



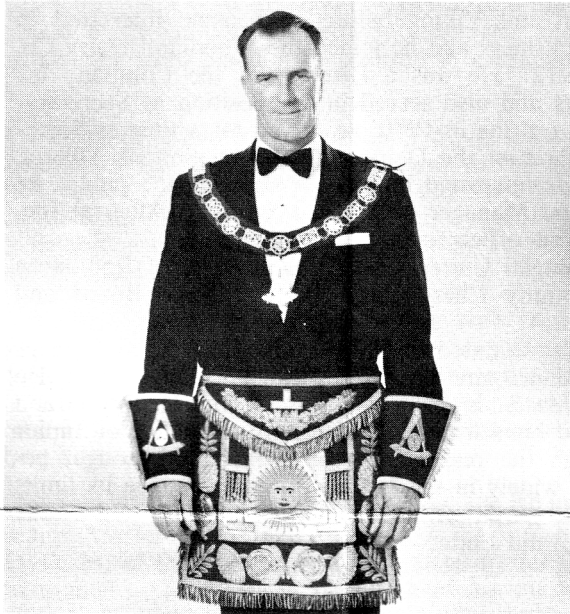
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



M.W. Bro. T. G. TOWERS, Grand Master

Dear Brethren:

I deem it an honour and a privilege to serve the nineteen thousand members of the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta as your Grand Master and I thank you for your confidence and trust that, with the assistance of each and every Mason in Alberta, we will enjoy another profitable year. We have a big job to do and, regardless of whether we hold office in our respective Lodges or in Grand Lodge, without the conscientious support of every member, the Order will be 'short changed.'

I realize that this Bulletin in coming into your hands right in harvest season, a busy period for all. Many have returned from holidays and are also busy, but let us take notice at this time that our year is fast drawing to a close and, at the end of the year, our Constitution requires that any member in arrears of dues for more than one year be placed under suspension. Let us do all in our power to reduce the number of suspensions; it is my ardent wish that no member of the Order be suspended for non payment of dues and we must bend every effort to eliminating this discordant note from Masonry.

In this age of hustle and bustle it is so easy to forget, or to put off until tomorrow those things we should do today. We must remember that today is the tomorrow of yesterday and act accordingly. Did not Churchill say, 'Never did so

few do so much for so many.' Those who are behind in their dues are few in relationship to our total membership; and we might reverse this saying to 'Never did so many do so much for so few.' It is my belief that after a man takes his obligation and becomes a Master Mason he is not going to be totally happy or satisfied with himself if he suffers the unhappy situation of being suspended. I believe that when a brother Mason is about to make a mistake we should adopt the role of being 'our Brother's keeper' and we should take appropriate action to avoid the withdrawal of membership on account of non payment of dues.

As I write this message, District Meetings are being planned by your District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the Province and I urge you to give them every assistance in their work and to make sure that the meetings are productive of the most good by undertaking to be in attendance at the meeting most suitable to you. Grand Lodge officers will be available to give information and to generally assist in every way possible, but their efforts may be seriously nullified if attendance is not up to expectations.

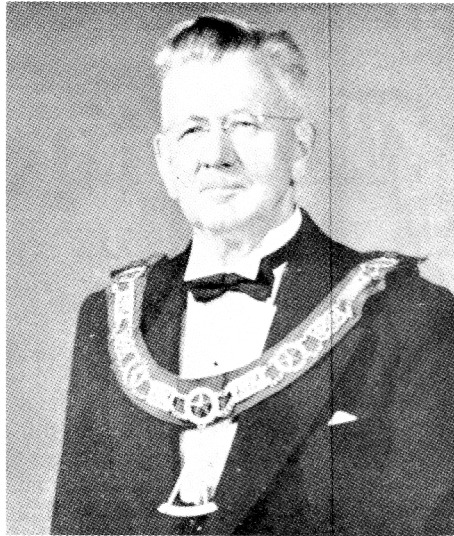
The now well established Area Meetings are also in prospect and these gatherings constitute an excellent means of the extension of the fellowship of Freemasonry and also as a medium for the extension of our knowledge of the work and meaning of the Craft. It is hoped that a workshop, similar to the outstanding effort at Banff in 1966, will be conducted during this term and members generally are urged to plan to attend and to take active interest in the workshop and also to keep in mind the Annual Communication, the Parliament of Freemasonry, which will be held in Calgary in June 1967.

Gatherings from the District Meeting through to that at Grand Lodge are designed for the extension of Masonic knowledge; they are scheduled for the benefit of all Masons and you are particularly urged at this time to make plans for attendance whenever and wherever possible and it is my belief that you will be well paid for your trouble in attending.

The office of Grand Lodge and the officers charged with the conduct of your business are eager to be of service to your Lodge and to you as a member and will welcome the privilege of being of service to you.

