



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

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SEE YOU THERE?

Grand Master's Message

M.W. Bro. James S. Woods

On the second Wednesday in June next the Grand Lodge of Alberta will assemble for its Sixty-Seventh Annual Communication. As we prepare for this great occasion let us remember of what this Grand Lodge is formed in its very essence. Of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Masters, Wardens and Past Masters specified in Section 5 of the Constitution? No! In essence it is formed of and by Craft Lodges. This is true of all Grand Lodges. In Anderson's account of the formation of the first Grand Lodge in London in 1716 he says:

"A.D. 1716, the few Lodges at London . . . thought fit to cement under a Grand Master as the Center of Union and Harmony, viz. the Lodges that met.

1. At the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house in St. Paul's Church-Yard.
2. At the Crown Ale-house in Perker's-Lane near Drury Lane.
3. At the Apple Tree Tavern in Charles-Street, Covent-Garden.
4. At the Rummer and Grapes Tavern in Channel-Row, Westminster."

And then he goes on to report that "They (i.e. these four Lodges) and some old Brothers met, and . . . constituted themselves a GRAND LODGE . . ."

The fact that Grand Lodge is constituted of and by Lodges is a concept of the utmost importance and must always be born in mind but more especially at the time of the Grand Lodge Communication. For it is at these annual gatherings that Lodges regulate themselves under the constitution enacted by them in order, as the preamble to the Constitution puts it: "to form perfect tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the Fraternity . . . all the blessings of Masonic privileges."

To the end that the basic cosmopolitan of Grand Lodge may be more forcibly brought to the attention of the brethren I have ordered certain changes in both the ceremonial and the business procedures at the next Annual Communication.

In regard to the ceremonial, I propose to muster the Craft by Lodges under their respective District Deputy Grand Masters and to have them proceed into the auditorium in a true masonic procession. Throughout the meeting the District Deputy and the representatives of the Lodges in his District will be seated together. This process will involve a great deal of intricate planning under the Grand Director of Ceremonies and that planning is already well in hand. It will also involve the active and cheerful co-operation of every member of the Craft in attendance.

In regard to the business portion of the proceedings every effort will be made to minimize the time consumed in routine reporting. As much material as possible will be included in printed preliminary reports which will be made available to the Craft and which will NOT be read except such reports as contain specific recommendations requiring approval of Grand Lodge or as some member may request be read and discussed in detail. In this way more time should be made available for general discussion of matters of real concern to the Brethren. In that regard brethren are urged to come prepared to conduct an intelligent discussion on any matter that may be causing them concern.

Let us then so conduct our Sixty-Seventh Annual Communication that we do form perfect tranquility—provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft—and secure all the blessings of Masonic privileges.

STATISTICS

Statistics can be at all levels and for all groups, and a recent survey of those who attend Banff Workshops and Grand Lodge revealed some interesting points.

An extensive study of the Lodges that have sent members to the Banff Spring Workshop and also who have officers attending the Grand Lodge Communication has been carried out over a six year period, the figures brought together by districts, and a careful examination made to determine patterns of attendance.

Attendance at the Banff Workshop shows that the Lodges with the highest participation in the province are numbered 137, 191, 187, 188, 193, 184, and 92. These Lodges range from 7% of its membership to 12% of its membership attending Banff Workshops. 137 is the outstanding example to the Craft with over 12% of its members attending the Banff Workshop. Other Lodges extend throughout the range of attendances to a group of 14 Lodges who have never had any member attend in the last six years. By districts, district 20, 6 and 12 have the largest number of people attending Banff Spring Workshops.

A careful survey of Lodges who have their officers at **Grand Lodge** shows that the outstanding example to the Craft in Alberta is Lodge 170 which has had a 100% turnout of its 3 principal officers over the last ten years. This is an almost unbelievable achievement and demands the greatest respect for the quality of leadership which has prevailed in this Lodge.

Other Lodges who have had high percentages attending over the past six years are Lodges number 9, 51, 28, 41, 134, 101, 83, 11, 74, 66, 137, 77, 63, 81, 192. These Lodges have had above 70% attendance of their principal officers when averaged out over the six years.

There are four Lodges who have had no officers attend any Communications during the last six years. Lodges in between show a great range of attendance and the individual Lodge should look to its own records for how it stands in this particular set of information.

For District attendance, Districts 1, 20, and 12 all have in excess of 50% of their Lodge Officers attending the Communications over the period being examined.

