

Grand Lodge Bulletin

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GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

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R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary

Preparations are well in hand and on the second Wednesday of June—June 9th, 1971—the Sixty-Sixth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge will open in the beautiful Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. It will be presided over by the M.W. The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Dr. E. J. Thompson, D.D. The Editor has asked me to set out some of the details of this, the most important meeting held in our Jurisdiction during the year.

It is well to remind all that it is at this meeting that the Officers of Grand Lodge will present their report on the activities of the past year. The Grand Master will summarize his activities in his address, the Chairmen of the various Boards and Committees will detail the work done and statistical reports will be available for scrutiny. These matters are not 'cut and dried' but they are adequately prepared for presentation and are scrutinized by the Board of General Purposes. If members wish to have any additional information, or if they want to discuss any item, it is expected that they will do so, time is always given for discussion.

Grand Lodge is the governing body of the Craft. It is composed of the Worshipful Masters, the Wardens and Past Masters of all Constituent Lodges. Grand Lodge makes the rules and its officers are required to carry them out.

The Junior Wardens of all Lodges are expected to be in attendance, but the record of attendance is very low. If the Junior Wardens would attend, it would mean that as Senior Warden and then as Worshipful Master they would feel more at home and be able to participate to a greater extent. I am not going to quote statistics, they are available to all in the Proceedings published every year, but the Officers of Grand Lodge have been urging that every Lodge be represented by its three principle officers each year and this has not yet been accomplished—can it be achieved in 1971? It would be a wonderful way to open the new decade! If you are in office in your Lodge will you do your part?

We hear in many places that Grand Lodge has to be modernized—it must be brought up-to-date—complaint is made that it is too archaic. Is it? If you

think so have you made any study of the subject or are you just echoing wild sentiments expressed by the uninformed? It would be well for those who wish changes to be made to specify just what changes they suggest so that a serious study may be made of the effect they will have on our Craft.

Many members are said to be against any change, when in fact they only wish that any proposed changes shall be thoroughly thought out and presented in the proper manner, instead of being put into effect in various places in a haphazard manner without any respect being paid to established procedure. The established procedure requires any suggestion to be accepted by the member's Lodge before it can be presented to Grand Lodge, surely this is reasonable and prevents snap judgements being made.

On arrival at Grand Lodge each member is asked to register and he is then given a number of ballots. In our Jurisdiction nominations for any office, except that of Grand Tyler, close at noon on February 28th and a complete list is then mailed to every Lodge sixty days before the meeting. The purpose is to let all know what members are offering their services to Grand Lodge before marking their ballot. These lists have not accomplished their purpose and requests were made at the Area meetings that a list of nominations be placed in the Bulletin with some biographical detail. You will find the list in this Bulletin. Let me just detail some of the duties.

It is the custom in this Jurisdiction for our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden to be elected by acclamation. For the office of Junior Grand Warden there are three nominations. The brother elected will have three years to prepare himself for the highest office in Grand Lodge as he progresses through the chairs of Junior and Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master. He has Committee work in connection with each office and by close contact with Grand Lodge office and the Library he will have the opportunity of finding out what has been done in the past and what is done in other Jurisdictions.

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Nominations for Grand Lodge Elective Offices

W. BRO. GEORGE READ THOMSON — Born Morden, Manitoba Worgher bh., 1965. Affilliated Bow River No. I. January 6th, Evergreen No. 166, 1951. Affilliated Bow River No. I. January 6th, 1964. W.M. 1965. Insurance and Real Estate.

R.W. BRO. HUGH ARTHUR WIGZELL - Born London, England Movember 25th, 1909, Initiated St. Mark's No. 118, May 21st, 1951. W.M. 1957. D.D.G.M. District No. 1, 1969-70, 1970-71. H.E.B. Committee 1970.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES-EIGHT TO BE ELECTED:

W. BRO. HENRY GREY ADAMS — Born Busby, Scotland August 8th, 1906. Initiated Seven Oaks Mo. 148, G.R.M. Affiliated King George No. 59, December 10th, 1954. W.M. 1966. Signal Supt., C.P.R.

