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Grand Lodge Bulletin

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FROM THE GRAND MASTER

My Brethren,

It is a privilege for me to greet you for the first time from the pages of our Bulletin. We are about to resume activities after a summer recess and I trust that the respite has fathered strong resolutions to participate actively in the work of your Lodge. Your officers, particularly your District Deputy Grand Masters, who were invested at the ceremonies in June are all ready to help build the best year that our Grand Lodge has had, but all need the support of the members. With the Installation of each new Grand Master, Grand Lodge starts a new era, with all its possibilities of achievement and of pitfalls, if we can work as a united team for the good of the Craft, we can accomplish a great deal.

During the coming year it is my intention to attend all District meetings and to visit as many Lodges as possible, both urban and rural. If you have a special night send the information to the Grand Secretary's office as soon as possible and it may be fitted into the itinerary. By the time this is in print you will have learned of the Institution of a new Lodge at Fort McMurray, where there is a great deal of activity and where the population is growing, details will be in a future issue. We have also scheduled the Constitution and Consecration of Centennial Lodge No. 194 in Edmonton for September 30th.

I would specially ask all Worshipful Masters to arrange to have members who have not attended for some time personally contacted. You will have noticed the deplorably large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues in 1967, do all you can to see that members in arrears are per-

sonally contacted—not by mail, but by a personal visit. This can be arranged through a Lodge or Grand Lodge for non-resident members.

At the last Communication seventeen Lodges were not represented at all and an additional twenty-seven Lodges did not have either their Worshipful Master or their Wardens in attendance. Why does this happen? I hope to bring Grand Lodge closer to the Constituent Lodges so that problems can be discussed, will you do your part to build stronger ties in our family of Lodges?

During the past few years there have been fewer Dispensations issued for members to appear in public in Regalia to attend Divine service. This does not mean that members have not been attending in a body, there have been many special services when members have attended with their families. I urge all Worshipful Masters to make arrangements for members to attend Divine Service and I suggest to you that it is most appropriate that this be done without Regalia and with their family. It is a well known fact that members are active in the life of the various churches in the communities, it would be a good thing to give evidence of this by asking the Minister to arrange a special service.

It would appear that we are not as proud of Freemasonry as we ought to be, in view of the fact that it is one of the most wonderful organizations

in the world. Think of its historic past, its roots are lost in the mists of time. Since it first came into existence dynasties have disappeared, Thrones have tottered, Empires have vanished and Crowns have

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M. W. Bro. Charles Edward Pinnell

Charles Edward Pinnell, who was installed as the M.W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta at the Annual Communication in June is already well known throughout the Jurisdiction having already made outstanding contributions to the Craft. He was initiated, passed and raised in Crescent Lodge, No. 87, Calgary, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1951. He was appointed as Grand Director of Ceremonies for the year 1959-60 and in June 1965 was elected Junior Grand Warden. After serving as Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master he earned the high office he now holds. For the installation Ceremony M.W. Bro. T. G. Towers acted as installing Master and M.W. Bro. Pinnell was introduced to Grand Lodge by his very close friend M.W. Bro. David Little.

GRAND LODGE DECISIONS

Much concern has been expressed by a number of brethren over the defeat of the resolutions of the last Grand Lodge Communication dealing with the proposed change of time of Grand Lodge meetings. For two years now it has been proposed that Grand Lodge meet on the weekend rather than in the middle of the week. The recent Communication decided that there should be no change in the time of meeting.

The main cause for concern seems to centre around the confusion caused by the presentation of three resolutions rather than one resolution with two amendments. Some of the brethren felt that they did not have time for proper discussion. Others have openly stated that there was some manoeuvring behind the scenes so that "Grand Lodge" made sure the motions would be defeated.

It must be emphatically stated that there were no back room deals and nobody pulled strings to influence the voting. Over the years the Lodges had plenty of notice of the motions and had all the time necessary to formulate opinions. This was guaranteed by the incoming Grand Master at the 1967 Communication and was faithfully carried out.

In addition there is no mysterious entity called "Grand Lodge." Grand Lodge is composed of those brethren listed in the Constitution as eligible to vote and each Lodge has voting power. Thus when a decision is made it is made by the members of the craft throughout the jurisdiction and not by a small clique. It is quite possible that the sessions of Grand Lodge are overdue for a re-organization which would allow for a freer expression of opinion than is possible under the present set-up. Many large conventions have been forced into a re-evaluation of their rules of procedure in order to attempt to make the conventions adequately democratic. It is likely that the Masonic Order must face this issue as well.

There have been signs in the past few years that the voice of the brethren is being heard. The Board of General Purposes has met oftener recently and has taken a lead in the formulation of policies. Improved mechanisms are necessary in order to give younger members an opportunity to share in policy making. One effective technique is to change membership on committees frequently by limiting terms of office. This is certainly in the best Masonic tradition and it is likely that we should learn to appreciate the words from the closing charge in the Installation Ceremony in which the ideal Freemason is described as "the man who never proclaims what he has done, will do, can do, where need is, will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion, and a rare power of mind and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, but who then, without pretention, will retire into the multitude, because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good."

