

# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP 1970

APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

# Banff Masonic Spring Workshop 1970

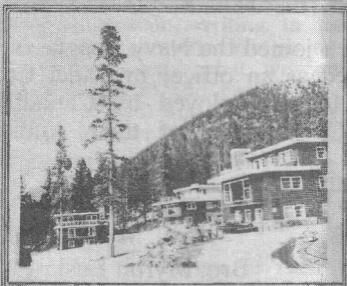
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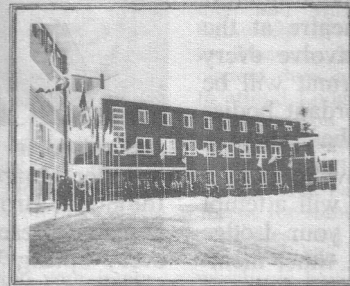
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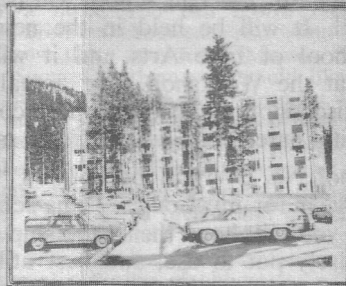
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**Masonic Spring Workshop 1970****A G E N D A****FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, 1970**

- 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. —Registration  
 6:00 p.m. sharp —Supper  
 7:45 p.m. —Announcements  
 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. —First Theme Address  
 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. —Discussion Group  
 (Get Acquainted Session)  
 9:45 p.m. —Coffee

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11th, 1970**

- 8:00 a.m. sharp —Breakfast  
 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. —Discussion Groups re Addresses  
 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. —Schools of Instruction  
 12:00 noon sharp —Lunch  
 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. —Second Address  
 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. —Discussion Groups re Addresses  
 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. —School of Instruction  
 6:00 p.m. sharp —Supper  
 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. —Third Theme Address  
 8:00 to 9:15 p.m. —Discussion Groups re Addresses  
 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. —Coffee and time to purchase books  
 etc.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12th, 1970**

- 8:15 a.m. sharp —Breakfast  
 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. —Schools of Instruction  
 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. —Devotional Service  
 12:00 noon sharp —Lunch

**5th Annual Masonic Spring Workshop  
Schools of Instruction**

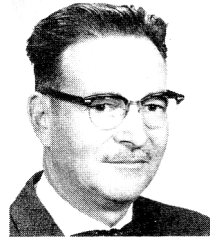
V.W. Bro. R. J. L. Borland, Chairman

This most important facet of the Workshop has been altered slightly in format in order to reflect the "Leadership" theme of the Workshop. Instead of the various officers' schools as we have had in the past we will be having three entirely different 'Leadership Schools!'

**School No. 1**—This school will be handled by professional instructors and will concern itself only with the making and presenting of a Masonic speech. It is our feeling that the 'students' at Banff should take the leadership in their Lodges for the promotion and practice of better speeches—or maybe you don't think that better speeches are needed?

**School No. 2**—This school will be of vital interest to you all. It will be held in the new theatre at the Banff School of Fine Arts and it will involve every attendee at the Workshop. The actual format will be a panel discussion on recognition of concordant bodies and of vital interest to every Craft member.

**School No. 3**—Will be entitled "How to plan a Masonic year for my Lodge." This school will attempt to show you all how the leadership of your Lodge should wisely put to use, and best utilize, time, members and material, welding all of these into a full and interesting Masonic year for the Lodge.

**THEME SPEAKERS****Dr. Gerald L. Berry**

Gerald L. Berry is a native Albertan. He has been involved in various phases of public education since 1934, as teacher, superintendent, inspector and professor. He holds degrees from the University of Alberta and the University of Colorado. He is currently Chairman of the Department of Secondary Education at the University of Alberta.

He was initiated in Albion Lodge No. 97, Chauvin, in 1939. He affiliated with Century Lodge No. 100, Milk River, where he became W.M. in 1949, and D.D.G.M. of District No. 7 in 1951-52. As his work in education has required considerable travel, he has had the opportunity to visit many lodges in Alberta, as well as some in neighboring jurisdictions.

