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The Chairman of the Bursary Committee Looks Back

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"When you are travelling on an unfamiliar road," my old schoolmaster used to tell us, "Stop often and look back. Landmarks look quite different from the changed point of view." Recalling this sage advice, the Chairman of the Higher Education Bursary Committee would like to pause and consider the journey so far in regard to bursary commitments, to judge their effectiveness and to map future policies if changes are necessary.

Our present course was well plotted by the founding members of the Higher Education Bursary Committee when they laid down certain rules of procedure for the guidance of future members. These basic principles have been carefully followed with only minor innovations as time and circumstances have dictated.

In 1963 the late M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard spoke of the vital need for education in the world and how his committee representing all the members of the Masonic Jurisdiction appreciated the opportunity of giving practical service to those whom they selected for awards. About the same time Dr. Walter Johns, then President of the University of Alberta, expressed his sentiments in the following words: "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 endeavor for university students. Bursaries such as yours, which encourage good students to enter first year are especially valuable."

Your committee today feels as strongly about the need for higher education as the founding members did in 1963. To quote from a Royal Bank News Letter, "Ignorance is still one of the frightening things in our world today, not merely the lack of knowledge, but ignorance that consists of not knowing there are better things." Events happening in Quebec, in Northern Ireland, in the cities of the United States all remind us the battle against ignorance, intolerance and prejudice is not won but is rather just beginning.

The local demand for our assistance in higher education is growing each year as the numbers seeking admission to our universities increase. Two hundred and fifty applications were received this year before

the deadline of April 30, making the task of selecting fifty deserving names very difficult.

In the 1964 Bursary Notes the editor used a phrase which has been and still remains a guiding principle in the selection of candidates for bursaries, namely, **FOR THE NEEDY — NOT THE GREEDY**. Again this year as the applications were being classified, all those showing a reasonable financial standing were rejected in favor of those with a low family income. A factor not experienced to the same extent by former committees has been the number of requests for added assistance from second, third and even fourth year students, several of whom have wives who are also students. Your committee makes extensive investigations in all these cases. It is the opinion of some members of the committee that these continuing bursaries should be restricted to very needy cases in order to reserve the bulk of our funds for first year students since this year is a very crucial one in the life of a young person starting out on his or her career.

Two other procedures emphasized in former years still remain as guides. One is that bursaries are open for application by any boy or girl in the province, and are not confined to sons and daughters of masons; the other is the working together with other donor organizations each year to effect a wide provincial distribution and to prevent duplication of awards to any individual.

An interesting innovation, approved by the Grand Master, was started last fall in Edmonton, when all successful recipients of bursaries were invited to a dinner in the Food Services building at the University. Mr. R. Wishart kindly arranged the dinner for the students attending the U. of A. in Edmonton with M.Wor. Bro. P. J. Kendal, then Deputy Grand Master, presiding. A pleasant evening resulted and personal contacts between students and committee members were established. The Grand Master has requested that we have these gatherings in future in both Edmonton and Calgary, where the majority of students are located.

The main theme of our Grand Master's message this year is "Participation." Your Bursary Committee agrees most heartily with this sentiment, and suggest
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HOW RECIPIENTS ARE CHOSEN

Your Bulletin Committee thought that as the Brethren of this jurisdiction are assisting in the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund program, they should know something about the manner in which the recipients of the Bursaries are chosen.

All applications are first graded by a point system at the Grand Lodge Office.

Points being awarded as follows;

1. Income.

No points are awarded if the family income is over \$6,000.00 per annum. Points awarded increase as gross income decreases to a maximum of 5 points for income less than \$2,000.00 per year.

2. Dependents.

5 points are awarded if there are 5 or more dependents in the applicant's family, with points decreasing as number of dependants decrease.

3. Relatives.

2 points are awarded if the Mother, a widow, is supporting the family and 2 points awarded if the candidate has a brother or sister attending University financed by the parents.

4. Scholastic Standing.

If the grade 12 average was over 80%, 5 points are awarded and grade accordingly down to 1 point for a 60 to 65% average and no points for anything below 60%.

47 Awards have been made for 1969 and among these are 17 in Education, 9 in Arts and Science, 5 in Engineering, 4 in Medicine, 4 in Commerce, 3 in Law, 3 in Fine Arts and 2 in Technical School.

The Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge has assisted the Bursary Fund by supplying money for Bursaries to supplement benevolence to members or widows in need, who have dependents wishing to partake in the higher education program.

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to the brethren, ways of becoming involved with us in the work we are doing.

How can you participate?

(a) Show an interest by writing a cheque or making a small donation. Check the list also to make sure your lodge is contributing; if they are not, see that they do.

(b) Help us to find young people in your district who need financial assistance to attend our universities, institutes or colleges. More children of masonic brethren should benefit from our fund.

(c) Give assistance when asked to report on and to interview candidates in your district. One of your committee members travelled over a hundred miles and spent several days interviewing some fifteen students at his own expense this year. Could you volunteer to do something like this?

(d) Be critical of and give constructive advice to members of your committee. Ask questions and make suggestions, but above all **BE INVOLVED — PARTICIPATE!**

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY

1969 AWARDS

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, EDMONTON

Undergraduates

Elizabeth Ann BARLOW, Drumheller
Larry Wayne CAREY, Edmonton
Donna Lee CHAPMAN, Edmonton
Arthur Peter Douglass DUBETZ, Smoky Lake
Robert Bruce FORBES, Edmonton
Erika FOERGER, Wainwright
Frances Ann Catherine GALVON, Calgary
Henry Charles GAUVREAU, Peace River
Donna Patricia GRAHAM, Edmonton
June Patricia GRAHAM, Spirit River
Nancy Louise OLSEN, Innisfail
John SCHULLER, Hythe
Elaine Joan ZIMMERMAN, Goodfare

Matriculants

Katherine Louise ASH, Athabasca
Sheryl Mae BRYANT, Hays
Donald Edwin CLENNIN, Camrose
Deborah Eva ENDERS, Stony Plain
Patricia Joanne LEDDY, Edmonton
Linda Louise LOWE, Sherwood Park
Bruce John NATTRASS, Manyberries
Francoise Therese NOEL, St. Paul
Donald Allen PALKOWSKI, Edmonton
Mark POON, Lethbridge
Frances June SCHMIDT, Edmonton
Linda Irene SOKOLOTOSKY, Smoky Lake
Brian Edwin STASZEWSKI, Athabasca
Kristie Ann STEWART, Edmonton
Jeannette Helen TYLICKI, Nampa
Manfred WEBER, Hanna

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Undergraduates

Linda Margaret BROWN, Bowden
Phyllis Jane CARLSON, Stettler
Linda Bess CLARK, Acme
Chris Frederick JENSEN, Craigmyle
Lloyd Denis LUTIC, Calgary
Bonnie Anne PRITCHARD, Calgary
Marguerite Eileen WALSHAW, Calgary

Matriculants

Ronna Lee BYAM, Lethbridge
Linda Ann MANOLESCU, Calgary
Colleen Vera THYGESEN, Calgary
Angenita WIEGMAN, Fort Macleod

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

Undergraduate

Joy Lorraine TUSTIAN, Lethbridge

Matriculants

Linda Agnes McEWEN, Lethbridge
Lorna Marie WILLIAMS, Lundbreck

CAMROSE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Linda Georgina SIEGFRIED, Forestburg
Lynda Mae SWEEP, Delia

RED DEER JUNIOR COLLEGE

Leigh William SOLLAND, Eckville

NORTHERN ALBERTA

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, EDMONTON
Derek CONNOLLY, Edmonton

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CALGARY
Ethel Linda WALKER, Calgary

LONG RANGE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal has announced the appointment of a Special Long Range Planning Committee to study many facets in the future of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In response to a suggestion from the last Grand Lodge Communication, this committee will study the Recognition of Concordant Bodies. It is expected that the committee will meet early in October and several other times before the next annual Grand Lodge Meeting. The members of the Committee are—M.W. Bro. T. G. Towers (12), M.W. Bro. Bernie Brown (81), M.W. Bro. Morley Merner (15), R.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan (92), R.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan (22), V.W. Bro. A. C. Gunning (180), V.W. Bro. J. R. Hopkins (8), V.W. Bro. Roy Austin (124).

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The following is a list of the District meetings for 1969. The M.W., the Grand Master will attend all meetings except those in District 1 and District 8, when he will be represented by R.W. Bro. J. S. Woods, the Senior Grand Warden. The Grand Lodge Office will be represented by either the Grand Secretary or his assistant.

