



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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M.W. Bro. James Sutherland Woods

James Sutherland Woods was born in Edmonton on January 2, 1921 and attended the Edmonton Schools and the University of Alberta. He graduated with a law degree and joined the firm of Saucier, Jones and Associates in Calgary. He is married and has four children, two boys and two girls.

M.W. Bro. Woods was initiated into Zetland Lodge No. 83 on September 20th, 1956 and raised to the sublime degree on January 17th, 1957. He became the Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge in the year 1962. After serving Grand Lodge for a number of years on a variety of Committees he was elected Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge Communication in 1968. In June of this year he became Grand Master of Masons in Alberta.



R.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling

George Randolph Sterling, a merchant in Benalto, Alberta, was elected Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge Communication in June. He was born in Perivale, Ontario on October 1st, 1906. His Masonic career began in Carbon, Alberta when he was Initiated and raised in Carbon Lodge No. 107 in 1927. In 1937 he Affiliated with Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Red Deer and was its Worshipful Master in 1940-41. When Beacon Lodge No. 190 was organized in Red Deer, he became a charter member. He has served Grand Lodge for a number of years on the Higher Education Bursary Committee. For the year 1952-53 he was the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 4. In addition to his extensive Masonic activities, R.W. Bro. Sterling has taken a very active part in church and community life.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

At my installation in June, I announced the theme of this jurisdiction for the ensuing Masonic year: "Plan for Progress." Having called upon the Craft to plan it is only right that your Grand Master should do likewise and I assure you that there are sketches on the trestle board that will keep the brethren occupied and, I trust stimulated and invigorated.

The theme for the year will be elaborated upon in the fullness of time but for the present a word of caution is in order. To plan for progress does not mean to abandon the tried and true methods of the past merely for the sake of expediency. To plan for progress properly we must seize upon the finished building stones of the past and so arrange them as to build a super-structure in keeping with the present age. In keeping, but fixed firmly on the foundations laid out in conformity with the ancient landmarks.

The Italian historian Francesco Guicciordine said "Past things shed light on future ones; the world was always of a kind; what is and what will be was at some

other time; the same things come back but under different names and colors; not everybody recognizes them, but only he who is wise considers them diligently." Thus it should be in Masonry. It must adapt to the times without any fundamental change in its purpose and meaning. J. H. Plumb in *The Death of the Past*, poses these problems as lying at the very heart of our society. "Can men face the future with hope and resolution without a sense of the past. And if not, can a new past, truer than the old, be manufactured to give him a like sense of confidence." I suggest that these problems are at the heart of the Craft today, in all Grand Jurisdictions. I further suggest that no past can be manufactured which will give us any confidence greater than that which we now possess.

To Plan for Progress is to promote the fundamental principles and tenets of Freemasonry in an age of advanced technology, of almost absolute materialism and of hunger for the resurrection of the God so glibly claimed to be dead.

This is the challenge. Let us take it up!

GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1971-72

Elected by Grand Lodge in June:

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. J. S. Woods (83)
 Deputy Grand Master—R.W. Bro. F. G. Fox (9)
 Senior Grand Warden—R.W. Bro. C. J. Armstrong (191)
 Junior Grand Warden—R.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling (29)
 Grand Treasurer—R.W. Bro. W. E. Bright (134)
 Grand Registrar—R.W. Bro. D. G. L. Cunnington (83)
 Grand Secretary—V.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford (30)
 Grand Tyler—V.W. Bro. A. Kennett (83)

The Grand Master approved the following to be District Deputy Grand Masters following their election by the various districts:

District Deputy Grand Masters

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| R.W. Bro. A. G. Elliott (41) | District No. 1 |
| R.W. Bro. G. P. Smart (70) | District No. 2 |
| R.W. Bro. W. E. Robinson (51) | District No. 3 |
| R.W. Bro. W. E. Foster (16) | District No. 4 |
| R.W. Bro. F. L. Hall (43) | District No. 5 |
| R.W. Bro. F. R. Erick Mulder (22) | District No. 6 |
| R.W. Bro. A. O. Aspeslet (67) | District No. 7 |
| R.W. Bro. J. A. Atkinson (32) | District No. 8 |
| R.W. Bro. E. F. Schmidt (45) | District No. 9 |
| R.W. Bro. A. N. Colter (145) | District No. 10 |
| R.W. Bro. C. N. Nelson (84) | District No. 11 |
| R.W. Bro. W. G. Bryant (126) | District No. 12 |
| R.W. Bro. G. L. Percy (106) | District No. 13 |
| R.W. Bro. H. E. Faechner (132) | District No. 14 |
| R.W. Bro. J. C. Hogg (66) | District No. 15 |
| R.W. Bro. E. Lausen (73) | District No. 16 |
| R.W. Bro. A. E. Caldwell (69) | District No. 17 |
| R.W. Bro. E. Cameron (176) | District No. 18 |
| R.W. Bro. R. H. Welch (117) | District No. 19 |
| R.W. Bro. H. W. Gerrard (183) | District No. 20 |
| V.W. Bro. C. M. Wilkinson (162) | Grand Master's Representative — Northern Lodges |

