



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## WHAT ABOUT BURSARIES?

W. Bro. W. E. Robinson, Chairman

### Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee

On their return from a meeting in Red Deer recently, the Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee and a local member talked about some of the problems which arise each year when they have to select candidates for awards.

"Changes in our future policy in giving bursaries may have to be made because of adverse economic conditions, coupled with a large increase in the numbers of young people seeking help for higher education," remarked the Chairman.

"One thing that struck me very forcibly when I looked over the lists," said Paul, "was the large number of new applicants, compared with the amount of money we had collected for bursaries."

"Yes," replied the Chairman, "I too, am concerned about the smaller donations this year. These new applicants have to compete for funds with a larger number of undergraduate students who have asked for further assistance to continue their studies. Both High School and University students have found difficulty in getting employment this summer. Many who normally work and save money for their education have been unable to do so this vacation and without some assistance they cannot proceed further.

"According to a recent announcement of the Economic Council regarding the spiralling cost of education, more assistance must be obtained from the private sector of the community if the growing numbers of young people are to be given the opportunity for the further education they deserve."

"I can see your point, Bill," agreed Paul. "And after having investigated some of these cases, it worries me, too, when I find youngsters whose proven academic talents will be wasted for lack of funds, simply because they are the children of separated parents, of widows, or entirely on their own. In these conditions the family income is well below the recognized comfort level.

"Other cases come to mind—a farmer has an income of \$2,100.00 this year. There are two boys in the family wishing to finish their education at a Technical School, but cannot earn enough to pay for their fees and board. A younger sister is going to high school and another sister who is eager and ready to attend university seeks our assistance. Why can't we help this young lady?"

"The answer, Paul, is quite simple. We just haven't the money to do this for all applicants, worthy though they may be. There are so many other cases throughout the province which have been investigated by various committee members where the need seems to be greater than this one. So we have to exclude a very deserving applicant."

"Bill, do you foresee any changes in the nature or in the number of bursaries offered in the next year or so?"

"Yes, Paul, I believe the committee will soon have to consider some changes. The present bursary for all successful applicants amounts to a sum of \$500.00, paid to the chosen university or college, the money to be used for fees and books.

Other donors of bursaries are making grants of \$600.00 to out-of-town students, and a grant of \$300.00 to students who are able to live at home. We may be discussing the possibility of such a change at our next meeting as well as the advisability of giving more first year grants instead of carrying some on into the second or third year."

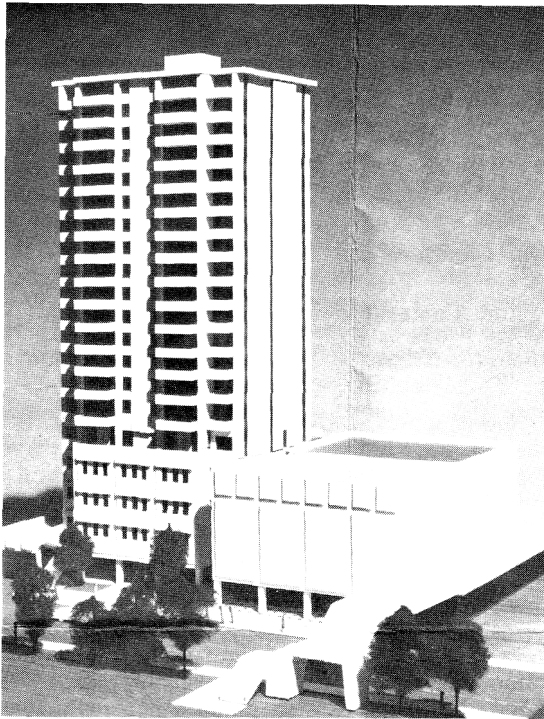
As we talked, we decided that these are some of the problems which brethren should be aware of when they are asked to make contributions to the FUND.

The committee has devoted many hours of work to this worthy project, scanning each application conscientiously, but we have enjoyed it all tremendously, and all we ask in return is your wholehearted support.

## CALGARY TO BUILD A NEW TEMPLE

### "NEW TEMPLE FEATURES MODERN CONCEPTS"

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Self-generated income, an ultra-modern structure and an opportunity to participate hi-lite Calgary's approach to a much needed NEW TEMPLE.