The winds of change are blowing over this world and the rising generation are demanding that their voices be heard in the councils of nations and communities. It is inconceivable that the Freemasons' Lodge can remain immune to the changing climate.

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

Sept. 3	Unity No. 51, Edmonton
Sept. 5-7	Banff Conference
Sept. 10	Fidelity No. 76, Bashaw
Sept. 13	District No. 13 at Hythe
Sept. 14	District No. 12 at Whitecourt
Sept. 27	Jubilee No. 173 at Calgary
Oct. 11	District No. 7 at Cardston
Oct. 12	District No. 8 at Frank
Oct. 19	District No. 10 at Cold Lake
Oct. 22	Carbon No. 107, Carbon, Fiftieth Anniversary
Oct. 23	District No. 11 at Champion
Oct. 26	District No. 2 at Medicine Hat
Oct. 30	District No. 18 at Didsbury
Nov. 2	District No. 6 at Okotoks
Nov. 6	District No. 15 at Irricana
Nov. 7	District No. 16 at Strathmore
Nov. 13	District No. 5 at Camrose
Nov. 14	District No. 9 at Bashaw
Nov. 16	District No. 3 at Edson
Nov. 20	Board of General Purposes at Red Deer District No. 4 at Red Deer
Nov. 21	District No. 20 at Edmonton
Nov. 22	District No. 19 at Edmonton
Nov. 23	Charter Flight to Yellowknife
Nov. 27	District No. 17 at Chauvin

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crumbled, but our great Order lives on with eye undimmed, greater, more powerful and influential than ever. In days like these when many imagine that history began with their own birth certificate it is good to belong to an Order with a great and historic past. But if Freemasonry had only a great past there would be no reason for pride, our faith is based on the fact that it has a great mission to fulfill in the present age, and a great contribution to make for the future of humanity. Within our Brotherhood men differing in language, in modes of thought, in dress and in habits of life are able to meet around a common Altar, share a common hope and seek a common ideal.

I am not sure that all Masons realize that Freemasonry is a progressive science. Some are content to live on the fringe of the Order, hug the shallows and are afraid to launch out into the deep. Too many are apt to forget the experience of our initiation when we first saw the light of an ideal, felt the thrill of a new inspiration and pledged ourselves to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. The vision has a tendency to fade into the light of day and we go on year after year unconscious of the fact that our strength is departing from us.

Let us make a new resolve as we face a new year.

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SCOPE OF THE CABLE TOW

*A paper delivered by Bro. F. E. Horne, Chaplain,
Oyen Lodge No. 104 to Berry Creek Lodge No. 158*

What is a cable tow? It is, in simple phrase, a tic that binds, mayhap. A rope or cable that binds a ship to shore, a chain that holds a prisoner or slave to his cell or master; or a moral obligation that binds a family together; an employee to his employer or a citizen to his country or his community, and there are many more.

The world in which we live rolls on through endless space kept ever turning on its axis by the invisible restraining force which holds it to the pillar of the sun.

Loose this bond for one second and it would fly in uncontrollable flight to its own destruction or to shatter other worlds.

The very bondage that we abhor, many of the ties that bind us, gossamer threads, or ropes or chains of steel that we chafe under and seek in fretful mood to break and burst, may keep us to the orbit that is traced by over-ruling wisdom for our good.

We gravitate toward duty, though we oftimes sweep with an uncharted course along the outer margin of the bare area of its tightened cord.

Let this wise restraint be broken and we, through life's peopled space, might heedless rush, trampling over hearts and ideals, rushing to our fate, leaving destruction and chaos on our heedless way, and if the ties of earth keep us from falling, so also do they often keep us from rising above the grosser things of life; they hold us down to the dull, tedious, monotony of worldly cares, aims and purposes.

Often we, like a tethered beast, prisoner or slave enchained at these restraints and fluttering go, stifled amid the vapors men have spread seeking the freedoms so dear to all.

Therefore the scope of the cable tow embraces all of these, the goals we seek to attain—universal brotherly love, self-discipline, loyalty, charity, humility and self-sacrifice, all of which by the length of your cable tow follows the admonition to do unto others as you would have them do unto you—a truly Masonic precept.

The cable tow, that mystic symbol of restraint binds us all by the physical and mental tie as E.A., F. and M.M., to the prescribed duties and obligations of the craft, until by education and accepted obligation, we are freed of the physical, and only the mental tie remains as a matter of personal honor and integrity.

The scope of, and the length of, the cable tow as applied to the individual depends entirely on his capacity to absorb the real meaning of brotherly love and affection, charity, loyalty and integrity, and his application of the same to his life as a fraternal brother, a citizen and a friend.

The cable tow of the ten commandments as given to us in the Book of Laws, if we properly obey them, lead and guide all of us in our homes or whatever sphere of life we may move, striving to do our best to earn the right to hear the welcome words, "Well done!"