T. Gordon Towers

In Memoriam



M.W. Bro. Waldo Ford Empey

The passing of M. W. Bro. Waldo Ford Empey on June 24th, 1966 came as a distinct shock, as, in spite of the fact that he had been in poor health for some time, recent reports had given some indication that he was progressing favorably.

M. W. Bro. Empey was a very well known citizen of Edmonton, where he arrived in the spring of 1900. He was born at Addison, Ontario, on October 31st, 1879 and attended public school there. He completed his high school training at Athens and later taught for some time prior to coming to Alberta. M. W. Bro. Empey farmed at Winterburn and Viking before he became interested in the dairy business and he joined the Woodland Dairy Co. Ltd. in 1912. He was a Director of the Company for many years and also served in the position as Secretary-Treasurer, retiring in 1949; he served for a time as Secretary-Treasurer of the Dairymen's Association of Alberta.

Always interested in services affecting the public, he was the first Manager of Medical Services (Alberta) Inc. and held this office for a number of years.

He was an elder and staunch supporter of McDougall United Church in the City of Edmonton for many years and served the Y.M.C.A., the Community Chest, the Alberta College Board and many other community organizations.

Bro. Empey's Masonic career began when he was initiated in Unity Lodge, No. 51 in Edmonton on September 21st, 1920; he was faithful in attendance and was a keen student of the Craft. He served most acceptably in the office of Worshipful Master in 1938 and was District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3 in 1943. In 1948 he offered himself as a candidate for the office of Junior Grand Warden and was elected and proceeded through the respective offices of Grand Lodge, becoming Grand Master in June 1951. He travelled widely in the Jurisdiction and outside its limits and enjoyed a fruitful year in his high office. Bro. Empey's attitude to life is well illustrated by the words of a poem which he quoted in his address to Grand Lodge.

*"It is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road,
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load;*

*And since I have no gold to give
And love alone can make amends,
My only prayer is while I live
God make me worthy of my friends.*

Bro. Empey was married in 1917 to Miss Annie B. Coburn; she predeceased him some years ago. To his surviving son and daughter we extend the most sincere sympathy; may their knowledge of his service to his fellowmen be a genuine comfort to them.

GRAND LODGE PREPARES FOR BUSY SEASON

In an effort to disseminate as much Masonic knowledge as possible to the members of Constituent Lodges throughout the Province, Grand Lodge has established a tentative list of dates for District Meetings and this is shown below for the information of the membership.

It is hoped that as many members as possible make plans to attend the meetings as outlined and there is little doubt but that the meetings will be full of interest to all concerned.

DISTRICT MEETINGS 1966

- Dist. No.
- 1 Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1966 (Temple) Calgary
- 2 Saturday, Oct. 22, 1966 Medicine Hat
- 3 Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1966 (Temple) Edmonton
- 4 Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1966 Rimbey
- 5 Thursday, Nov. 17, 1966 Loughheed
- 6 Saturday, Oct. 22, 1966 (Temple) Calgary
- 7 Thursday, Nov. 10, 1966 Picture Butte

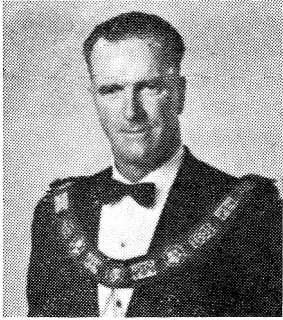
- 8 Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1966 Fort Macleod
- 9 Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1966 Rumsey
- 10 Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1966 (Acacia) Edmonton
- 11 Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1966 Barons
- 12 Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1966 Onoway
- 13 Wednesday, July 6, 1966 Grande Prairie
- 14 Monday, Oct. 31, 1966 Oyen
- 15 Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1966 Three Hills
- 16 Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1966 Rockyford
- 17 Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1966 Edgerton
- 18 Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1966 Carstairs
- 19 Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1966 (Acacia) Edmonton
- 20 Saturday, Nov. 12, 1966 (Salisbury) Edmonton

1966 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 1966 Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Jubilee Auditorium and the Central Masonic

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LEADERSHIP AUGURS WELL FOR FUTURE



M.W. Bro. T. G. Towers

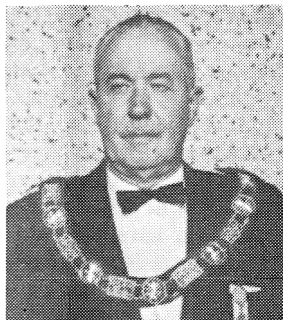
The Grand Lodge of Alberta would appear to be in excellent hands with the election, at the recent annual communication, of four senior officers who will guide the destinies of Grand Lodge for the coming year. To all intents and purposes, the election of a Grand Junior Warden establishes the officer pattern for a four year period as 'promotion' is virtually automatic and officers advance from position to position in a regular setting.