Recognizing that the present location's most valuable asset is the ability to generate revenue via an adjacent apartment complex, the committee has incorporated this type of structure into its plans to provide the financial basis for the operation of the Temple facilities. Elsewhere in Canada some handsome edifices have been erected and are a credit to the craft but have proven to be difficult to operate and maintain financially. This combination of properties will remove such a burden.

The structures are to be low in maintenance costs and conform to the latest building codes plus the City's new "Plus 15" concept—a system of pedestrian walkways throughout the downtown area at fifteen feet above street level, which will provide access to the Central Park across the street to the south and to the downtown core three short blocks to the north. At the same time this address remains an ideally central and convenient location for the many Lodge activities.

The present premises being nearly half a century old have become inadequate and out-dated. The new Temple building will provide improved and enlarged facilities. It will be air-conditioned throughout and have elevator service, and dining lounge and club-room accommodations. Ground floor space is provided for Grand Lodge offices, its library and museum.

### GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

Brethren:

One of the most frequent topics of conversation today is, "OUR YOUNG PEOPLE." Because the news media keeps certain aspects of their lives and activities constantly before us some men have become critical and unsympathetic. As Masons we know that our business is not to criticize and to condemn but rather to help and to guide. We must not forget that we are builders. Outside the Lodge we have a responsibility to build the lives of young people and to give what guidance and wisdom we can to them. It is our concern to build high standards of conduct in all parts of society.

It is very satisfying to know of the work of the "Higher Education Bursary Fund." It is inspiring to meet and to become acquainted with such a splendid group of young people as those to whom the bursaries are awarded. Here is a place where we can be positive; here is a place where we can really help young people to prepare themselves to face the difficult and complex world of our day.

November is again "Higher Education Bursary Month," when we shall expect you all to send in donations to this cause. We must not fail. Last year donations decreased and, as a result, the number of bursaries awarded had to be reduced. This is the year to make up for the slight recession of a year ago. I know that we can count on you all.

During the fall it has been a great pleasure and privilege to participate with many of you in Lodge activities. May good success be yours.

Fraternally yours,  
Edmund J. Thompson, G.M.

Entrances to the Temple and apartment tower will be separate and distinct. The tower will house 92 suites of one and two bedroom capacity as well as all the service features usually required. Plenty of parking space is planned for both the Temple use and the apartment tenants; some of it will be surface parking but much of it will be underground or sheltered space.

No interruption in meeting schedules will occur as the new Temple portion is to be erected before the old building is demolished, after which the apartment tower can be raised.

Much enthusiasm and interest is being evidenced in the debenture issue at 8% for 10 years. Denominations of as low as \$100 are being issued to give every member an opportunity to participate. The \$300,000 to be raised in this manner together with equity in the land plus a mortgage of approximately 75% will provide nearly \$2½ million dollars needed to complete the project.

Construction will begin as soon as the debenture issue is successful but cannot proceed sooner, therefore the by-word is NOW for those members who wish to participate.



# Between the Pillars

**Question** — Our Lodges are opened and obligations are administered in the name of God and the holy St. Johns. This would seem to indicate that the Masonic Order has a Christian bias although we often deny this. Can you explain why this reference to Christian Saints is made?

**Answer** — Your question could have gone a little farther and asked why we install our officers in June on St. John the Baptist Day (June 24) or in December on St. John the Evangelist Day (December 27).

This is another instance of the problems and contradictions that are found in our ritual and traditions. There is no doubt that Masonry in its inception had a strong Christian connection. In fact the first connection was with the Roman Catholic Church.

It would appear that the Festival of St. John the Baptist comes at the height of the summer season, when the sun is at its greatest power. This was a sign, in ancient days, for celebration, especially among the pagan religions. Christianity took over the celebrations and gave to them the name of St. John the Baptist. In December the shortest day has just gone by and the sun is returning to its strength after the long winter. So December 24 was the time of great celebration often going to excess in the pagan religions. Christianity took this feast over too, and gave to it the name of the beloved disciple, St. John, the Evangelist.