**R. G. J. Aberdeen**

R. G. J. (Bob) Aberdeen was born at Edmonton, Alberta and was educated in Edmonton at Garneau School and Strathcona High School. While attending the University of Alberta, he was a staff writer for the University's newspaper, *The Gateway*.

In 1958, Bro. Aberdeen married the former Miss Beverly Barthel of Loughheed, Alberta and they now have three daughters, ages 10, 7 and 3. The family attends St. John's Anglican Church.

Bro. Aberdeen was initiated into Empire Lodge No. 63 in 1963 and now serves his Lodge as Junior Warden. Among other masonic activities, he has acted as a discussion group leader at the last three Spring Workshops.

Bro. Aberdeen joined the Navy League of Canada in 1960 and served as an officer in Cadet Corps No. 11 until 1963. He is employed by Canadian Electronics Ltd. as Co-ordinator of their Audio/Visual Institute.

**Bro. Myron Lusk**

Bro. Myron Lusk was born in Edmonton and throughout his life has been busy with community activities and athletics. He is married and has five children, three boys and two girls. He was initiated into Evergreen Lodge No. 166 in January 1966

and raised in March of the same year. At present he is Inner Guard of that Lodge. From the time of his Initiation, Bro. Lusk has been actively associated with Masonic Research and Education and has attended every Spring Workshop acting on a discussion group for three years and last spring was Chairman of the Committee in charge of the discussion groups.

## GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

My Dear Brethren:

This month may I start my message to you by taking you back to the story of the old country preacher, who, in the early days of radio, was drafted to broadcast a service of worship over the air. "I take my text," he began clearly, "from the fourteenth chapter of John, the thirty-fourth verse; A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another!"—Then his sermon. He talked as he would have talked from the pulpit of the church where he had met his friends and neighbors for so many years. There was no conscious striving for effect, no endeavour for fine phrasing or eloquent passages. Yet the message was rich in the beauty of lovely thoughts clothed in simple language. It was a plea for friendship among men, for toleration and for understanding.

"We are all builders," said the old man, "working on the unseen Temple. Sometimes our tools are different. I use one, you use another. Your trowel may not be an exact duplicate of mine, yet who can say it is not as well shaped to spread the cement of brotherly love. Shall we desert our labors and leave the Temple unfinished while we quarrel over the merits of our tools? Which, think you, is more important, the tools which a man uses or the work he does? It may be that your square; your plumb or level, are suited to your hands but not to mine. My compasses may have been handed down to me from my father who was a builder before me. Must we both buy our working tools at the same counter before we can labor side by side?"

So, with the simple symbols of the most ancient of all crafts, he pleaded for less thought of creed and more of love. "I am an old, old man," he said in closing. "Yet in all the years of my life I have never seen hatred bring happiness; I never knew bigotry to draw a man closer to his own God; I have never found that intolerance made smoother or easier the road to happiness."

It was a great sermon, if great sermons are measured in terms of eloquence. Yet to thousands who listened that afternoon it carried the conviction that it came from the heart of one who loved his neighbor as himself and who found love good. At the conclusion the voice of the unseen speaker repeated the simple benediction, "The Lord watch you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you. Amen."

There were those who felt they had been in the presence of a shining soul, and they talked in muted voices of its beauty.

Have you, my brother, read the charming pages of "The Lodge in Friendship Village?" by P. W. George. If not then you have a rare Masonic treat awaiting you and you can borrow a copy of this book from our Grand Lodge Library.

Joseph Fort Newton, writing in the foreword of this book states, "It is a mystery: We go to Lodge year in and year out knowing exactly what we are to see and hear; we meet upon the level and part upon the square; and yet somehow, a tie is spun and woven between man and man, light as air but stronger than steel, which even the wild hell of war cannot break—who can explain it! It is enough to know that Masonry does teach us the one truth most worth knowing: "From man to man nothing matters but charity."

Brethren, I have designated April as back to our Symbolic or Blue Lodge Month.

We hope that the Master of each Lodge will make a special effort to get the members of his Lodge to attend at least one meeting during the month of April. Lodge going, like Church going, is a habit. Let a man miss church four Sundays in a row and he will be among the absent for a long, long time. So it is with Lodge attendance. You and I may be depriving many of our members of the opportunities of attending Lodge. We are keeping them from enjoying the fellowship, brotherly love and companionship which we can all enjoy at Lodge meetings.

