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H. R. H. THE DUKE OF KENT INSTALLED AS GRAND MASTER

The most memorable meeting of Freemasons ever held! This was the view of those who were privileged to be in attendance at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on June 27th, 1967 when the United Grand Lodge of England celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the first meeting of the Premier Grand Lodge and installed H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master. There were over 7000 members present, the Worshipful Master of each Lodge being entitled to obtain a ticket. Sixty-nine sister Grand Jurisdictions from all parts of the world were represented and Alberta was represented by M.W. Bro. B. Brown, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary. In addition there were sixteen Provincial and District Grand Masters of the United Grand Lodge from points outside England.

All were admonished to attend on time and every detail had been most carefully arranged. At precisely 4 p.m. the first procession entered the vast Hall and after the Officers had assumed their stations, representatives of the Time Immemorial Lodges entered and handed The Great Lights and the Wren Maul to the Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarborough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D., who has presided as Grand Master for the last sixteen years. Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample form.

Representatives of the United Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges were then received, to be followed by the Deputations from Grand Lodges, who were divided into groups. As each group entered under the direction of two assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, their names and Grand Lodges were announced in the West and they then proceeded to the East, paid their respects to the Pro Grand Master and took the seats assigned to them on the dias. When all were received they were saluted according to antient form. Congratulations on the founding of the Premier Grand Lodge were conveyed and were acknowledged by the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Cadogan, M.C., D.L.

It was then announced that the M.W. The Grand Master was in waiting and the following were requested to retire to escort H.R.H. into the Lodge Hall. Two Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies; Four Grand Stewards; Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies; Two Junior Grand Deacons; The President of the Board of Benevolence; The Grand Secretary; The Pre-



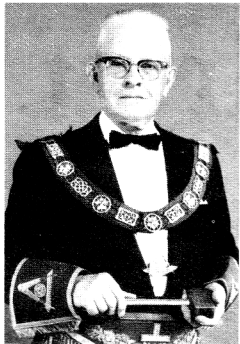
'Courtesy Masonic Record'

sident of the Board of General Purposes; The Deputy Grand Registrar; Four Past Grand Wardens; Six Provincial and District Grand Masters and Four Senior Grand Deacons. His Royal Highness was escorted by his Private Secretary and his Standard Bearer, he was taken to the centre of the Hall, where Prayer was offered by a Grand Chaplain and he was then escorted to the Altar in the East, where the Pro Grand Master administered the Obligation, invested and installed him as Most Worshipful Grand Master, seating him in the Throne that was made in 1791 for George, Prince of Wales, Grand Master from 1791 to 1813. It is only used for the Installation of a new Grand Master, being on view in the Museum at other times.

Following Proclamation the M.W. The Grand Master was addressed by M.W. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master of Ireland and the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Major Sir Ronald Orr-Ewing and it is most interesting to record that the fathers of these Grand Masters addressed the father of the Duke on his Installation in 1939. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M.W. Bro. J. N. Allan, also spoke.

The M.W. The Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge and noted that there had been many Masonic gatherings in the Royal Albert Hall since it was opened by his great great grandmother more than a century

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ARTHUR JAMES GRAY LAUDER**1898 - 1967**

The sudden passing of M. W. Bro. Lauder on August 28th came as a distinct shock to the brethren of Alberta, for up to the time of his death he appeared to have regained his usual robust health, he had shared enthusiastically in the Grand Lodge proceedings in June and had greeted the brethren in his familiar warm and friendly manner. Each Grand Master makes his own special contribution and M. W. Bro. Lauder will be remembered for a marked increase in the atmosphere of brotherhood, personal interest and good fellowship. His great desire was to express this outstanding Masonic attribute in creating a revolving fund, contributed to by members, Lodges and Grand Lodge to enable Lodges to build Lodge rooms and improve their property.

M. W. Bro. Lauder was initiated into Freemasonry in Acacia Lodge No. 11 on January 27th 1927. He served as Worshipful Master in 1939 and 1940. In 1951 he was largely instrumental in forming Evergreen Lodge No. 166 and was its first Worshipful Master. He was first appointed to the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge in 1944 and served continuously from that date. In 1948 he was appointed Grand Pursuivant, in 1955 he was elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 3, in 1962 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and on June 10th 1965 his fruitful work in the Craft culminated in his election to the office of Grand Master, a position he held with dignity and justifiable pride.