- October 4—District 12 at the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton.
- October 11—District 1 at St. Marks Temple, Calgary.
- October 15—District 15 at Carbon.
- October 16—District 9 at Castor.
- October 17—District 14 at Empress.
- October 18—District 2 at Medicine Hat.
- October 22—District 5 at Bawlf.
- October 24—District 19 at Acacia Temple, Edmonton.
- October 25—District 10 at Mannville.
- October 29—District 11 at Lethbridge.
- October 30—District 7 at Lethbridge.
- October 31—District 6 at the Calgary Masonic Temple, Calgary.
- November 1—District 18 at Triwood Community Hall, Calgary.
- November 5—District 20 at the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton.
- November 8—District 3 at Highlands Masonic Temple, Edmonton.
- November 12—District 8 at Stavely.
- November 19—District 4 at Red Deer.
- November 21—District 16 at Bassano.
- November 26—District 17 at Wainwright.

A FAMILY AFFAIR— In 1925 a Mr. E. W. J. Elvey was initiated into Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, Blairmore. He received his remaining degrees at Crescent Lodge No. 87. In 1938, as W. Bro. E. W. J. Elvey and Sitting Master of Crescent Lodge he had the privilege and pleasure of initiating his son, Mr. E. W. J. Elvey Jr. On September 23, 1969 a large number of Crescent members and visitors were present, including W. Bro. "Bill" Elvey to see his grandson Mr. W. E. Elvey initiated into Masonry. Bro. E. W. J. Elvey Jr. invested his son, Bro. "Ted" Elvey, with his apron and in a few well chosen words made a remarkable impression on the Candidate and on the Brethren present. The apron with which he invested his son, was the same one with which he had been invested and which W. Bro. "Bill" Elvey had received at his initiation some 44 years before.

THE GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

My Dear Brethren:

For my Theme in 1969-70, I have chosen the word, "Participation". Only one word, but a very important word for all of us in Masonry.

Participation means to take part, to share with others. I believe that anything that we can accomplish through Masonry will be the result of the personal participation of our members.

Participation is the key to involvement, to accomplishment, to an active and effective Masonic Lodge. Participation implies, I think, utilization to the fullest of all that is now available to us in Masonry. The greater the participation, the more brethren we get involved, the greater interest and enthusiasm we will arouse.

I am not opposed to change as long as we do not interfere with our Ancient Landmarks, but we must be prepared to accept new opportunities and challenges for service in the months ahead. Masonry is said to be a progressive science and not to progress is to die, there can be no standing still, if we stand still, we begin to slip back and decline.

In our restless search for something new, we too often are inclined to gloss over, to overlook, to forget and ignore what has been employed successfully. And so in your efforts to make Masonry more meaningful, I hope you will not forget to look back and re-examine the traditional and eternal values, the worthwhile activities that have made Masonry such a great force for good, and to utilize them anew when the occasion presents itself.

I would direct your attention to the Symbolic Lodge, the prime source of our Masonic strength and light. I would de-emphasize those things that tend in any way, to overshadow or detract from the glory of the "Three Degrees".

Let us this year unite in common purpose, to give our Symbolic Lodge, the attention and allegiance that is rightfully hers; and to our Masonic Brethren let us distinguish ourselves by acting upon the square, doing unto them as we wish they should do unto us.

I have once again traditionally proclaimed November as Higher Education Bursary Month. In so doing, I humbly solicit your continued interest and generous support for this very worthwhile project of your Grand Lodge. I will not elaborate any further on this subject, as elsewhere in these pages, you will find a message from our very able Chairman, Wor. Bro. W. E. Robinson. Please study it carefully and then participate in it with your generous support.

During November our thoughts go back to "Remembrance Day", which we annually observe on November 11th. Let us pause briefly from the hustle and bustle of this busy life and for a silent moment, give thanks to Almighty God, for those of our Brethren of two generations, who preferring death to dishonour, nobly surrendered their lives as they trod the pathway of Hiram Abif, and fell with their faces to the East.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."

Your Grand Master,
Philip J. Kendal

BANFF WORKSHOP — Brethren will take note and plan accordingly, The Fifth Annual Banff Workshop will be held on April 10, 11, and 12, 1970. The Chairman will be R.W. Bro. J. H. Laycraft, Zetland Lodge No. 83. The Vice-Chairman will be R.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92. Registration forms will be mailed during the first week in December, to the Secretary of your lodge.

