



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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“WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH”

R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. E. J. Thompson, Deputy Grand Master

The beginning of a New Year is a good time to look back at what has been done in our world and then look ahead to what might be done in the coming days. Some are inclined to regard the past, and the achievements of man in the past, as mostly failure and frustration. It is possible to contrast “what was” with “what might have been” and end with despair. A more accurate examination reveals that much has been accomplished that is very worthwhile. In some cases man has not succeeded because he did not set clear goals and objectives before himself. Where he has had clear goals, achievement has been spectacular. Man set before himself the goal of putting a man on the moon, and he achieved that goal. Man set himself to understand the atom and release its power, he succeeded—leaving the question of the use of that power for the destruction of mankind or for building the nations for others to resolve. Man has aimed at the goal of health and longevity, and he has succeeded to an extraordinary degree. Disease is being checked and man is living longer. Man has aimed at an adequate production of food resources. He has succeeded, but has yet to resolve the problem of fair distribution of food to all mankind. We have oversupply in some areas and hunger and starvation in others.

If these are some of the things that we find in the past it behooves us now to set before ourselves as clearly as possible some of the goals and objectives we need to strive for in the future. Some of these goals are already suggested above; we must make sure that atomic power is harnessed to help mankind and not to destroy it. Men must make their desires known to governments so that governments will take seriously the control and use of atomic power. There is much yet to be done in the area of disease and health. Prevention and research must be carried on for the

benefit of all, in all countries. The adequate production of food must be followed by the fair distribution of food to all mankind. Again, the complexity of our civilization demands highly trained and educated personnel. We must aim at training and educating every person so that he or she can make the maximum contribution to the enrichment of mankind, and also participate in a full and satisfying life. Higher education bursaries are not a “hand-out,” but an investment in educated personnel.

Perhaps the supreme objective before the world today is that of establishing creative peace and harmony among the peoples and races of the earth. It is not enough to develop little “pockets of brotherhood and harmony” in hidden corners of the world. We must change the atmosphere of the world and bring in a new day when men and nations will truly live harmoniously and creatively together. This is possible! But it will take the effort and support of all to achieve. The material and personnel resources of the nations must be turned from defense and destruction to construction and creation. It remains for man to see the goal clearly and then to set himself to achieve that goal. True brotherhood begins **where you are**, and moves out until it encompasses the whole wide earth.

Masonry, with its concern for the brotherhood of man, can play an important role both in delineating the goal and in inspiring men to work for that goal. Nor are we alone as we set our hearts and minds and hands to these tasks. The Creator of the Universe works in us and with us to create and bring in a new day. Our Lodges must not be places of seclusion where we can withdraw from the arena of life to enjoy peace and brotherhood for a few moments. Our Lodges must be places where high ideals and clear goals are set before us and where men are renewed in spirit and inspired again to strive for the highest goals. “Never forget that we are builders!”

RENEWAL

W. Bro. J. C. Daisley, Taber

The mailing lists of our lodges contain the names of men who have been initiated, passed and raised to become Master Masons. But the whole process becomes ludicrous when so many of them having received the PRIVILEGE and RESPONSIBILITY of membership . . . enjoy neither.

To be mentally backward is a great handicap. To be retarded in emotional development, leads to many problems; and, for a lodge member to suffer from Infantile Regression of Masonry is equally pathetic.

Freemasonry has a history of which we may all be proud . . . and from that history we can garner the wisdom we need . . . to meet with courage and confidence, the problems of life today as we see the world at the crossroad of time . . . and when, as the late John R. Mott said, "The soul of humanity is being ploughed for the planting of the seed."

FIRST . . . We Must Get Into It!

Nowhere does one find work wholly free of dullness and monotony. This is as equally true of lodge work as it is of the daily round and common task.

But let us remember back of every discovery, the scientist has gone over the same experiment again and again before coming up with his answer.

Back of every battle line each officer and man has been subjected to wearing manoeuvres, monotonous drills and repeated briefings.

Back of every thrilling touchdown the athlete has run through the same drill practise sessions until he could scream with vexation.

BUT . . . let's face it! It is the constant grind that sharpens the axe to a cutting edge!