M. W. Bro. Lauder's father was chief of the Edmonton Fire department from 1911 to 1914 and his son followed his father's footsteps, serving for 48 years and as Chief from January 1st 1954 until his retirement December 31st 1963. Members of the Department were Pallbearers at the largely attended funeral on August 30th, and the cortege, led by the Department Band, marched to the Main Fire Hall after the service, where the 'All-Out' was sounded. M. W. Bro. Bernie Brown, Grand Master and several Past Grand Masters together with a great many brethren attended to pay their respects.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Marion, his daughter Mrs. J. Low, his two sisters and four grand-children. Jimmy Lauder will be greatly missed in the Craft he loved and served so well.

The Grand Master's Column

Do we as Master Masons fulfill our duties toward our Brethren, as we are directed to do? Every new initiate approaches Freemasonry full of anticipation of what our great order teaches. They expect to be greeted with open arms and to receive information and instruction on a completely new way of life. Few of us will disagree that our initiation into Masonry made a great and lasting impression upon us. Yet we have many who wander away and fail in their attendance obligation; become more interested in other activities and apparently forget Freemasonry. But yet, if these same men had received, but a glimpse of its beauties and teachings, they would retain a memory of some thing great and noble, that would never be erased from their minds.

Unfortunately some never experience the fulfillment of their expectations. Many of us, good members, have failed to contribute to their desire for knowledge. We may even have contributed to their failure to grasp the true meaning of Masonry by our lack of interest in them and our disregard towards our fellowman's desire for knowledge. Give our newly raised Brother credit for his lofty thoughts and serious impressions, which the degree work has impressed on him. This is the beginning of his desire for knowledge, encourage him here and now to advance his learnings, for never will a better opportunity present itself. Our giving of ourselves, will impress upon him the true meaning of brotherhood. He needs to feel that we, his brothers are sharing with him, his new found knowledge.

No Mason has served his Lodge by merely bringing in a petition. We must accept our responsibilities of fitting that individual into our Temple of Masonry. We must help to arouse and fulfil the great expectations which every worthy candidate must have, during the conferring of the degrees. We must realize the needs as well as the hopes of every fellow mason, be he a newly raised Brother or a visitor to our midst.

Masonry however does not exist merely to provide fellowship. There are many more benefits that Freemasonry offers, to those who have the privilege and the time to seek the true meaning of the purposes of Masonry. Everyone should be given the opportunity to expand his knowledge of our Great Order. It is our duty to make available to all, the knowledge not only possessed by us but of the many great men who have gone before. Our Grand Lodge library has the books, all that is needed is the guidance of the more experienced Brethren toward this knowledge. We as Master Masons, as builders of a greater and better Mankind must help the younger members to achieve their desires to obtain knowledge and thereby improve his own inward Temple of Man.

Bernie Brown, Grand Master.

The Masonic Spring Workshop Committee under the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett is actively at work preparing for the meeting at Banff, March 29th, 30th and 31st, 1968. Registration forms are available from M. P. Dunford, 330 - 12 Avenue S.W., Calgary.

“Things That Are Vital”

(Excerpts from address by M. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. T. S. Roy, given at Annual communication of Grand Lodge in Edmonton 1964)

Things that are vital

It is vital that we shall think of Freemasonry as a force and not just as a form. There is a striking contrast here that we must not miss. A force is that which can be used, controlled, directed. A form is that which must be served. Freemasonry must generate a force and not just perpetuate a form.

The danger in any institution, whether a Church or a Fraternity or a form of government, is that while at its beginning it had high ideals, and was motivated by lofty principles, the institution itself may become the greatest enemy of those ideals and principles. Someone once imagined a conversation between an Angel and the Devil. The Angel exultantly announced that a way had been found to defeat the Devil. When he asked how it was to be done, the Angel replied “God will implant high ideals and lofty principles in the soul of man and inspire him to give them to the world”. The Devil just laughed. “All I have to do” he said, “is institutionalize the ideals and principles and then wait. “It will only be a matter of time until man forgets the ideals and the principles as he works to keep the institution alive”. Man gets an idea or an ideal . . . the idea or the ideal creates an organization . . . and then the organization chokes the idea or the ideal. We begin by projecting a force, and we end by serving a form.