These two feasts, connected with the glory of the light from the east, were adopted by Freemasonry as suitable occasions to place in the Masonic East the Master of the Lodge.

There is another interesting legend which says that St. John the Baptist was the Grand Master of Masons until his death at the hand of King Herod. From his death until after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by Emperor Titus in the year 70 A.D., Freemasonry had fallen into a state of decay because there was no Grand Master. A delegation of Freemasons waited on St. John, the Evangelist, the Bishop of Ephesus, and requested that he accept the position of Grand Master. St. John was of advanced age (remember he was a disciple of Christ who was crucified in 30 A.D.), was not in good health. He replied that, having been initiated into Freemasonry in his early life, he would take the office.

From this point on Lodges have been dedicated to the Saints John. A Lodge that is unattached or a brother that has no Lodge is still referred to as belonging to "St. John's Lodge" and craft Masonry is called "St. John's Masonry."

In 1813 at the time of the Union of the two rival Grand Lodges in England (the Ancients and the

## MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY AWARDS - 1970

### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, EDMONTON

#### Undergraduates

BARLOW, Elizabeth Ann	Drumheller
CONRAD, Verna Lynn	Sangudo
DUBETZ, Arthur Peter Douglass	Smoky Lake
FOERGER, Erika	Wainwright
FORBES, Robert Bruce	Edmonton
GALVON, Frances Ann Catherine	Calgary
GRAHAM, June Patricia	Spirit River
LEDDY, Patricia Joanne	Edmonton
PALKOWSKI, Donald Allen	Edmonton
POWELL, Jane Eleanor	Edmonton
SCHMIDT, Frances June	Edmonton
SCHULLER, John	Hythe
SPARKES, Wendy Elizabeth	Beaverlodge
STUART, Barbara Dianne	Edmonton
TYLICKI, Jeannette Helen	Nampa
WILSON, Heather June	Calgary
YACEYKO, Donna Lynn	Edmonton

#### Matriculants

ASPIN, Thomas Norman	Berwin
FULLER, Laura Jean	Grimshaw
GEAKE, Phillip David	Vermilion
ROSE, Michael John	Warburg
SWADRON, David Joseph	Edmonton
TOWPICH, Josephine Sally Ann	Eaglesham
VAN OTTERLOO, Willemymtje	Brooks
VERENKA, Angeline	Edmonton

### UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

#### Undergraduates

JENSEN, Chris Frederick	Craigmyle
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#### Matriculants

CARRUTHERS, John William	Calgary
GONCZAR, John Anthony	Lethbridge
HOWES, Robert Alan	Cochrane
HYSLOP, Collen Frances	Calgary
JENSEN, Lorna Gail	Millicent
MOON, Tina Jeannette	Calgary
PENNOCK, Virginia Lee	Elnora
TIESSEN, Elizabeth Anne	Calgary
WAKAL, Karen Elizabeth	Calgary

### UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

#### Undergraduates

GORDON, Terrence Munro	Lethbridge
WILLIAMS, Lorna Marie	Lundbreck

#### Matriculants

GRUSENDORF, Peggy Esther	Rosemary
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### RED DEER JUNIOR COLLEGE

LIKAHA, Richard Kenneth	Eckville
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### CAMROSE JUNIOR COLLEGE

SWEEP, Lynda Rae	Delia
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### COLLEGE SAINT-JEAN, EDMONTON

DIRKS, Anthony John Maria	St. Paul
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### NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CONNOLLY, Derek	Edmonton
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### SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CRESSMAN, Vivian Sharlane	Rosebud
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### NURSING

WHYTE, Frances Vivian	Calgary
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Moderns) there was a movement to make Masonry a Universal Science which necessitated the removal of Christian references. This was incompletely accomplished as witness to the fact that the Saints John still remain with us. It should be noted that the attempt to take Christian references out of Freemasonry was peculiar to the English Lodges while the Lodges on the European Continent did not follow the lead. In Canada we have followed the English tradition and the contradictions continue.

(Questions for the column, "Between the Pillars," are invited. Please send them to "The Grand Lodge Bulletin, 330 - 12th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.)