SECOND . . . We Must Get On With It!

I suppose no one has ever questioned the truth of the signs seen on government road building projects, which read . . .

"SLOW Men At Work."

We may smile at the implication given, but we know too, that laziness and shoddiness is no laughing matter. Nothing is more provoking than work involving inferior workmanship and incompetent workmen. Why then, should we offer our second best in our work on the floor of the lodge.

Someone once said, "Either a man should BRING fire to his work, or he should be FIRED from it."

Should this reminder not be given to those who take office in the Craft?

FINALLY . . . We Must Let Good Out

It is the duty of the Master of the Lodge to charge his brethren to practise OUT OF the Lodge, those excellent principles which are ever inculcated within it . . . so runs the charge to the W.M. at his installation . . .

Is it done?

Why should it be done?

Why should we practice it?

The answer is known to all of us.

Yes, it is only as we LET GOOD OUT . . . that we shall encourage others to COME IN. Is not a candidate supposed to have a favorable opinion which was preconceived . . . favorable?

And is this opinion not formed from his observation of the life and work of a Mason OUTSIDE the Lodge? One who is LETTING GOOD OUT?

Renewal will not come by CHANGE in Masonry form . . . but by CHALLENGE to its principles; and this may best be achieved as we daily recall . . . "That wherever we are and whatever we do, His all seeing eye beholds us." So, let's get into it. Let's get on with it. Let us let good out.

Innisfail Lodge No. 8

On November 20, Innisfail Lodge No. 8 presented a Fifty Year Jewel to W. Bro. Joe Manuel to honor his 50 years of service to Masonry. W. Bro. Manuel was initiated on November 20th, 1919.

World Wheat Championship

On behalf of the M.W. the Grand Master and all members, we extend warmest congratulations to Bro. Harold E. Hansen of Calgary on once again winning the World Wheat Championship. Such success comes only after a great deal of painstaking work as well as skilful farming, and members of the Craft are very pleased that an active member has been so outstandingly successful.

Fifty Year Jewel

Bro. A. H. Murray of Brooks Lodge No. 73 was honored recently by his Mother Lodge Rosthern-Duck Lake No. 13 G.R.S., when he was presented with a Fifty Year Pin. His eldest son, Bro. A. H. Murray of Brooks pinned the jewel on his father. Sons Hugh Murray of Emporia, Kansas; Angus Murray of Edmonton; Don and Ross of Brooks were all present for the meeting. At a banquet that followed, Mrs. Murray was presented with a bouquet of roses. Bro. Murray is 91 years of age and moved to Rosthern in 1906 and was initiated into Freemasonry there on September 17, 1919, and is a life member of the Lodge. He was Worshipful Master in 1945 and 1947. In 1927 he was responsible for the building of the Lodge Hall. The Warden's pillars were carved by him. Even at his advanced age, W. Bro. Murray is very active and interested in the Brooks Lodge, for he now resides in that town. His brethren wish him more years of health and service.

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

The Bulletin has received a number of encouraging comments on the recently published explanation of the Altar Cloth and on the article on the pillars. This has caused considerable interest because of the fire in the Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem and the question has been asked if the Mosque of Omar is actually built on the site of the Temple of Solomon. The answer is yes. The Temple of Solomon was built during the reign of King Solomon and was destroyed about 586 B.C. by the Assyrians. Some seventy years later, when the Jews returned from captivity in Babylon, a much inferior temple was erected. Herod the Great rebuilt the temple in 20 B.C. and reclaimed much of the splendor that was in the first temple and this was the temple connected with the life of Jesus of Nazareth. When the Romans, under Pompey, decided to put an end to the continual troubles caused by the Jews, they overran Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and destroyed the temple. It lay in ruins for a number of years until the Mohammedans took over the Holy Land and built the Mosque of Omar which is several centuries old.