H.R.H. DUKE OF KENT

The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C., accompanied by the Duchess of Kent officially opened the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede on July 4th. The afternoon before they were the guests of honor at a reception held in the Council Chambers of the Calgary City Hall. A delegation of Masons headed by M.W. Bro. Charles E. Pinnell, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary were present and extended to the Grand Master and the Duchess the greetings of the Masons in Alberta. H.R.H. expressed pleasure in meeting his brethren in Alberta and regretted that his schedule was so heavy that he was unable to spend more time with the craft in Alberta.

INTERPROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of the officers of the four Western Masonic Jurisdictions will be held in Banff on September 5, 6 and 7. The subject for discussion this year is the Fellowcraft degree. Sessions will be held on Thursday at 8:00 p.m., Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning. Observers will be made welcome. On Friday evening M.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell and Mrs. Pinnell will entertain the delegates and their ladies at dinner on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Research and Education Committee will have as its chairman V.W. Bro. R. W. Austin, Calgary, who resumes the post after a year's respite. The committee will be composed of members from Calgary: R.W. Bro. C. P. Blacklee, R.W. Bro. R. S. White, V.W. Bro. T. Bayles and W. Bro. H. L. Kalbfleisch. Space in the Grand Lodge Bulletin will be at the disposal of this committee whenever it needs it. The Grand Master has appointed V.W. Bro. Austin to the Board of General Purposes so that he may report directly to the Board. The Committee on the work has different personnel. The Chairman is to be M.W. Bro. David Little. He will be assisted by M.W. Bro. T. Gordon Towers and the Grand Secretary.

NEWS FOR BULLETIN

Brethren who have given a paper to a Lodge or a District meeting on a Masonic subject are urged to send a copy of that paper to the Grand Lodge Bulletin, 330 - 12th Avenue S.W., Calgary 3, Alberta. Lodges who have had a newsworthy Masonic Meeting are asked to send a complete account to the Grand Lodge Bulletin. Pictures of Masonic events, too, will be most welcome. District Deputy Grand Masters, Masters of Lodges and other officers are requested to encourage the sending of material to the Bulletin. Only in this way can we be sure to keep the Bulletin filled with news of the happenings in our Jurisdiction. The Editorial Committee will print as much of the material as possible. It will be edited not with a view to changing the meaning but to conform to the dictates of the limited space in the Bulletin. The deadline for receiving material is the 15th of the month previous to the next issue.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

R.W. Bro. Odell

It is fitting for members to pay tribute to R.W. Bro. John Gilbert Odell of Hanna Lodge No. 78 for his sixty years active service to the craft. R.W. Bro. Odell was Initiated in Merrill Lodge No. 344 in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on May 14th, 1908, being passed and raised in succeeding months. He came west and we find him to be one of eight brethren who petitioned for the formation of Coronation Lodge No. 72 in January, 1913; he was the first Senior Warden, however he moved from Coronation to Hanna and again we find him as a petitioner for the formation of Hanna Lodge No. 78 in May of 1913 where he was first Junior Warden. Brother Odell maintained his membership in Coronation Lodge until April 1914.

He served as Worshipful Master of Hanna Lodge in 1915 and again in 1922 and as District Deputy of District No. 9 in 1917-18. He received his Fifty-year Jewel in July of 1958 and on Saturday, May 18th, 1968, Hanna Lodge had a special 'ODELL NIGHT.' A very wonderful meeting it was. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police degree team, under the direction of Staff Sgt. W. Bro. S. Harbin were in attendance to confer the Master Mason's degree on two members and there was a large representation of members from the whole District. The M.W. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. B. Brown, accompanied by R.W. Bro. C. E. Pinnell, D.G.M., R.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal, S.G.W., and R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, G.S., were in attendance.

A unique feature of the evening was the attendance of R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith, who was the first Senior Warden of Hanna Lodge U.D. and was named as Worshipful Master in the Charter. R. W. Bro. Smith made the presentation of the Sixty Year bar to R.W. Bro. Odell; members wondered if there had been any occasion when two members who had worked as senior officers to form a Lodge had met under such circumstances 55 years later! R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith was Manager of the Merchants Bank in Hanna and served in many parts of Alberta, he has been a member of five different Lodges in Alberta, is now a member of Zetland No. 83, Calgary where he served as Worshipful Master in 1943 and he served as the first District Deputy of District No. 18 in 1948-49.

R.W. BRO. JOHN SMITH

Congratulations to R.W. Bro. John Smith and Mrs. Smith who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 19th, 1968. R.W. Bro. 'Scotty' Smith was Initiated in Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 October 28th, 1925. He served as Worshipful Master in 1930-31 and as D.D.G.M. of District 13 in 1947-48. For a great many years Brother Smith served as Tyler of the District Meeting. Brother Smith with his wife homesteaded in the Lake Saskatoon district before the 1914-18 War and farmed the same place until three years ago, when they moved to Grande Prairie. They have welcomed a great many Grand Lodge officers on their visit to the Peace River district.