such as myself to obtain a university education."

It is recalled that in the earlier years of the bursary program an award was made to Clifford Cunningham of Vermilion; after successfully completing his first year of university he found that a second award would be available should he so desire; this young man gracefully refused acceptance of the added assistance, stating that through fortunate circumstances, he would be able to take care of his financial requirements for the future years of training. The award was thus made available to another student. The spirit which prompted refusal of the award cannot but be encouraging to those engaged in the effort to assist in fostering education among our young people.

It is interesting to note that bursaries of the Grand Lodge of Alberta are open for application by any boy or girl in the Province and are definitely not confined to the sons or daughters of members of the Fraternity as is often mistakenly supposed. The program is broad in concept and in operation and is undoubtedly filling a need and making possible opportunities for young people in whose hands will be placed the future welfare of our great Province.

ECHOES

Fine men have walked this way before,
 Whatever Lodge your Lodge may be;
 Whoever stands before the door,
 The sacred arch of Masonry,
 Stands where the wise, the great, the good,
 In their own time and place have stood.

You are not brother just with these,
 Your friends and neighbors; you are kin
 With Masons down the centuries;
 This room that now you enter in
 Has felt the tread of many feet,
 For here all Masonry you meet.

You walk the path the great have trod,
 The great in heart, the great in mind,
 Who looked through Masonry to God,
 And looked through God to all mankind.
 Learned more than word or sign or grip
 Learned man's and God's relationship.

To him who sees, who understands,
 How mighty Masonry appears!
 A Brotherhood of many lands,
 A fellowship of many years,
 A Brotherhood so great, so vast,
 Or all the Craft of all the past.

And so I say a sacred trust
 Is yours to share, is yours to keep;
 I hear the voice of men of dust,
 I hear the step of men asleep;
 And down the endless future, too,
 Your own shall echo after you.

—Douglas Malloch in Philippines Cabletow.

As we go through life we should never forget the importance of being courteous to those with whom we come in contact. It is just as easy to be courteous as it is to be rude—and certainly pays much better.

—Anon.