



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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FOCUS ON THE MAN



My Dear Brethren:

My first word must be an expression of gratitude to the Brethren of this jurisdiction for all the kindness, confidence and support given me at Grand Lodge. No man can receive the support of his Brethren and be installed into the high office of Grand Master without being profoundly moved. One looks with apprehension at the many duties and heavy responsibilities of the office; one remembers with humility the generous help, support and affection so freely

offered and given by Brethren in all parts of the jurisdiction; above all one remembers the Divine Providence who supports us in all our worthy undertakings. My warmest thanks to you all. Under the dedicated leadership of M.W. Bro. Philip Kendal, we have had a splendid year. Let us all work to make this another grand year in the life of Masonry in Alberta.

The presence of my Son at the Installation meant much to me. One of my first duties was to attend the communication of Elbow River Lodge #180 in Calgary on Monday, June 15th where I participated in the raising of my Son to the S.D. of a M.M. My grateful thanks to W. Bro. J. S. McKenzie and the members of his Lodge for this rich privilege. I was supported by a goodly number of Grand Lodge Officers.

Last year M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal had as his theme the word, "Participation." The suggested theme for this year is, "Focus on the Man." It is my belief that the modern world has become too impersonal, too materialistic and so complex that human values tend to be ignored or forgotten. In our Lodges, I would like to see more real concern for the individual person: his personality, his problems, his needs, his values, his longings and his hopes and dreams. Can we develop a more thoughtful understanding of each other as individuals, a more sympathetic appreciation of the strains, problems and tensions under which we

live? Can we develop deeper friendships so that we discover richer human values? It is easy to see the application of the theme in degree work. The candidate is a human being, a person. What are we trying to do with him, to him, for him? If we have the answer to these questions, methods and procedures will be seen in proper perspective. The work must be well done if it is to make its best impression, but the work is done for the sake of the man and not just for its own sake. If we are to "take a good man and make him a better man", it will be because our emphasis is on the development of the man himself. In every relationship within the Lodge I believe we can apply the theme, "Focus on the Man." In doing this there is opportunity to give loyalty, and support, interest and friendship in a way that will bring rich rewards and a deeper understanding of Masonry.

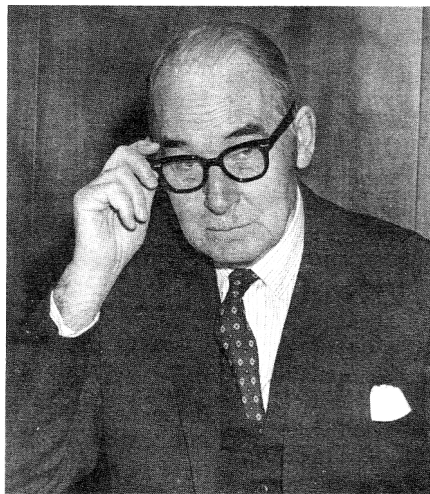
Already I am finding that there are many, many demands for time and service. These I shall meet as best I can, but I do want Masters and D.D.G.M.'s to take the initiative, to go ahead on their own. Where I can help I shall be glad to do so. The dates for the District Meetings have been set. Plans for the visit to Yellowknife are in hand.

I have designated September as "Round-Up Month." Of course I realize that some men in rural areas find September one of the busiest months of the year. But I am anxious that a real effort be made to get the autumn's activities underway at the beginning. If a Lodge begins the season with a full attendance and a lively and interesting program, there is hope that it will continue throughout the entire year. May I urge you to make a very special effort to make a good beginning early in the year.

Masonry is important in the local Lodge, but Masonry extends out into the Province and the whole world. We must keep the vision of the whole world before our minds and see our fraternity as making its own contribution to the world-wide brotherhood of man. There is a prayer which thanks God "for this friendly and social intercourse." Let us by loyalty and support deepen and extend that "friendly and social intercourse."