The Grand Master appointed the following officers to assist him:

Grand Chaplain—V.W. Bro. Archdeacon C. C. Swanson (83)
 Senior Grand Deacon—V.W. Bro. M. N. McIver (192)
 Junior Grand Deacon—V.W. Bro. E. G. Ferguson (36)
 Grand Director of Ceremonies—V.W. Bro. J. T. Oliver (77)
 Grand Organist—V.W. Grand Org. Bro. H. Farmer (81)
 Grand Pursuivant—V.W. Bro. F. W. T. Fritz (35)
 Grand Stewards—V.W. Bro. C. R. Barker (22)
 V.W. Bro. D. A. Curry (26)
 V.W. Bro. G. E. Ferguson (95)
 V.W. Bro. L. T. Snelgrove (147)
 V.W. Bro. D. H. Oliver (157)
 V.W. Bro. C. M. Wilkinson (162)

The Board of General Purposes

The Board of General Purposes is the Board to which the Grand Lodge leaves the operation of its business between the Grand Lodge Communications. This Board usually meets three times a year in November, in the Spring and just before Grand Lodge. The Board is composed of:

President—The Deputy Grand Master
 Vice-President—The Senior Grand Warden
 Secretary—The Grand Secretary

Members by virtue of office:

The Grand Master
 The Junior Grand Warden
 The Grand Treasurer
 The Grand Registrar
 All District Deputy Grand Masters
 All Past Grand Masters resident in the jurisdiction

Elected by Grand Lodge in June for a two year term:

R.W. Bro. P. I. Aikens, Millet
 R.W. Bro. W. H. Driscoll, Edmonton
 R.W. Bro. J. H. Laycraft, Calgary
 R.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan, Edmonton

V.W. Bro. M. Boyd, Spirit River
 W. Bro. D. Cumming, Calgary
 W. Bro. H. E. McBain, Medicine Hat
 W. Bro. E. L. Proudfoot, Edmonton

Terms expiring in June 1972:

W. Bro. P. M. Austin, Ranfurly
 W. Bro. R. D. Chorley, Edmonton
 V.W. Bro. S. Harbin, Edmonton
 R.W. Bro. J. Hunter, Edmonton
 W. Bro. D. G. Latta, Edmonton
 V.W. Bro. A. H. Rogerson, Calgary
 R.W. Bro. F. D. Stevenett, Innisfail
 W. Bro. S. Thompson, Edmonton

Appointed by the Grand Master for a one year term:

R.W. Bro. D. S. Bareham, Calgary
 R.W. Bro. D. G. S. Cumming, Calgary
 R.W. Bro. D. R. Murray, Drumheller
 R.W. Bro. T. Schechter, Medicine Hat

The business of the Board of General Purposes is delegated to several standing committees which report to the Board. In some instances the members of these committees are elected by the Grand Lodge Communication and in others the Grand Master has the right of appointment. The Grand Master is a member of all Committees.

Jurisprudence Chairman—M.W. Bro. Bernie Brown, P.G.M.
 Condition of Masonry—R.W. Bro. F. G. Fox, Deputy Grand Master

Fraternal Relations—M.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin, P.G.M.
 Charters and New Lodges—R.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling, Junior Grand Warden

Credentials and Reception—R.W. Bro. J. M. Mason
 Finance Chairman—M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal, P.G.M.

Members—The Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and
 M.W. Bro. M. G. Merner, P.G.M.
 R.W. D. S. Bareham
 R.W. Bro. J. H. Laycraft
 R.W. Bro. D. G. S. Cumming

Masonic Research and Education:

Chairman, W. Bro. H. L. Kablfleisch (term expires 1972)
 The Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. R. S. White (term expires 1974)
 Bro. R. G. J. Aberdeen (term expires 1974)
 R.W. Bro. A. G. Phillips (term expires 1973)
 W. Bro. G. E. Parkinson (term expires 1973)
 R.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan, (term expires 1972)

Additional Committees of Grand Lodge

The Grand Master is a member of all committees and the Grand Secretary is the Secretary of all Grand Lodge Committees.