Most Worshipful Brother T. Gordon Towers, a long time member of Red Deer Lodge advanced to the all important position as Grand Master and there is every expectation that, with the assistance of his supporting officers he will give leadership of a quality in keeping with our excellent leadership for years past.

M. W. Bro. Towers is a native of the Red Deer area, having been born there in 1919; he was educated at Willowdale and Red Deer and has been engaged in farming in a major way for many years. His wife was the former Doris Nicholson and they have been blessed with three sons and one daughter.

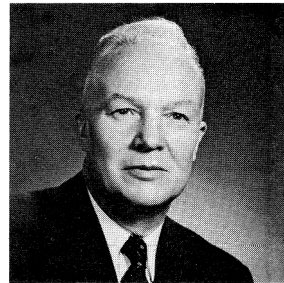
M. W. Bro. Towers joined Red Deer Lodge in 1944 and became Master of the Lodge in 1953; he served as D. D. G. M. of District No. 4 for the 1960-61 term and was named as Junior Grand Warden at the 1963 Communication. During the past year, owing to the regrettable illness of M. W. Bro. Lauder, M. W. Bro. Towers assumed many of the duties of the senior office and this experience will doubtless stand him in good stead in the year to come. Being a dedicated Mason and possessing an unusual measure of executive ability, it is certain that M. W. Bro. Towers will lend dignity and force to the most important office in the Grand Jurisdiction.

R.W. Bro. Bernie Brown, a member of Commercial Lodge No. 81 since 1942, advances to the position of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and will lend support in guiding the path of Grand Lodge; R.W. Bro. Brown is well known in Edmonton as he has been active in Masonry and in the Edmonton Gyro Club, the Exhibition Association, the Alberta Motor Association and the Alberta Implement Dealers Association; his work in Grand Lodge since assuming officer status has been devoted and sincere and members of constituent Lodges throughout the Province have every reason to believe that this personable officer will add strength in the promotion of the programmes instituted for the benefit of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.



R.W. Bro. Bernie Brown

In his capacity as Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Brown will be an invaluable assistant to the Grand Master in the conduct of the business of the Order.



R.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell

Another Masonic stalwart who will devote much of his time and energy during the coming year is R.W. Bro. Charles E. Pinnell, Senior Grand Warden. Named as Junior Grand Warden in June 1965, this officer has been consistent in his support of the Immediate Past Grand Master and makes a notable contribution through his efforts in the establishment of the Banff workshop which attained so marked distinction in the spring of 1966.

R.W. Bro. Pinnell was born in Gloucestershire, England in 1904 and came to Canada in 1925; he was first employed by the Canadian National Railways and in 1949 joined the Seagram organization and is presently Sales Manager, Prairie Provinces for the Harrison Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.

R.W. Bro. Pinnell was initiated in Crescent Lodge No. 87, Calgary on Burns Night, 1943 and advanced to the position as Worshipful Master in 1951. He was Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1959 and was elected as Junior Grand Warden in June, 1965.

Bro. Pinnell is a Past President of the Dominion Soccer Football Ass'n., Past President of the Rotary Club of Calgary, a Council Member of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and an Associate Director of the Stampeder Football Club.

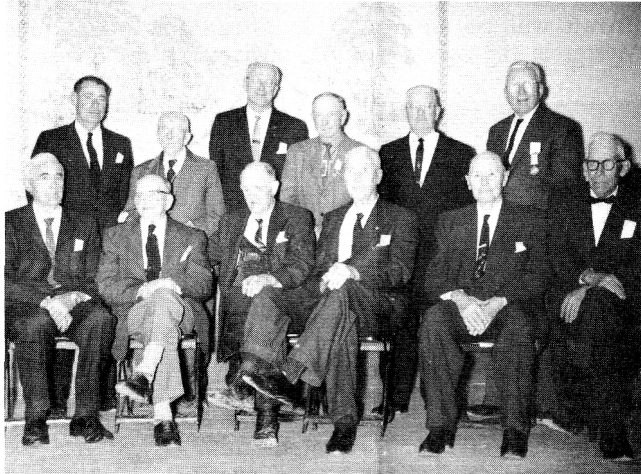
The newest member of the Grand Lodge 'Team' is R.W. Bro. Philip J. Kendall, Edmonton Dentist.

R.W. Bro. Kendall is very well known among the Masonic fraternity in Northern Alberta, as he has been unusually active over a long period of years; he resides at 7646 - 119th Street in the Capital City, having moved to Edmonton from Vegreville some twenty years ago. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge at Vegreville on March 3rd, 1939 and served that Lodge faithfully and well during his residence in Vegreville; he was an active member of a Degree Team taking part in degrees of the Scottish Rite and following his removal to Edmonton affiliated with Edmonton Lodge No. 7 in the month of January 1947; he was named as Worshipful Master of Edmonton No. 7 for the 1964-65 term and brought unusual capabilities to the operation of that Lodge. He was active in organizing special events, including the occupying of the various chairs by members of Rotary Clubs of Northern Alberta, and these special occasions resulted in notable increases in Lodge attendance.