Edmund J. Thompson
Grand Master

In Memoriam



M.W. Bro. Francis Philip Galbraith

Masons throughout the province, who held this distinguished Past Grand Master in the greatest respect, were shocked at his sudden passing on May 16, 1970. M.W. Bro. Galbraith had been very active during that week. He had been present at a Lodge meeting in Red Deer where the Grand Master was officially received and had also presided at a meeting of the Senate of the University of Alberta of which he had been Chancellor since 1964. The funeral, very largely attended, was held in Gaetz Memorial United Church in Red Deer on Wednesday, May 20th with Rev. Dr. E. J. Thompson, then Deputy Grand Master, taking part. The Board of General Purposes was meeting in Red Deer at the time and adjourned in order to attend the funeral. Approximately one hundred members of the craft were present including the Grand Master, all Senior Grand Lodge Officers and ten Past Grand Masters.

M.W. Bro. Galbraith was initiated in Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, in Red Deer on January 19, 1920, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1934. He held the office of Treasurer for many years. In 1936 he was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies and elected Junior Grand Warden in 1939. He was installed as Grand Master in 1942. As Grand Master he travelled widely and made a significant impact on the life of the craft in the difficult wartime years. He was President of the "Banff" Conference at its second meeting and did much to plan the course of this gathering of Grand Lodge Officers in the Western Jurisdictions. At the twenty-fifth meeting of the Conference he was the guest speaker. For a number of years he was Chairman of the Committee on the Work and did a very thorough job. Indicative of the regard in which the Masonic Fraternity held this Past Grand Master is the fact that he was selected as Guest

Speaker at the annual installation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on St. Andrew's Day. He was an honorary member of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 and a charter member of Beacon Lodge No. 190. This year was his fiftieth as a mason and he was eligible to be awarded the Fifty Year Jewel.

M.W. Bro. Galbraith was born in Guelph, Ontario on December 14, 1896 and moved to Red Deer with his family in 1907, where his father became Editor of the Red Deer Advocate. He was a graduate of the University of Alberta and a veteran of the First World War. After demobilization from the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1919 he returned to Red Deer and became associated with his father in the publishing of the Newspaper and in 1934, upon the death of his father, he became the editor. His was noted for his penetrating editorials. At the time of his death he was publisher of the Red Deer Advocate, which, under his direction, grew from a weekly to a daily paper.

The City of Red Deer and many other organizations benefitted from the abilities of M.W. Bro. Galbraith. He served as an alderman. He was President of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association. He was a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. The crowning event of this busy life came when he was elected Chancellor of the University of Alberta in 1964, a position he was to vacate this year. The University in recognition of his services, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1959. The Canadian Centennial Medal was awarded to him in 1968.

The Masonic Fraternity offers to Mrs. Galbraith, his son Michael and his daughter Mary, its deepest sympathy at the great loss of a husband and father.

Jottings from the Grand Lodge Communication

Attendance at Grand Lodge is a matter of concern. The total number present was 571, including 90 Worshipful Masters, 51 Senior Wardens, 37 Junior Wardens. Absent were 91 Worshipful Masters, 130 Senior Wardens and 144 Junior Wardens. Only 15 Lodges had their three Senior Officers present. There were 44 Lodges who had no officers present and 30 Lodges who had no representation at all.

Constituent Lodges would be advised to check on their record of attendance at Grand Lodge. One Lodge has had no representation for seven years, another has had no one in attendance for six years. Fourteen Lodges have been delinquent for four or five years.

Performing the obligations of attendance at Grand Lodge Communications is one of the undertakings made by a W.M. when he is installed.

M.W. Bro. E. Haskell Johns was the guest speaker at the Banquet. This was a scholarly and an inspiring address. It merits considerable study. Lodges would be advised to use the tape of the address for some Masonic Education sessions.

The Brethren at the Banquet were most enthusiastic about the singing of the Centennial Chorus under the direction of Mr. G. Worthington. This was a group of young people from the Edmonton High-schools who, in addition to singing well, gave a heart warming and enthusiastic presentation.

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwan, brought greetings to the Communication in his usual impressive manner. The Grand Lodge asked him to convey to Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II, its declaration of loyalty and affection.

The Minister of Telephones, V.W. Bro., the Honorable R. Reiersen, presented Grand Lodge with the Flag of Alberta and it was received with a fitting ceremony. The flag will take its place with the other flags of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge received the report of the Grand Master's Long Range Planning Committee. The report dealt mainly with the proposals for the acknowledgement of other organizations related to Masonry. This report contains much valuable information and should be studied by Lodges. It appears in the Record of Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge was not receptive to the proposed changes in the Constitution and defeated motions attempting to change the location of Grand Lodge and to make changes in the number of Grand Stewards. It did accept a change which would prohibit Lodge meeting on Sundays and another which added the word "restoration" in the section on balloting.