Committee on the Work:

Chairman, M.W. Bro. D. Little, P.G.M.
 M.W. Bro. T. G. Towers, P.G.M.
 R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, P.G.S.
 R.W. Bro. J. M. Williams

Masonic Higher Education Bursary:

The Deputy Grand Master
 The Grand Secretary
 R.W. Bro. H. A. Wigzell (term expires 1974)
 R.W. Bro. F. R. Millican (term expires 1974)
 W. Bro. T. A. Drolet (term expires 1973)
 R.W. Bro. W. E. Robinson (term expires 1973)
 V.W. Bro. T. Bayles (term expires 1972)
 R.W. Bro. O. P. Thomas (term expires 1972)

Appointed by the Grand Master for one year:

W. Bro. J. F. McBride
 W. Bro. K. D. Stewart

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Chairman, M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett, P.G.M.
 R.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan
 Bro. H. Paterson
 Bro. N. J. Senn



(This column will appear in the Bulletin when questions regarding Masonic Custom, Usage and tradition are submitted to the Chairman of the Editorial Committee.)

Question—I noticed in the Grand Lodge Installation Ceremony and at meetings since Grand Lodge that our recently appointed Grand Secretary is given the title "Very Worshipful" whereas the previous holder of that office was referred to as "Right Worshipful." Are we downgrading this very important office?

Answer—No, the office is not being downgraded. If you paid careful attention to the Installation of the Grand Secretary you will remember that he is told that his office, by tradition and by direction, has become most significant both from the point of view of our own jurisdiction and also because of the constant contacts that he must have with world wide Freemasonry.

The Grand Secretary has the title "Very Worshipful" in accordance with our Constitution (Section 6). This is the rank that is given to appointed officers of Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary is appointed by the Board of General Purposes and the appointment is confirmed by the Grand Lodge Communication (Section 23). The "Right Worshipful" rank is conferred on elected officers of Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, our Past Grand Secretary, had the rank of "Right Worshipful" before he was appointed to the office of Grand Secretary in virtue of the fact that he was elected Grand Registrar at one time in his Masonic career. V.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford had not held an elective office and hence his title. In some jurisdictions (e.g. Saskatchewan) the Grand Secretary is a Past Grand Master and he retains the rank of Most Worshipful.

It may be that the importance of the office of Grand Secretary is sufficient that a higher rank should be attached to it especially because the Grand Secretary is constantly required to associate with brethren of distinction. To accomplish this the Constitution would have to be amended and there is a way to put the amendment before Grand Lodge if the questioner is concerned about the issue.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District No. 1—November 6th at Calgary
 District No. 2—October 26th at Medicine Hat
 District No. 3—October 23rd at Edmonton
 District No. 4—November 17th at Olds
 District No. 5—October 29th at Killam
 District No. 6—October 30th at Okotoks
 District No. 7—October 25th at Lethbridge
 District No. 8—October 19th at Claresholm
 District No. 9—November 4th at Alix
 District No. 10—July 24th at St. Paul

District No. 11—October 23rd at Champion
 District No. 12—September 25th at Sangudo
 District No. 13—July 12th at Wembley
 District No. 14—October 22nd at Craigmyle
 District No. 15—November 3rd at Trochu
 District No. 16—October 27th at Brooks
 District No. 17—October 28th at Viking
 District No. 18—October 29th at Calgary
 District No. 19—October 29th at Edmonton
 District No. 20—October 2nd at Sherwood Park

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY 1971-72

July 12th—District No. 13 Meeting, Wembley
 July 20th to 23rd—Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario
 September 9th to 11th—Banff Conference
 September 16th—Grand Master's Official Visit to his Lodge, Zetland No. 83, Calgary
 September 22nd—Eureka No. 10, Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, Lacombe
 September 25th—District No. 12 and Pembina No. 126, Fiftieth Anniversary, Sangudo
 October 9th, 10th & 11th—Visit with Zetland No. 83 to Kalispell, Montana
 October 16th—Fiftieth Anniversary Concord No. 124, Calgary
 October 23rd—District No. 11 Meeting, Champion
 October 25th—District No. 7 Meeting, Lethbridge
 October 26th—District No. 2 Meeting, Medicine Hat
 October 29th—District No. 18 Meeting, Calgary
 October 30th—District No. 6 Meeting, High River
 November 2nd—Vulcan No. 74, Annual Wild Game Dinner, Vulcan
 November 17th—Board of General Purposes, Red Deer and District No. 4 Meeting, Olds
 November 22nd—Fiftieth Anniversary Granite No. 127, Blackie
 December 8th—Griesbach No. 191 Installation, Edmonton

The Board of Benevolence

The Grand Lodge gives responsibility for its work of Benevolence to a Board which reports to Grand Lodge each year. Its members are elected for a two year term and the Grand Master may appoint members to the Board.

Elected for a two year term in June were:
 M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, P.G.M., who has been the President of the Board for a number of years.