R.W. BRO. PERCY IRVINE AIKENS — Born Thorald, Ontario March 17th, 1996. Initiated Wetsakiwin No. 15, April 15th, 1948. W.M. 1999. Senior Grand Deacon 1961-62. D.D.G.M. District No. 20, 1964-65. Board of General Purposes 1966-67, 1969-70. Retired Farmer.

R.W. BRO. DOUGLAS S. BAREHAM — Born Mew York December 31st, 1890. Initiated Bow River No. 1, August 9th, 1915. W.M. 1922. D.D.G.M. District No. 1, 1964-55. Board of General Purposes, 1948-49, 1957-65, 1967-70. Retired Banker.

V.W. BRO. MATTHEW BOYD — Born Glasgow, Scotland May 5th, 1904. Initiated Sexamith Mo. 160, January 6th, 1953. A fffiliated Sprint River No. 116, May 19th, 1959. W.M. 1962-63, 1967-68. Grand Steward 1967-68. Board of General Purposes, 1969. Store Owner and Operator.

R.W. BRO, ROBERT WALLACE CAMPBELL — Born Winnipeg, January 16th, 1957, W.M. 1966-67, D.D.G.M. District No. 12, 1969-70, E.T.S. Dispatcher.

W. BRO. DAVID CUMMING — Born Ayr, Scotland February 23rd, 1991. Initiated Cornerstone No. 19, April 18, 1940. Affiliated Concord No. 124, June 1st, 1946. W.M. 1961. Board of Benevolence 1968-71. Refired

R.W. BRO. JOHN DAVIS — Born Burnham, England March 10th, 1901. Initiated Calgary No. 23, December 6th, 1946. W.M. 1954. D.D.C.M. District No. 18, 1959-60. Board of General Purposes 1965-68. Insurance

R.W. BRO. WILLIAM HEMRY DRISCOLL. - Engine Brigged Mo. 20, Member Avon Glen Mo. 170, 1952. W.M. 1960. D.O.G.M. District Mo. 20, 1963-64. Barber.

W. BRO. CHARLES HOLMES DYSON — Born Calgary November 23rd, 1915. Initiated Ashlar No. 28, September 22nd, 1949. W.M. 1967. Board of General Purposes 1969. City Electric Light.

W. BRO. DONALD IRWIN CARDNER — Born Camrose March 7th, 1925. Initiated Dominion No. 117, May 23rd, 1956. W.M. 1966. Office

R.W. BRO. JAMES HERBERT LAYCRAFT — Born Veteran January 4th, 1924. Initiated Zetland No. 88, March 20th, 1958. W.M. 1964. Grand Registrar 1967-68. Board of General Purposes, 1968-70. Barrister.

W. BRO. WILLIAM NEAVE LOWSON — Born Arboath, Scotland August 8th, 1895. Initiated, Unity No. 51, January 21st, 1941. W.M. 1949. Board of General Purposes 1961-69. Temple Manager.

W. BRO. HAROLD ERNEST McBAIN — Born Elkhorn, Manicoba December 27th, 1905. Initiated Mizpah No. 35, September 16th, 1947. W.M. 1955. Board of General Purposes 1969. Retired Teacher. W. BRO. CHARLES WILLIAM ALEXANDER MacLEAN — Born Brockville, Ontario March 28th, 1919. Initiated Camrose No. 37, October 13th, 1955. W.M. 1968 and 1969. Publisher.

W. BRO. DONALD RYAN MILLAR — Born Edmonton, Alberta. November 20th, 1928. Initiated Temple No. 167, January 28th, 1955. W.M. 1966. Sales Representative.

R.W. BRO, WILLIAM ALEXANDER MILLIGAN — Born Calgary December 24th, 1919. Initiated Saskatchewan No. 92, September 26th, 1919. Unic.M. District No. 12, 1967-68. Board of General Purposes 1969-70. Chief Plumbing Inspector for Alberta.