MASTER FARMERS — The list of 1969 Master Farmers recently published, includes the names of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Thirsk. Bro. Peacock is a member of Alliance Lodge No. 135, and R.W. Bro. R. D. Thirsk is Secretary of Melrose Lodge No. 62. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to these families on their important achievement.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

May 6th, Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, honoured two of its members by presenting them with Fifty Year Jewels. W. Bro. W. W. Bugler was initiated into Norwood Lodge No. 90 on April 2, 1919. W. Bro. L. F. deLaunay was initiated into Warner Lodge No. 100 on March 6, 1919.

May 8th, Bassano Lodge No. 55 honoured R.W. Bro. H. H. Beeber by presenting him with a Fifty Year Jewel. R.W. Bro. C. P. Blacklee, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 1 made the presentation on behalf of the lodge and referred to the fine contribution to Masonic Life made by R.W. Bro. Beeber. R.W. Bro. Beeber was initiated in Bassano Lodge on February 4, 1919. He was Master of the Lodge in 1924 and District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2 in 1941. He also served Bassano Lodge as Secretary for 20 years.

LODGE NOTICES — It is very interesting to glance through the Lodge Notices which come to the Bulletin Committee each month and to observe the care with which many are prepared. We were especially interested in the notices from Vulcan Lodge No. 74 and Doric Lodge No. 31, which carry a quotation attributed to Confucius (471 B.C.) — “A Master Mason in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and square; ye who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and square.”

THE CONSTITUTION — In June, at the Grand Lodge Communication, the New Constitution was presented to the Brethren. It was adopted without any changes and without debate, indicating that the Committee on the Constitution had done a very thorough job. The Lodges had been kept well informed for over a year on the progress of the work and the Committee received many suggestions from Lodges which took the time to discuss the proposed changes. In the Grand Lodge Bulletin, February 1969, R.W. Bro. J. S. Woods outlined the thinking of the committee and our readers may wish to refer back to that article.

The Grand Secretary is now busy preparing the new Constitution for printing, and reports that it will likely be ready for distribution to the Lodges early in 1970. R.W. Bro. Rivers says that it would be very helpful if he could get some estimate as to the number of copies which might be required. Secretaries of Lodges could assist him by letting him know at once how many copies they will be needing.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



R.W. Bro. G. Rider Davis was initiated into Freemasonry in Alberta Lodge No. 3, Fort Macleod on January 21st, 1925. He was Master of the Lodge in 1929 and in 1934-35 he was the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 8. At present he is the Registrar of Alberta Lodge No. 3 and has been the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Montana since 1953.

He was born in 1888 and spent his childhood at Fort Macleod, thus he became acquainted with the character and experienced the rigors of the Early West. From 1897 to 1902 he resided as a boy at Dawson City in the Yukon Territories. He is one of the few surviving eye-witnesses to the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898.

In 1902 he attended Upper Canada College, Toronto and upon completing his education he returned to Alberta and took up ranching on the family's ranch on the Belly River near Fort Macleod.

Bro. Davis has practiced law in Fort Macleod for the past 35 years, prior to that he was Sheriff and Clerk of the Court for the Judicial District of Macleod. The Honour of Queen Counsel was conferred on him in 1953.

During his 81 years in Fort Macleod he has served the community well, having been Mayor for 18 years, a Past President of the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, a Past Ruler of the local chapter of the B.P.O.E., and a founding member of the Fort Macleod Rotary Club.

Having observed and experienced a great many of the historical events which have transpired in Southern Alberta, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Gold Rush, he has been a keen student of the history and anecdotes of these regions. He is a Past President of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers Association and a member of the Yukon and Alaska Sourdoughs. He has always taken an active interest in these organizations and has attended their conventions annually.

Bro. Davis has led an active life in the interests of his community, for which, the citizens of Fort Macleod are grateful. Presently semi-retired, his next task we hope, will be the writing of his memoirs.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Nobleford Lodge No. 111 will hold its Fiftieth Anniversary in Nobleford on November 22nd. The Grand Master, R.W. Bro. F. G. Fox, J.G.W. and R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary will be in attendance. A good representation from surrounding Lodges is hoped for.

HELP WANTED — One or two members are making up a complete set of Bulletins, but are lacking the December 1955 issue. If any member has a December 1955 issue which he can spare, please send it to the Grand Secretary at 330 - 12 Ave. S.W., Calgary 3, Alberta.