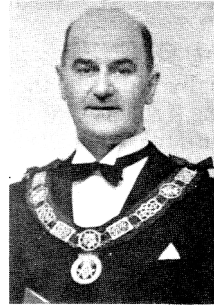
The complete account of the events in Grand Lodge is in the Record of Proceedings of which every Lodge has a copy. This book should be studied carefully. The Grand Master's Address well deserves study and discussion.

On the Tuesday evening before Grand Lodge opened the Edmonton Lodges were hosts to those attending Grand Lodge and in the Temple they presented a play called "A Rose Upon the Altar". The drama was very well presented and carried an effective message. Following the performance the brethren enjoyed a social hour.

One of the guests at the Communication was

R.W. Bro. Feldman from Ireland. He presented to the Grand Master a book entitled "A History of the Grand Lodge of Ireland" which will be placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

An exceptionally large group of distinguished visitors were introduced to the Grand Lodge. These visitors represented the Grand Lodges of Ireland, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, New Jersey, California, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, and Washington.



R.W. Bro. LESLIE J. ROSLING was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1954 and has served in this office continuously until his retirement at the Communication in June. He is a Past Master of Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1. Since the beginning of the Masonic Spring Workshop he has acted as its Treasurer. In his quiet, efficient and devoted manner his contribution to masonry has been immeasurable. The Grand Master paid tribute to R.W. Bro. Rosling at Grand Lodge and made a fitting presentation to him.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

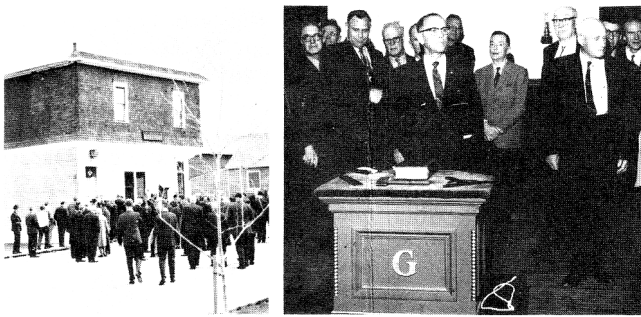
R.W. Bro. Gordon J. Anderson was elected Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge Communication in June. He was initiated into Strathcona Lodge No. 77, Edmonton on January 28, 1949 and became Worshipful Master in 1959. He is a charter member of Griesbach Lodge No. 191 and was very active in the organization of this Lodge which was instituted on April 2, 1964. In the year 1966-67 he was the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 19. Our newly elected Junior Grand Warden was born on January 9, 1920 and spent a number of years in the Canadian Army. He is now Co-ordinator of Community Development for the Human Resources Development Authority which is an agency of the Provincial Government.

SENIOR OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

The Senior Officers of Grand Lodge for the year 1970-71 are:

M.W. Bro. Edmund J. Thompson, Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. J. S. Woods (83), Deputy Grand Master
 R.W. Bro. F. G. Fox (9), Senior Grand Warden
 R.W. Bro. G. J. Anderson (77), Junior Grand Warden

James Thompson, the son of our Grand Master, applied to Elbow River Lodge, No. 180 for Initiation and was accepted. He received his E.A. and F.C. degrees at Elbow River and was a Fellowcraft at the time of his father's installation as Grand Master. Much to his father's delight, Bro. Thompson was able to be present at the Installation Ceremonies. A few days later M.W. Bro. Thompson paid an official visit to Elbow River Lodge and participated in the raising of his son, and two other candidates to the Master Mason's Degree. One of the three candidates was a Mohammedan and had been obligated in the First Degree on the Koran.