Freemasonry must be a force for the development of superior character. We talk about the problems that face us, calling them political problems, industrial problems or social problems. But they are all “human” problems in those various fields and must be solved by human beings. We think that we solve them on the knowledge level or the intelligence level or interest level of our lives. But primarily they are solved on the character level of our lives. When Hitler came to power he was welcomed by the German people in almost a delirium of joy, promising them, among many things, that he would work to establish peace between Germany and the rest of the world, and to promote peace amongst other nations. But what the German people did not know was that between the day he came to power and the day he “set the world on fire”, every question he faced was to be solved on the character level of a political gangster, a man with a character quotient of Zero. He told the man who wrote his biography, Conrad Heiden, “Anyone who was so fussy that he had to consult his conscience about whether to keep a pact . . . whatever the pact, and whatever the situation . . . was a fool”. He said he would conclude a pact in good faith one day and be ready to break it in cold blood the next, if it was in the interests of Germany. It makes a difference whether the lives of the people are in the hands of men to whom public office is not a public trust, but a private trough, or in the hands of men who are interested only in the public welfare. Experience has taught us that nothing in a democracy is strong if character is weak, and nothing in a democracy is weak if character is strong. If Freemasonry is not a force making for the integrity of

character (which is the world’s greatest need) then its perpetuation as a form serves no good end.

Freemasonry must be a force in the world which works for “Brotherhood” . . . not individualism nor socialism, but “Brotherhood”. The principal tenets of our profession are brotherly love, relief and truth. By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human race as one family, the high, low, rich and poor, who, being created by one Almighty parent and inhabitants of the same planet, ought to aid, support and protect each other. There are no exceptions. There are no categories of race, or color, or class, or religion. If all the masons of the world believed that and acted upon it most of our tensions would be eased and our problems solved.

If we do not take this position as a matter of eternal right, we will be compelled to take it from sheer necessity. What has been demonstrated over and over again is that the welfare and the security of humanity depends upon brotherhood. It is an obvious fact that the welfare of those at the top primarily depends upon the welfare of those at the bottom, that the welfare of the most privileged depends primarily on the welfare of the least privileged. The hardest lesson we have to learn is that in the long journey down the years humanity travels on the feet of the slowest, not the fastest. If men act upon the belief that it is “every man for himself, and the Devil take the hindmost”, then it is only a matter of time until the fears and misfortunes of the hindmost will communicate themselves to the foremost. It is imperative that we must learn to live together if we are going to live at all. Wars, economic depressions, starvation and racial strife have thrust forcibly into our consciousness the fact that if we will not acknowledge our unity on the heights, we shall be compelled to acknowledge it in the depths; if we will not acknowledge our unity in prosperity, we shall be compelled to acknowledge it in adversity; if we will not acknowledge our unity in peace, then God Almighty will compel us to acknowledge it in war. The race that is on today is not a race between two economic ideologies, capitalism and communism; it is not a race between two political theories, democracy and totalitarianism; it is a race between brotherhood and destruction. Unless Freemasonry can be a force for the establishment of brotherhood it can have no other good reason for its continued existence.

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before. To mark the 250th Anniversary a special Fund had been opened for research into the science of surgery, to be administered by the Royal College of Surgeons. The Grand Master noted that over half a million pounds had already been subscribed. The Grand Lodge of Alberta subscribed \$1,000.00. This would benefit all mankind. He also read a message that had been sent to The Queen and the reply, congratulating Freemasons on attaining 250 years of useful existence.

Grand Lodge was closed in Ample form and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung — it was a moving experience to hear and be a part of more than seven thousand joining in the singing! The Grand Officers and visiting brethren then retired in procession. A new era in Freemasonry had commenced.

R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary.

FATHER TRAVELS 14,000 MILES FOR SON'S INSTALLATION



l. to r. Bro. Brian Stuart, Kelvingrove No. 187, Calgary; W. Bro. Noel Stuart, Mystic Tie No. 188, Edmonton; Bro. Alwyn Stuart, Inkerman No. 421 Melbourne, Australia.

At the Installation ceremony of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188 on June 6th, 1967, Bro. Noel Stuart was installed in the Chair of King Solomon. The Installing Master was V.W. Bro. Emmett Speers P.G.D. of C. and he was assisted by M.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder, P.G.M.