Nominating Committee

The M.W. the Grand Master, as required by the constitution, has appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of M.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin, Vegreville, Chairman; M.W. Bro. T. G. Towers, Red Deer, and R.W. Bro. H. G. Stretton, Lethbridge. The job of the Nominating Committee is to seek out likely candidates for Grand Lodge elective offices and to make sure that they are nominated in the prescribed manner. Any Lodge or Brother having suggestions for nominees should inform the Committee. The Nominating Committee seeks only to ensure that there will be candidates for the offices. It in no way is intended to replace the regular process of nomination. Nominations may still be made directly to the Grand Secretary and must be in his office on the prescribed form by noon, the last day of February.

A Record

M.W. Bro. S. Hardin attended the meeting of District No. 5, which was held in Bawlf on October 22nd. This was his FORTIETH consecutive meeting of District No. 5. When attention was drawn to this enviable record, M.W. Bro. Hardin was accorded a sincere and well deserved round of applause.

Divine Service

A Service for all Masons and their families will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Robertson United Church, 102nd Avenue and 123rd Street, Edmonton, on Sunday, January 18th, 1970 by the kind permission of Bro. Rev. A. G. S. Edworthy, Minister. The W.M. The Grand Master hopes that there will be a good attendance. No regalia.

A Service for members and their families will be held in McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca Street S.E., Calgary, on Sunday, January 25th, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. This is our Grand Chaplain's Church and V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. W. Roberts will be assisted by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon C. Swanson, P.G.C. No regalia.

GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

My Dear Brethren:

Again we turn the page, another year
Lies spotless and untouched before your eyes;
O let us mar it not, but through the days
May kindness and love and peace our lives comprise
New opportunities are ours, and may we prove
To be God's children truly, thus to see
In faithfulness of word and thought and deed,
What his ideal of fellowship can be.

With this, my first message for nineteen hundred and seventy, we turn over a new page in the book of life as we welcome a new year and a new decade—shall we say the exciting seventies. Much has transpired during the thrilling sixties. What the seventies hold for us, no one knows, but this I do know, that they will be more exciting and challenging than the past.

As the new year begins, let us stop to consider a Mason's place in his Church, his Family and his Community, as he applies the teachings and practical living of Masonry in our hearts and minds every day of our lives in all our dealings with our fellowman.

This also marks the end of half of my tenure as your Grand Master, during this time, I have travelled extensively with the idea of fulfilling my responsibilities to the Craft to the best of my ability. I have endeavored to display in my humble way, some qualities of leadership and inspiration which is expected of one in this high office, Again and again, I have repeated my theme of "Participation" among my brethren, hoping that this theme will catch fire and become a positive force in our Masonry in Alberta and that we will truly make this a year of "Participation and Involvement."

It is my sincerest wish that in the year that lies ahead, may we all, in the words of Thomas Dekker: "Awaken each morning with a smile brightening our faces, greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains, hold ever before us, even in the doing of little things, the ultimate purpose toward which we are working. Meet men with laughter on our lips and love in our hearts, be gentle, kind and courteous through all the hours; and approach the night with weariness that even woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done."

Let us face the future unafraid and purposefully. Thus, can the year ahead be one of achievement and happiness.

Together, let us truly make it a Happy New Year.

Your Grand Master,
Philip J. Kendal.

Results!

We asked our readers to send to the Grand Lodge Office, copies of the Bulletin for December 1955 in order that a file of issues may be completed. It is with grateful thanks that we acknowledge the receipt of four copies. Three of them came from Alberta and one from Bro. Geo. Y. Heaton, of Acme Lodge, who now lives in Spokane, Washington. He tells us that he has copies of the Bulletin saved over a period of twenty years. Thanks to all for your help but most of all, thank you for reading the Bulletin so carefully.

HERITAGE PARK MASONIC PROJECT

In 1967 the Board of General Purposes gave the Master Wardens and Deacon Association of Calgary authority to make arrangements with the Heritage Park Committee of Calgary for the erection of a replica of an early Masonic Lodge. Arrangements now have been completed for a Lodge Room to be set up above the Royal Bank in Heritage Park. A Heritage Park Masonic Centennial Trust Fund has been established, the objective is \$2,000, which will be used for material to finish the interior. The Chairman of the Fund is W. Bro. D. G. Simmonds (22) 43 Brampton Crescent S.W., Calgary 14. The Secretary, W. Bro. C. R. Jackson (174), 29 Rosetree Road N.W., Calgary 43, and Treasurer Bro. S. R. Morris (189).