W. BRO. HENRY NEWTON MILLS — Born Calkary January 5th, 1911. Initiated Edmonton No. 7, September 25th, 1945. W.M. 1953. Board of General Purposes 1969-70. Salesman.

W. BRO. WILLIAM CHARLES PRITCHARD — Born Malvern, England July 19th, 1896. Initiated Memorial No. 172, G.R.S. W.M. Affiliated Glenbow No. 184, April 2nd, 1969. Retired.

W. BRO. ERMEST LORME PROUDFOOT — Born Fengthusle, Ontario October 8th, 1921. Initiated Trent No. 68, Ontario. Charter Member Griesbach No. 191, April 2nd, 1964. W.M. 1966. Officer C.A.(R).

W. BRO. BRIAN EDWIN WAYNE SMITH — Born Calgary, April lat. 1931. Initiated King George Mo. 59, April 27th, 1956. Charter Member Glenbow Mo. 184, 1961. W.M. 1967. Production Clerk.

R.W. BRO. RALPH SCOTT WHITE — Born Souris, Manitoba, August 16th, 1919. Initiated Morthern Light Mo. 10, G.R.M. October 5th, 1960. Vo. I, 1965-66. Insurance Agent.

W. BRO. DONALD LAWRENCE WOOD — Born Ontario, March 14th, 1915. Initiated Chukini No. 660, G.R.C. Charter Member Jubilee No. 173, 1956. W.M. 1964. Maintenance Foreman Domtar.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

R.W. BRO, JAMES SUTHERLAND WOODS—Born Edmonton, January 2nd, 1921. Initiated Zetland No. 83 September 20th, 1956. W.M. 1962. GRAUD MASTER:

R.W. BRO. FREDERICK GLENN FOX — Born Innistail March 6th, No. 9, February 21st, 1950. W.M. 1957, D.D.G.M. District No. 1 1967-68. Geologist DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

SENIOR CRAND WARDEN:

R.W. BRO. GORDON JOHNSTON ARMSTRONG — Born Medicine Hat January 9th, 1920 Initiated Strathcona No. 191, 1964. D.D.G.M. 1949, W.M. 1959. Charter Member Griesbach No. 191, 1964. D.D.G.M. District 19, 1966-67. Civil Servant.

R.W. BRO. WALTER ELMER BRIGHT — Born Vantage, Sask. August 2.nd, 1998. Initiated Renfrew Vo. 134 September 28th, 1959, W.M. 1968.

TONIOR GRAND WARDEN-ONE TO BE ELECTED:

R.W. BRO. JOSEPH (JOE) HENRY FISHER—Born Medicine Hat July 4th, 1916. Initiated Medicine Hat No. 2 February 12th, 1946. W.M. 1962, D.D.C.M. District No. 2 1964-65, Board of General Purposes 1970. Self-employed, Insurance Agency.

R.W. BRO. HAROLD NORMAN LUKES — Born Winnipeg, Manitoba December 12th, 1913. Initiated fadvillé No. 175, G.R.S., Affiliated Concord No. 124 May 12t, 1948, W.M. 1962, D.D.G.M. District No. 18 Concord No. 124 May 12t, 1948, W.M. 1962, D.D.G.M. District No. 18 1965-66. Safety Officer, Provincial Government.

R.W. BRO. GEORGE RANDOLPH STERLING — Born Perivale.

Ontario October Ist, 1906. Initiated Carbon No. 107 November 22nd, 1927. Affiliated Kenilworth No. 29 February 2nd, 1937, W.M. 1939-40. Charter Member Beacon No. 196, 1964. D.D.G.M. District No. 4 1962-55. Higher Education Bursary Committee 1959 to 1961-1964-1966 to 1968. Building Materials Business.

CRAND REGISTRAR-ONE TO BE ELECTED:

W. BRO. SAILENDRA KUMBR CHAKRAVÕRTY — Born Calcutta, India January 5th, 1922. Initiated Ashlar No. 28 April 24th, 1958. W.M. 1968. Engineer.