### Senior Members Honored



Left to Right: V.W. Bro. John O'Dell, Bro. C. D. Lane, R.W. Bro. M. R. Butterfield, Bro. Albert Hunter.

At the regular meeting of Coronation Lodge No. 72 June 11th, a special ceremony was held honoring those members with 40 years or more in Masonry. Senior members present for the occasion were R.W. Bro. John O'Dell, only surviving charter member of Coronation Lodge, Bro. C. D. Lane, R.W. Bro. M. R. Butterfield, W.M. of Coronation Lodge in 1939 and Bro. Albert Hunter, member since 1927. These members were presented with specially prepared medallions by V.W. Bro. Bert James who paid tribute to all senior members who had contributed so much to Masonry through the years.

### Resignation

R.W. Bro. Neil German, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 has resigned and the Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Hugh Wigzell as acting D.D.G.M. with V.W. Bro. Tom Bayles acting as District Secretary. R.W. Bro. Wigzell was D.D.G.M. of District No. 1 last year.

### News From California



Bro. Walter Eggen, W. Bro. Henry Adams, Bro. Rivers, V.W. Bro. Dave Wright.

At the request of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Grand Lodge of California recently arranged to present a Fifty Year Jewel to Brother Elmer Rivers, Red Deer Lodge No. 12, who lives in Cotati, California. The presentation was made at Bro. Rivers' home by W. Bro. Henry Adams, the Inspector for the Grand Lodge in that district. He was accompanied by V.W. Bro. Dave Wright, Hon. Past G.D. of Alberta and Bro. Walter Eggen, Santa Rosa Lodge No. 57, formerly a resident of Red Deer. It was a very happy occasion and Bro. Rivers is in good health in his 81st year. Our hearty congratulations to him.

### The Event of the Month . . .

## THE BANFF CONFERENCE

The Thirteenth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of the Four Western Canadian Masonic Jurisdictions or more commonly called the Banff Conference, was held in the Rimrock Hotel September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1970.

President was M.W. Bro. Wallace McRae, P.G.M. British Columbia. There were 36 in attendance from the four Western Provinces, and 11 visitors attending from the United States.

The Conference was opened at a regular meeting of Cascade Lodge, Thursday, September 10th, after Cascade Lodge had completed a short business meeting.

The Nominating Committees were appointed after the opening and was followed by an address given by W. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Victor L. Dryer entitled, "The Queen and the Craft."

The Conference was convened Friday morning, September the 11th in the Rimrock Hotel.

An Analysis of the Opening Ceremonies of a Lodge was presented by: Canadian Rite, R.W. Bro. Justice Mervyn J. Woods, D.G.M., Saskatchewan; Ancient York Rite, R.W. Bro. J. G. L. Hay, D.G.M., Manitoba.

The Preparation and Instruction of Lodge Officers was presented by R.W. Bro. F. Glenn Fox, S.G.W., Alberta.

After Luncheon a discussion on The Preparation and Instruction of Lodge Officers was led by R.W. Bro. C. J. Calvert, J.G.W., Saskatchewan.

A paper on "The Furniture of a Lodge and its Uses" was then presented by M.W. J. L. Rankin, Grand Master, Manitoba, and discussion on this paper was led by R.W. Bro. F. B. Maxfield, D.G.M., British Columbia.

A Banquet for all the delegates and their wives was hosted by M.W. Bro. E. J. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson on Friday evening.

On Saturday morning a paper entitled, "Freemasonry in the 1970's," sub-divided:

- (a) Will our experiences of the 1960's help?
- (b) What publicity is desirable?

was presented by R.W. Bro. H. P. Baikie, S.G.W., British Columbia, with a discussion led by R.W. Bro. J. S. Woods, D.G.M., Alberta.

This was followed by the election of officers and any other business at hand.

Officers elected were:

President, M.W. Bro. J. L. Rankin, G.M., Manitoba.

Vice-President, R.W. Bro. J. S. Woods, D.G.M., Alberta.

Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, G.S., Alberta.  
Vice-Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. M. Spencer, G.S., Saskatchewan.

President for 1971 was installed and Conference was then closed.

**Note**—The Bulletin plans to feature an outstanding event each month. Lodges should submit detailed stories as promptly as possible.