W. Bro. Stuart was Initiated in Inkerman Lodge No. 421 at Melbourne, Australia July 8th, 1954, passed October 14th, 1954 and Raised February 10th, 1955. After serving his apprenticeship in the printing trade Bro Stuart immigrated to Canada in 1956 and shortly afterwards V.W. Bro. Speers introduced him to Evergreen Lodge No. 166, where he affiliated. Early in 1963 these two brethren were instrumental in the formation of Mystic Tie Lodge.

The unique part of the evening was that the father and his two sons were re-united for the first time in lodge, as a family. Bro. Brian Stuart also immigrated to Canada in 1961 and is resident in Calgary. Bro. Alwyn Stuart came to Canada specifically for the Installation and commented "We in Australia, have the Installation ceremony put on by one of several Grand Lodge teams". Owing to business commitments Bro. Alwyn Stuart had to return to Australia and was unable to attend at Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATIONS

The Craft in Alberta would like to congratulate the 58 newly installed Worshipful Masters and invested officers of those Lodges who held installation and joint installation ceremonies as close as possible to the June 24 Anniversary date of St. John the Baptist.

While in some areas in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta installation ceremonies are celebrated as close as possible to the December 27 Anniversary date of St. John the Evangelist.

Although this is the choice of the individual Lodges, it would appear that the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist (apart from the fact that he was at one time the only patron saint of Masonry) has some definite advantages:

1. The weather and resulting road conditions permit many Brethren to attend who can not come out through snow drifts and below zero temperatures.

2. Most Lodges enjoy a summer recess which would allow Worshipful Masters and Officers to polish and complete an uninterrupted year's program, whereas

the summer recess may tend to cause a coasting attitude for the remaining four months.

3. The Christmas and New Year celebrations are busy times for most people and if anything is to be neglected, it would in many cases be the Lodge.

4. Installation ceremonies are excellent communications to visit and enjoy Masonic fellowship, an interest is created and if uninterrupted for the Masonic year could result in a higher continuous attendance.

5. The constituent Lodge and Grand Lodge would complete year end at the same time thus giving the whole Craft a fresh start after the summer recess.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Irricana Lodge No. 137 had a very special meeting on August 15th, 1967, when their first Worshipful Master, R.W. Bro. Hans Nicholson was presented with his Fifty Year Jewel and R.W. Bro. Oscar H. Price was presented with a Sixty year bar to his Fifty Year Jewel. Four Past District Deputies, members of Irricana, were received with Honours. They were the two distinguished brethren, R.W. Bro. A. Richardson and R.W. Bro. E. W. Gault and R.W. Bro. Gault made the presentation. R.W. Bro. Price, who is 89 years of age, had journeyed from Fort Macleod by bus, by himself, for the meeting—without telling anyone he was coming.

These two brethren were in a reminiscent mood at the banquet and members wish them the health and happiness that goes with a job well done.

June Notices show that the following brethren were also honoured, but no details of the meetings are at hand:

North Star No. 4 — Sixty Year Bars for V.W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Stewart and Bro. E. B. Hill. Fifty Year Jewels for Bro. L. T. Allen and Bro. R. R. Davidson.

Perfection No. 9 — Sixty Year Bars for Bro. D. E. Black and Bro. J. E. McComb. Fifty Year Jewels to W. Bro. R. M. Spankie and Bro. J. A. Sisler. Fifty Year Jewels to the following:

Crossfield No. 48 — R.W. Bro. R. M. McCool.
Grassy Lake No. 57 — W. Bro. Arden T. Litt.
Carbon No. 107 — R.W. Bro. F. J. Bessant.
Renfrew No. 134 — W. Bro. W. H. Smith.
Onoway No. 138 — W. Bro. E. T. Longman.
Gratton No. 144 — W. Bro. Wm. Masson.

IN MEMORY OF MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER SAM HARRIS

A service for the unveiling of a window in memory of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris took place in the Cathedral of Saint James, Peace River, Alberta, Sunday, September 10, 1967. The unveiling was conducted by Canon G. H. Crane-Williams, P.G.M. The window is a copy of one of Raphael's most famous pictures, known as Madonna di Foligno. The original was painted in 1511 and is now one of the treasures of the Vatican.

The Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1967 are now available from the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, 330 - 12 Ave. S.W., Calgary. They are priced at \$2.00 per copy for those who wish to purchase one. Each Lodge in the jurisdiction has been issued two copies which should be available from your Lodge Secretary.