These men we are keeping from Lodge are men who have been members of the Fraternity for years. For reasons beyond their control, probably, they have not been attending Lodge: They would like to come back now. You may have invited these men to attend Lodge, but they have always had an excuse. I wonder if these excuses were legitimate? I wonder if the real reason they have not accepted your invitation is that they are afraid they can't get in and would be embarrassed? After all, they have been away for a long time

## A JOINT EMERGENT MEETING

A Joint Emergent Meeting of Unity Lodge No. 51 and Gateway Lodge No. 164 was held in the Auditorium of the Edmonton Central Masonic Temple for the purpose of raising five candidates from the two Lodges.

It was the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the Annual R.C.M.P. Night, inaugurated in Unity Lodge by R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers on February 18th, 1941.

V.W. Bro. Stan Harbin, G.D. of C., together with ten members of the force, occupied the chairs and received many compliments for the efficient and dignified manner in which they performed the work.

In addition, the presence of 21 Masonic brethren of the Al Azhar Temple Chanters of Calgary, under the direction of Bro. Ted Forsey, ably supported the work of the degree by their excellent rendition of the musical part of the ceremony.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal, accompanied by six D.D.G. Masters together with six P.D.D.G.M.'s and other Grand Lodge Officers were officially welcomed by some 342 members of the craft, many of whom had travelled long distances throughout the surrounding Edmonton area to be present.

The record shows that a total of 62 Lodges were represented in all, 24 Edmonton Lodges and 38 out-of-town Lodges.

At the conclusion of the degree the Grand Master congratulated the five candidates and presented a Masonic pin to each of them as a personal gift.

Some 114 members of Norwood Lodge No. 90, who were meeting in the Temple on the same night, joined in by arrangement during the refreshment hour.

## OLD TIMERS' NIGHT

Chinook Lodge No. 47 held a very successful Old Timers' Night in April when it entertained some forty-two brethren whose masonic ages ranged from less than ten to sixty. Twelve of those present had been members of the craft for forty years or more with a total of 578. Visitors were present from every Lodge in District No. 8 and a number from other places. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Harry Smyth presided. Especially enjoyable was the banquet which followed the Lodge meeting when opportunity was given for the renewal of friendships and the exchanging of tales of past years.

and there is no one to vouch for them. You can do these men and Masonry a favor. You can return them to the fellowship of their Brethren. You can add another worker for Masonry. You know these men to be Masons. They have current dues cards. Suggest to them you would like for them to attend Lodge with you. Invite them to drop by your office or home. You can satisfy yourself and prepare them to stand an examination without embarrassment to themselves.

Let us all make a serious effort to return to our Craft Lodges and each one bring along a brother who has been absent for sometime. There let us review and renew the great principles and basic fundamentals for which our fraternity stands, at the same time rededicating ourselves to the vows which we have taken at our altar of obligation.

Your Grand Master,  
Philip J. Kendal.

**Long Service**

M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, our Senior Past Grand Master, was Initiated May 8th, 1905. Served as W.M. of Jasper No. 14 in Edmonton 1910-11. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon 1912-13; was elected the first District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12 for 1916-17 (District 12 then included Lodges in Edmonton, also Edson No. 68, Wahpun No. 88 at High Prairie, and Peace River No. 89). His report in the 1917 Proceedings makes very interesting reading. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1921 and served as Grand Master in 1924-25.

V.W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Stewart, North Star No. 4 was Junior Grand Deacon 1909-10.

It is 52 years since R.W. Bro. J. G. O'Dell served as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 in 1917-18.

**Fifty Year Jewels**

York No. 119, Lethbridge, December 2nd, 1969: W. Bro. Edgar Davis (W.M. 1924); Bro. Leighton Moore.

Zetland No. 83, Calgary, December 4th, 1969: V.W. Bro. J. E. H. Tidswell.