W. BRO. COL. DOUGLAS G. L. CUMNINGTON, OBE, MC, VD, CD — Born Bridgenorth, England April 20th, 1885. Initiated Zetland No. 83, October 30th, 1916. W.M. 1925. Retired.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE-THREE TO BE ELECTED:

W. BRO. JAMES GORDON AGAR — Born Cereal, May 25th, 1912. Initiated Crocus No. 115 January 11th, 1958. W.M. 1942-48, 1943-44. Charter Member Worthmount No. 189, 1963. Board of Benevolence Statistician.

W. BRO. DAVID CUMMING — Born Ayr. Scotland February Sård, 1991. Initiated Cornerstone No. 19 April 18th, 1940. Affiliated Concord No. 19 April 18th, 1940. Affiliated Concord No. 1961. Board of Benevolence 1968-71. Retired

W. BRO. STANLEY JAMES CLAYTON — Born Killam, November 1970. Photo engraver.

R.W. BRO. JOHN HALLIDAY HARE — Born Horsham, England July 30th, 1919. Initiated Camrose Mo. 37. June 14th, 1945. W.M.

M.W. BRO. WILLIAM IRELAND — Born New London, Connecticut July 16th, 1887. Initiated Perfection No. 9, January 10th, 1912. W.M. 1918. Grand Master 1944-45. Board of Benevolence 1928-1971. Retired.

R.W. BRO. LESLIE JOHN ROSLING — Born Bristol, England April 11th, 1895. Littletd Perfection No. 9, April 6th, 1987. W.M. 1946. D.D.G.M. District No. 1, 1950-51. Grand Treasurer 1954-69. Board of Benevolence 1970. Retired.

TWO TO BE ELECTED: MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE-

R.W. BRO. ROY FREDERICK ANDERSON — Born Tuelon, Manitoba March Schi, 1999. Affiliated Bowden Vo. 42 March 8th, 1938. W.M. 1941 and 1966. D.D.G. M. District No. 4, 1950-51. H.E.B. Committee 1965-67, 69, 70.

Superintendent. W. BRO. JOHN ROBERT STANLEY HAMBLY — Born Fort Sask. May 2181, 1996. Initiated Victoria No. 13, October 20th, 1955. School 1937-38. Affiliated Camrose No. 37, December 8th, 1955. School Superintendent

W. BRO. WILLIAM JAMES MEWHA — Born Consort, June 8th, 1945. W.M. 1966. School Principal

R.W. BRO. FREDERICK RANDOLPH MILLICAN — Born Medicine Hat, Mr. 1939 D.C.March District No. 2, 1958-54, H.E.B. Committee 1929, W.M. 1939 D.C.M. District No. 2, 1958-54, H.E.B. Committee No. 2, 1958-59, 1962 to 1964, Retired Teacher.

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The District Deputy Grand Masters are elected in their respective districts and the incoming Grand Master confirms their election prior to investiture.

The Grand Treasurer is required to supervise the financial affairs of Grand Lodge. He doesn't handle any money as all book work is done in the Grand Lodge office.

The Grand Registrar's duties are not specified with any certainty, he is available for any duties that the Grand Master may wish to delegate and assists the Grand Secretary at the Communication.

The Grand Secretary is appointed by the Board of General Purposes, subject to confirmation by Grand Lodge. He is in charge of and is responsible for the operation of Grand Lodge office and the day to day operation of Grand Lodge.

The M.W. The Grand Master appoints the other officers each year, except the Grand Tyler who is elected by open vote of Grand Lodge.

The Board of Benevolence is the important body in charge of the Charities of Grand Lodge. Three members are elected each year for two years. The Board meets once a month. Three of the six nominees are to be elected this year.

The Board of General Purposes could be likened to a Board of Directors. They meet on the third Wednesday of November and May and on the day before Grand Lodge. Eight members are elected each year for two years and there are 22 nominations from all parts of the Jurisdiction.

The Higher Education Bursary Committee is in charge of the work of Grand Lodge in providing assistance for students. Two members are elected each year for three years. This Committee will decide who will receive our bursaries, which are limited by the amount subscribed by members. The applications are received from students without any restriction and are selected primarily on the basis of need.