HERITAGE PARK LODGE ROOM OPENED

M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal officially opened the Masonic Lodge Room located above the Traders Bank, in Heritage Park, Calgary on Saturday, May 16. The opening was well attended and great interest was shown in the Lodge Room. Since the opening a number of other interesting exhibits have been added to the Lodge Room and over the summer, Masons from all over the world have found this one of the most interesting places in Heritage Park. One picture shows the building and the group gathering for the official opening. The other picture shows M.W. Bro. Kendal standing at the altar in the Lodge Room surrounded by a number of the brethren.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Grand Master will attend:

District No. 3 at Jasper, Saturday, October 3rd.
 District No. 5 at Forestburg, Wednesday, October 21st.
 District No. 9 at Coronation, Thursday, October 22nd.
 District No. 14 at Delia, Friday, October 23rd.
 District No. 1 at Calgary, Saturday, October 24th.
 District No. 18 at Calgary, Monday, October 26th.
 District No. 11 at Vulcan, Wednesday, October 28th.
 District No. 8 at Frank, Thursday, October 29th.
 District No. 7 at Taber, Friday, October 30th.
 District No. 2 at Medicine Hat, Saturday, October 31st.

The Deputy Grand Master will attend:

District No. 12 at Edmonton, Saturday, October 24th.

The Senior Grand Warden will attend:

District No. 15 at Drumheller, Wednesday, October 28th.
 District No. 10 at Edmonton, Saturday, October 31st.

The Junior Grand Warden will attend:

District No. 6 at Calgary, Friday, October 30th.

VISIT TO YELLOWKNIFE

The Grand Master plans to pay an official visit to Yellowknife Lodge, No. 162 on Saturday, November 7th. Undoubtedly a number of masons will want to accompany the Grand Master and plans are being made for transportation. The cost will be \$75.00, which includes transportation and accommodation. Those planning to go must inform the Grand Secretary without delay since 85 seats must be filled if an aircraft is to be chartered.

GRAND MASTER'S PROGRAM

As can be seen from the Grand Master's program in October, he will be very busy. Lodges planning events at which they hope to have the Grand Master in attendance must communicate with the Grand Secretary in order that the itinerary may be planned effectively.

THE EVENT OF THE MONTH

The Bulletin, at the request of the Grand Master plans to publish each month an account of an interesting masonic event. Lodges should send detailed accounts of events to the Bulletin—330 - 12th Avenue S.W., Calgary 3. Since our deadline is six weeks ahead of publication, material must be sent in very promptly.

SPIRIT RIVER LODGE No. 116 FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

This event has been selected because the history of Freemasonry in Alberta is closely linked to Spirit River Lodge since our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers first saw the light when he was initiated into this Lodge in July 1930. It is quite unnecessary for us to enlarge upon the influence that R.W. Bro. Rivers has had upon Freemasonry since that date. It is sufficient to recall that in 1953 he was elected Grand Secretary and has been responsible from that date for the efficient manner in which Grand Lodge business has been conducted. His knowledge of Freemasonry, of the Work and his mastery of detail has won for him a place not only in the jurisdiction of Alberta but throughout the Masonic world. The brethren of Spirit River recognized this great contribution when they invited R.W. Bro. Rivers to be their guest speaker at the evening banquet. The banquet was attended by the ladies in addition to the brethren.

The Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations were held on July 11th and commenced with a Lodge meeting at 2:30 p.m. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Edmund J. Thompson, was received and he later addressed the Lodge. The meeting also included a Service of Thanksgiving.

In April 1917, members of the craft living in Spirit River, held an organizational meeting and decided to hold regular meetings each month and in April 1919 a lot was purchased with a view to building a Lodge Hall. It was not until May 25, 1920 that the Grand Lodge granted a dispensation to form a Lodge. The Lodge was consecrated on August 1, 1921 by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge. The first Worshipful Master was W. Bro. R. R. MacLeod. The present Worshipful Master is W. Bro. W. J. Elliott.

The history of Spirit River Lodge as compiled by W. Bro. E. D. Banting makes very interesting reading. Certainly many devoted brethren have faced numerous difficulties over the years and through their vision they have firmly established Freemasonry in this part of the province.

Masonic Library

The Central Masonic Library is once again recommended to the attention of the Brethren. This library is an excellent source of material for those who wish to extend their Masonic knowledge. The Library is open for visits on Wednesday evenings or at other times if you are visiting in Calgary. Books may be requested by mail and will be loaned for thirty days. Each Lodge Secretary has a catalog of the books available. This wealth of Masonic information might as well not exist if we are content to leave it on the library shelves.