'Phil' Kendall is married, has been active as President of the Edmonton Dental Society and served for some years on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Dental Association. Doubtless he will make a valuable contribution to the work of Grand Lodge.

WITHIN THE CRAFT IN ALBERTA

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**SPITZIE LODGE MARKS 75th ANNIVERSARY**

Although it is almost a year since Spitzie Lodge at Pincher Creek celebrated its 75th Anniversary, a most interesting picture has recently come to light and we are pleased to mark the important occasion and to greet the staunch group of 'old-timers' who attended the celebration of the three quarter century mark.

The list below gives the names, birth date and date of initiation of the members of the group and all members throughout the Province will extend to these pioneer Masons the right hand of fellowship and congratulations on their long period of service.

Reading from left to right, back row: W. Bro. H. E. Hammond, W.M. Spitzie No. 6; R.W. Bro. W. H. Allan, Nanton 17, born Sept. 8th, 1879, initiated July 13th, 1911; M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett, P.G.M., speaker; Bro. Charles S. Hunter, Spitzie No. 6, Sept. 28th, 1888, March 1st, 1912; M.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Alex Stewart, Doric 31, Dec. 5th, 1890, July 22nd 1914.

Seated, left to right: R.W. Bro. N. Nicholson, Joppa 40, born Sept. 19th, 1880, initiated April 29th, 1909; W. Bro. N. E. McCauley, Summit 30, Feb. 8th, 1884, March 21st 1908; R.W. Bro. H. A. Gunn, Spitzie 6, April 27th, 1874, March 4th, 1898; R.W. Bro. R. E. Patterson, Alberta 3, May 23rd, 1888, Feb. 4th, 1914; R.W. Bro. W. R. Cochrane, Joppa 40, May 12th, 1887, May 12th, 1909; R.W. Bro. J. S. Collins, Alberta 3, Feb. 16th, 1888, April 17th, 1909.

LONG TIME MASON PROTESTS BURIAL SERVICE TREND

One of Alberta's senior and much loved Masons recently wrote the Editor of the Bulletin, expressing a most vigorous protest against the apparent policy of Grand Lodge with respect to the discontinuation of the Burial Service at the graveside of members of the Craft. His protest will doubtless receive a great deal of support, more particularly, perhaps, from members of rural Lodges.

In the initial stages of the letter there was quoted the first paragraph of the long honoured burial rites, "From time immemorial it has been an established

Temple in June and the attendance was most gratifying to the Grand Master and his Officers. Unfortunately there were a number of Lodges without representation and it is hoped that this condition may be fully remedied another year.

The sessions were presided over by M. W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder, Grand Master who, despite a prolonged illness during his term of office, had carried on a valiant effort to maintain the traditions of Masonry in Alberta; his appearance at the daily sessions was a matter for satisfaction for all in attendance and the membership generally is most grateful to him for his fine devotion to the duty of the office which he filled so capably.

Reports of the numerous and varied Committees of Grand Lodge were presented for the consideration of members attending and opportunity was given for free and full discussion of the problems surrounding the maintenance of membership and the protection of the landmarks of the Order.

A number of constitutional changes were made with the consent of those voting for the Lodges and complete details of the meetings will be contained in the Proceedings which will soon be available for study and deliberation. It is hoped that Lodges will make the greatest possible use of the splendid resume of the work of the past year contained in the Proceedings.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year and brief sketches of the respective careers of the Officers will be found elsewhere in this issue.

A number of visiting Grand Lodge Officers brought greetings from their areas and did much to cement relations between our Grand Lodge and several as far distant as that of New South Wales, Australia.

The annual visits of distinguished guests from the various Grand Lodges of Canada, the United States and elsewhere do much to cement friendly relations between our own membership and that of distant jurisdictions.

custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, to accompany the body of a Brother to the place of burial and there to inter it. Accordingly, in honour of our Brother, whose memory we revere and whose loss we deplore, we have assembled in the character of Masons to confine his body to the earth whence it came and to offer up before the world this last tribute of our esteem, thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem."

He continues, "I have heard, on many, many occasions, expressions of the deepest appreciation from members of the bereaved family and I have heard numbers of older Masons express the hope that the Service might constitute a part of their 'Farewell.'

The opinion is expressed that the fostered discontinuance of the Burial Service is a matter for regret and perhaps the matter should be given a second look before its relegation to forgotten things becomes an established fact.