The Annual Communication is a business meeting, tradition has built up certain procedures. The service at the opening is to give Thanks and present a Memorial to those who have been called to Higher Service. We have the opportunity of expressing our Loyalty to our Country and we have the pleasure of receiving representatives of sister Jurisdictions, emphasizing the universality of our Craft.

During the luncheon period we have the opportunity of greeting members from the far-flung borders of our large Jurisdiction and again in the evening at our banquet and afterwards, there is a real opportunity for Fellowship. The Grand Master advises that he has invited R.W. Bro. J. H. Laycraft, Q.C., of Zetland Lodge No. 83 to be our speaker this year. We hope that there will be a grand attendance. It has often been pointed out that Master Masons are welcome to come to Grand Lodge. They have the opportunity of observing how the business is dealt with, theirs is the chance to meet a great many mem-

Grand Master's Column

The excellent response to the various Masonic activities in this jurisdiction has heartened us all. The attendance at the Area Meetings in Lethbridge and in Red Deer was splendid and the program was well received. Now we are looking to the Grand Lodge Communication in Calgary June 8th to 10th. Plans are well in hand and we hope all Lodges will work to make this a profitable and inspiring occasion. Be sure your Lodge is represented!

From discussions and questions raised in various meetings it is clear that a better understanding of the Constitution and of Grand Lodge would benefit all. If there is a section in the Constitution which seems to hinder or restrict the activities of a Lodge or of Masonry in general, Grand Lodge should be asked to examine that section and if thought wise, to amend it. (No. 38). Any Brother may initiate an amendment in his own Lodge and if accepted there, it may be presented to Grand Lodge. Let us keep our Constitution up-to-date so that we agree with it and govern ourselves accordingly. While it is wise to consult Grand Lodge Officers concerning the interpretation of a section of the Constitution, the G.L. Officer should not be asked to make a contrary ruling.

May I call attention once again to the Higher Education Bursary Fund? This is a most valuable investment in our young people. It is a charitable and benevolent project which deserves the most generous support of all. Not only may we contribute now, but there is no better project to remember in the making of one's will. The need is much greater than the funds now available.

While it is good to know that the serious work of Masonry is going forward, it is also good to find that many pleasant and enjoyable social occasions are being held. It has been my privilege with my wife, to attend a number of "Ladies' Nights." These have been most enjoyable. We are grateful for the gracious hospitality and good fellowship enjoyed in this way. It is good to see Masonry taking a valuable and significant part in the life of the Community.

May your spring activities be both pleasant and profitable!

Edmund J. Thompson, Grand Master

bers and to participate in the Fellowship of a Masonic gathering.

No member under the rank of Junior Warden can take part in the business, but members can sit with their Worshipful Master and Wardens, who will represent them in the discussion. In this way they can prepare themselves for office. Let us be grateful for our heritage, let us be bold to face the challenge of today, let us have confidence and faith in the future.

The immediate future of our Grand Lodge will be in the hands of the Officers who will be Installed and Invested on Thursday morning, June 10th, 1971 in the Calgary Masonic Temple. All who are able to do so should attend this ceremony to show their support.

AMALGAMATION

The Amalgamation ceremony for Comet-Efficiency Lodge No. 50, which had to be postponed from January 14th, 1971, was held at Hardisty on Thursday, February 11th, 1971. Some 60 brethren attended. The M.W. The Grand Master was supported by M.W. Bro. M. G. Merner, Past Grand Master, Wetaskiwin, R.W. Bro. G. J. Armstrong, Junior Grand Warden from Edmonton, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. A. C. Gunning, D.D.G.M. No. 6 from Calgary. R.W. Bro. E. G. Oberg, D.D.G.M. of the District No. 5 and R.W. Bro. R. W. Burns, D.D.G.M. No. 9 and V.W. Bro. A. J. James, Grand Steward from Coronation.