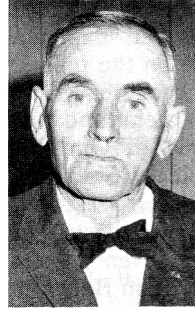
The Board of General Purposes at its meeting on November 19th, voted \$500 to assist in this historical project and the Committee solicits support from the membership throughout the jurisdiction. It is planned to have the Lodge Room ready for opening in time for the summer season of the Park in 1970.

**Congratulations and Honors
Nicholson Night—Joppa Lodge No. 40**



On October 23, 1969, Joppa Lodge No. 40 held a dinner in honor of R.W. Bro. Neil Nickolson, who was initiated into Joppa Lodge in Granum on April 29, 1909, was W.M. in 1913 and D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 in 1924. R.W. Bro. Nicholson was 89 years of age on September 19th. He journeyed from Calgary with R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary and was accompanied by V.W. Bro. G. E. Blake, W. Bro. J. Lawrence and Bro. T. Cochrane. W. Bro. Wallace Daley was toastmaster at the dinner and R.W. Bro. G. Rider Davis of Alberta Lodge No. 3 presented R.W. Bro. Nicholson with his sixty year bar, recalling earlier days in Fort Macleod when Bros. Nicholson and Blake were stationed there in 1903, in the North West Mounted Police. Bro. Nicholson left the Police and ranched at Spring Point for many years. He now resides in Calgary with Bro. Cochrane, son of his late partner.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



Carl Bernard Anderson was born at Kennedy, Minnesota on October 15th, 1894 and moved with his family to Saskatchewan at the age of 11 years. He was Initiated in Broderick Lodge No. 113, G.R.S. December 8th, 1916., Passed March 3rd, 1917, Raised May 4th, 1917. He demitted in 1935. On October 31st, 1929, Bro. Anderson was a Charter member of Hythe Lodge No. 156. He served as Worshipful Master in 1933 and again for the year 1939-40. In 1944, Brethren of District No. 13 having elected him as District Deputy, he was invested for M.W. Bro. W. Ireland's year. R.W. Bro. Anderson has been a tower of strength to Hythe Lodge No. 156 and as a recognition of his work he was elected as Honorary Life Member August 29th, 1963. Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 extended a similar honor November 14th, 1963. At the Installation meeting of July 1966, M.W. Bro. Towers presented R.W. Bro. Anderson, who was presented to the Grand Master by R.W. Bro. Rivers, Worshipful Master of Hythe Lodge in 1938, with his Fifty Year Jewel and recalled some of the occasions when R.W. Bro. Anderson walked in from his farm some three miles from town and never missed a meeting, even when the thermometer registered 60 degrees below zero. He could always be relied on to be present and to take any part of the Work in Degrees or Installation.

R.W. Bro. Anderson was married to the former Helen Giberson on July 4th, 1928. Their son Bernard is now living in Florida. Their daughter Mildred, whose husband Elvin Nordhagen is presently Junior Warden of Hythe Lodge, is on the farm, which R.W. Bro. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson turned over to Mildred and Elvin when they moved into Hythe in 1954.

Hospital Visitation

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons' Associations of Calgary and Edmonton are prepared to provide visitation to brethren from out of town who are hospitalized in the cities. We quote from a letter received from one of these organizations—"Quite frequently we receive letters requesting visitation to these brethren but on arriving at the hospital we find that the brother has been discharged. We will make every effort to visit these brethren if we are notified in time." Here are the addresses to which you may refer cases of illness in the city hospitals.

In Edmonton:

W. Bro. C. H. Schroder,
Secretary-Treasurer,
10836 - 135th Street,
Edmonton 40, Alberta;

Or,

W. Bro. H. C. MacGregor,
President,
11116 - 95A Street,
Edmonton 17, Alberta.

In Calgary:

W. Bro. R. H. Chapman,
Secretary-Treasurer,
2439 - 25A Street S.W.,
Calgary 4, Alberta;

Or,

W. Bro. C. E. Tuckey,
Chairman, Hospital Visitation,
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