**Sixty Year Bars**

On December 4th, 1969, W. Bro. F. Turnbull of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Red Deer, was presented with a Sixty Year Bar to his Fifty Year Jewel by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, who recounted Bro. Turnbull's service to the City of Red Deer in every phase of its life, including service as Mayor. A printer by trade, Bro. Turnbull came to Red Deer to work for M.W. Bro. Galbraith's father and is now chairman of the Board of the Red Deer Advocate. He served as Worshipful Master in 1916-17.

Also on December 4th, 1969, Crown Lodge No. 163 was the scene of the presentation by R.W. Bro. A. Dunbar, D.D.G.M. of Vancouver District No. 23, on behalf of our Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, of a Fifty Year Jewel and Sixty Year Bar to Bro. Wallace C. Hamilton, who was Initiated March 13th, 1900.

**Fiftieth Anniversary**

On November 22nd, 1969, Nobleford Lodge No. 111 celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. There were 93 members present, representing 21 Lodges at the afternoon meeting. M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. W. Steen, District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. S. Woods, Senior Warden and R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Secretary, represented Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Kendal addressed the brethren in Lodge, R.W. Bro. Woods addressed the gathering at the banquet and R.W. Bro. Rivers, on behalf of R.W. Bro. D. D. Penman, presented a set of gavel to the Lodge.

W. Bro. Gordon Lunde welcomed Bro. J. B. McKerrow, who was present at the first meeting held on August 6th, 1919.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Kane was Toastmaster at the banquet when 191 members and their ladies were present. R.W. Bro. G. B. Luchia is Secretary. The very well organized anniversary proved that a lot of work had been done in preparation.

**PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH . . .**

R.W. Bro. Egbert Ogle Coultis is affectionately known as 'Bert' by all. He was born at Thedford, Ontario on September 20th, 1884. His parents, of English stock, were also born in Canada. His family operated one of the largest saw-mills in Western Ontario. Bert Coultis came west in 1906 for a trip and returned in 1909. In 1910 he managed the first lumberyard in Brooks. He was active in the community and edited the first newspaper, started in 1910 and now known as the Brooks Bulletin, whose publisher is W. Bro. J. Nesbitt. In 1911 Bro. Coultis started a lumberyard in Steveville and ferried a log raft 16 x 18 feet down the river with 35,000 board feet of lumber from Red Deer. The trip took a month and was too dangerous to repeat. Bro. Coultis established a store at Steveville and was also Postmaster and Coroner. He proved up a homestead nearby. In 1913 Bro. Coultis married Ida Jane Shaw, daughter of a pioneer family. Ambrose Shaw operated the ferry for 20 years. The marriage was blessed with seven girls and three boys. In the First World War, Bro. Coultis returned to Ontario and rejoined his Militia unit with the rank of Captain. His sword is the Tyler's sword in Berry Creek Lodge No. 158.

From 1924 to 1937, Bro. Coultis was employed by the CNR building bridges in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. He was also a steam engineer and worked on the first oil rig at Steveville, using cable tools. After operating a store at Wardlaw for a number of years, Bro. and Mrs. Coultis returned to their farm home on the Red Deer River.

Bro. Coultis was Initiated in Cassia Lodge No. 116, Ontario on May 11th, 1908 and is still a member, having been awarded Ontario's Fifty Year button in March 1968. He was a Charter member of Brooks No. 73 on January 2nd, 1913 and took his Demit November 20th, 1945, affiliating with Berry Creek No. 158. He served as Worshipful Master in 1951, 52 and 53. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of District 14 in 1954-55. Berry Creek elected him as Honorary Life Member September, 1964. R.W. Bro. Coultis has been Installing Master for Acadia No. 82, Crocus No. 115 and Berry Creek No. 158 for many years.

**A Family Affair**

R.W. Bro. S. E. Skeet was the Installing Master at Bow River No. 1 this year. He installed his son Edgar as Worshipful Master, invested his son Gerald as Junior Warden. Another son Ronald, presented the W.T. in the E.A. Degree. The Secretary, W. Bro. G. R. Thomson, presented the Immediate Past Master, his son John, with the Apron and Jewel of a Past Master.

**Wardair Charter Flight—1970**

Registrations for the Charter Flight leaving Calgary May 2nd and returning June 3rd are being received. We only have 60 seats and those interested should get their applications in soon.