R.W. Bro. J. H. Hare

W. Bro. D. Cumming

Members whose terms expire in 1972:

W. Bro. E. W. Dunlop

W. Bro. D. Spalding

W. Bro. L. E. Dickson

Members by virtue of their office:

The Grand Master

The Deputy Grand Master

The Grand Treasurer

The Grand Secretary

Members appointed by the Grand Master for one year:

R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling

W. Bro. S. J. Clayton

Honorary Members:

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, P.G.M.

V.W. Bro. G. W. Skene



V.W. Bro. Melvin Percy Dunford

Our recently invested Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford was born in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan on February 13th, 1924 and later moved to Coleman, Alberta where he worked with a coal mining company. He was initiated into Masonry in Summit Lodge No. 30 (now Rocky Summit) on September 7th, 1951 and raised to the third degree on November 2nd, 1951. He was Worshipful Master of Summit Lodge in 1959. In 1964 he was appointed assistant to the Grand Secretary and later Assistant Grand Secretary. He is affiliated with Bow River Lodge No. 1 and was Grand Pursuivant in 1965-66. One of V.W. Bro. Dunford's great contributions to Masonry is the work he has done on the Banff Spring Workshop. He has been its secretary and organizing genius since the inception of the Workshop.

V.W. Bro. Dunford is married and has six children, five daughters and one son.



R.W. Bro. Edward Hewitt Rivers

R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers was installed as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta on Tuesday, September 22nd, 1953 in Highlands Lodge No. 168 by M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Jackson, who was then the Grand Master. He served the Grand Lodge from that date until his retirement at the Grand Lodge Communication in June. In his capacity as Grand Secretary he had a detailed knowledge of all parts of this jurisdiction and was widely known throughout Canada and in many parts of the world. Other Masonic bodies used his talents for organization when he acted as the Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Grand Lodge Officers and of the Banff Conference. A tribute to R.W. Bro. Rivers is contained in the Grand Master's Address which will be published in the Proceedings. The Brethren should also read R.W. Bro. Rivers reports which, at the end, has his message to the jurisdiction.

Our Past Grand Secretary was Initiated and Raised in Spirit River Lodge No. 116 and later Affiliated with Hythe Lodge No. 156. When he moved to Edmonton he affiliated with Unity Lodge No. 51 of which he is still a member. In 1945 he was the Grand

RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE

There have been a number of enquiries concerning the plans that are being made to recognize the eighteen years of service given to the Grand Lodge of Alberta by the Past Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers. When the resignation of Bro. Rivers was received the Grand Master, at that time, M.W. Bro. Dr. E. J. Thompson, appointed a committee of three to report to him concerning proposals in this regard. The committee reported and the Finance Committee has approved the necessary expenditure. The following are the ways in which his service will be recognized:—

1. R.W. Bro. Rivers will be awarded the rank of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta with the title of Most Worshipful and with all the privileges of that rank. This cannot be done constitutionally without a notice of motion. The notice of motion was given by M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland at the last Grand Lodge Communication and must receive unanimous approval of the 1972 Grand Lodge Communication.
2. The salary of R.W. Bro. Rivers be continued until the end of September 1971.
3. R.W. Bro. Rivers and Mrs. Rivers be invited to enjoy an expense paid holiday, preferably a cruise, as a gift of the Grand Lodge. This likely would take place in late Fall or in the Winter.
4. Early in September the Grand Lodge will arrange a Testimonial Dinner for R.W. Bro. Rivers to mark officially the retirement.

NOTES ON THE GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

A new Installation Ceremony for Grand Lodge Officers which was prepared by the Committee on the Work was used for the first time at the Installation of M.W. Bro. James S. Woods. The general reaction to this impressive ceremony was that the revision had much to commend it. M.W. Bro. P. J. Kendal, P.G.M., acted as the Installing Officer in his usual efficient manner.

VISIT TO YELLOWKNIFE

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master is planning a trip to Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 on Saturday, November 20th, 1971. Transportation will be by plane from Calgary and Edmonton. Those wishing to accompany the G.M. should make reservations with the Grand Secretary before October 15th, 1971.

Director of Ceremonies and in 1951 the Grand Registrar.

Bro. Rivers was born in England on September 1st, 1904 and came to Edmonton as a young man later joining the R.C.M.P. He is married and has three children, two sons and one daughter.

The picture which we are printing depicts the Past Grand Secretary engaged in one of the duties which he liked to perform most of all. He is presenting to W. Bro. Macaulay of St. Mark's Lodge 118 a set of gavels made by the Grand Gavel Maker, R.W. Bro. Dave Penman. He has presented gavels all over this jurisdiction, in the United States, Canada and England.