R.W. Bro. E. G. Oberg and Brethren from Forestburg Lodge No. 128 carried out the Installation ceremony, when W. Bro. R. I. Harrison was Installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing period.

Efficiency Lodge No. 141 was formed by members of Comet Lodge in 1924 and now, due to the change in the economy of the rural area, has 'come home.'

Area Meetings

The Area meeting held in Lethbridge on March 11th, 1971, arranged by R.W. Bro. H. B. Myers (7) assisted by R.W. Bros. Green (2) and Grant (8) and Richardson (11) was attended by a total of 131 members of whom 104 were from the immediate Districts.

The program shown in the March Bulletin was well received by the brethren, who asked quite a number of questions, indicating great interest.

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M.W. Bro. W. Lloyd McPhee, on behalf of Bow Island Lodge No. 64, presented R.W. Bro. George Lomas with a Sixty Year Bar to his Fifty Year Jewel. R.W. Bro. Lomas Affiliated with Bow Island No. 64 in 1913. He was Worshipful Master in 1918 and 1921 and conferred the Master Mason degree on M.W. Bro. McPhee in 1924 in Bow Island Lodge. R.W. Bro. Lomas was presented to the East by V.W. Bro. C. N. Evans, who was Secretary of Bow Island for many years.

The Area meeting held in Red Deer on March 17th, 1971 was, it is believed, the largest meeting ever held in the Temple as 171 members attended from a wide area. R.W. Bro. J. R. Hopkins, D.D.G.M. No. 4 organized the meeting and there were nine District Deputy Grand Masters present in addition to the Senior Grand Lodge officers and many Committee members as well as three appointed officers. Considerable interest was shown by all present.

During the evening, R.W. Bro. Hopkins presented R.W. Bro. Stewart Wood of Bowden No. 42 with a Certificate in appreciation of his many years of service to the Craft in District 4.

Bro. J. C. Henderickx of Eastgate No. 192 writes to say that he has been visiting R.W. Bro. Percy Puffer in hospital in Edmonton. R.W. Bro. Puffer is Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Belgium and Bro. Henderickx wrote, on his behalf, to Bro. Hugo Mortelmans, whom he had met in Belgium while on holiday. Bro. Henderickx' father has had to go to a home for old people in Belgium and Bro. Mortelmans is visiting him.



The Wiebe Family gathered in Calgary last December when W. Bro. Victor G. Wiebe was installed as Master of St. Mark's Lodge No. 118. The picture shows W. Bro. Art Wiebe, Acme Lodge No. 60, W. Bro. V. G. Wiebe, W. Bro. A. L. Wiebe, Latomia Lodge No. 125, G.R.S., Weyburn, Saskatchewan, and W. Bro. H. Van Wiebe, Emulation Lodge No. 186 G.R.S., Regina, Saskatchewan.

The Pillars

A brother has written asking that we explain the significance of the Pillars in Freemasonry. Our Grand Lodge Bulletin of October 1969 carried a well researched article on this subject. Should our brother not have access to this issue, will he please write and we will attempt to secure a copy for him.

A Request From Virginia

The Grand Lodge of Virginia has requested permission to reproduce the front page of our March 1971 bulletin in their Masonic Herald. Permission has been granted them and credit must go to Bro. Art Price, Senior Warden of Lodge Renfrew for drawing this provocative cover along with the very interesting explanation.

Mini-Workshop

District No. 4 are holding one-day training programs at the Olds Agricultural School on May 2nd.

The four main topics for the school will be:

1. Leadership

2. Preparation for Leadership

3. The Role of a Sponsor

 An Educational Program for the New Mason.

The school will have theme speakers as well as panel programs, and will be used to supplement the Banff Spring Workshop and also give those brethren unable to go to Banff an opportunity to participate in Masonic Education.

Sixty Year Bar

R.W. Bro. Wes Jackson, V.W. Bro. Jack Jackson and W. Bro. Ed. Jackson flew out to Victoria on March 5th, 1971 to present a Sixty Year Bar to M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson. M.W. Bro. Jackson is still extremely active and keenly interested in Masonic affairs.