The above information is given as praise for those who practice the fraternal involvement that is essential to maintain our Craft in a viable form. Congratulations to the Officers and members who assisted the Lodges and Districts mentioned in attaining these high records and a word of encouragement to those who did not. It is the opportunity of every Lodge in the jurisdiction to involve itself with Masonic activity, and it is only through this involvement that knowledge of the workings of the Craft, effective democratic procedures, and fraternal socializing can take place.

There is still time for the Officers to plan their attendance at the Annual Communication and encourage their membership to attend for instruction and fellowship. The Workshop is over for this year but it is not too soon to plan to attend next year or to establish one person within your Lodge whose responsibility it is to encourage attendance.

Remember the Craft is **YOURS**, and you are the one who makes it live or die.

OUT OF THE PAST

Criticism is so easy that anybody can work at it and a lot of people do. Some criticize when they know nothing about that which they are criticizing. When criticism is honest and there is back of it a knowledge of the thing criticized, and a sincere purpose that brings to light facts that should be known, there may be justification in it. But there are times when criticism, with a desire to expose and profit by it personally, is cruel and selfish in the extreme. Anyone who desires things is subject to the critic, whether the critic knows anything about what he criticizes or not, and often, too often, those who do criticize are reckless about marshalling facts before they begin an attack.

Still there are some Masons who do little else than criticize.

"The Victorian Craftsman (Australia)

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"LIVING OFF THE LAND"

PROVES GOURMET'S DELIGHT

"Living off the land" took on a new note of luxury at Buffalo Park Lodge, Wainwright, when, with their guests from Chauvin, Edgerton, Irma, Viking and Vegreville Lodges, they enjoyed their annual game dinner.

Members of Buffalo Park Lodge connected with Camp Wainwright again this year undertook to prepare the feast. With the exception of oysters, which came from the west coast, almost everything was from Alberta, and by far the most from the local area. As Wainwright is traditionally the "Buffalo Town", the anchor of the feast was buffalo meat, supported by roast stuffed beaver from the camp area, and venison in the form of roast and pies. Of course the lowly rabbit came into the menu in the form of the traditional rabbit pie. (Technically speaking this was the American Varying Hare.) Then they ran the gamut of upland fowl, game birds and waterfowl, as well as native Alberta fish.

Our connoisseurs went a bit farther afield for moose and elk, but still within Alberta, even for the Northern Pike. The dessert, also was highlighted by native fruit, with brandied saskatoons as the top feature. We went a bit south for our coffee, but most of the contents of the punch bowl and the assortment of light wines were of Canadian Vintage. The food had been cooked to a tee, and if the manner of its preparation was any indication of what Army chefs can prepare, the Canadian Forces must surely be the best fed in the world.

The table decorations, too, were most imaginative, and well done, with American Varying Hare, Mallard Drake, and Wilson Snipe, Grouse and Hornets Nest and Ruffed Grouse and Prairie Chicken done in four natural settings.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the camp brethren for their wonderful job in preparing a feast that will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to partake.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE ELECTIVE OFFICES

Elected by Acclamation

GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. Frederick Glenn Fox — Born Innisfail March 6th, 1918. Initiated Innisfail No. 8 April 3rd, 1946. Affiliated Perfection No. 9, February 21st, 1950. W.M. 1957, D.D.G.M. District No. 1 1967-68. Geologist.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. Gordon Johnston Armstrong — Born Medicine Hat January 9th, 1920. Initiated Strathcona No. 77 January 28th, 1949. W.M. 1959. Charter Member Griesbach No. 191, 1964. D.D.G.M. District No. 19, 1966-67. Civil Servant.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. George Randolph Sterling — Born Perivale, Ontario October 1st, 1906. Initiated Carbon No. 107 November 22nd, 1927. Affiliated Kenilworth No. 29 February 2nd, 1937. W.M. 1939-40. Charter Member Beacon No. 190, 1964. D.D.G.M. District No. 4, 1952-53. Higher Education Bursary Committee 1959 to 1961-1964-1966 to 1968. Building Materials Business.



**JUNIOR 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.G.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 Radville Lodge No. 175, G.R.S., Affiliated Concord No. 124 May 1st, 1948. W.M. 1962. D.D.G.M. District No. 18 1965-66. Safety Officer, Provincial Government.



R.W. Bro. William Alexander Milligan — Born Calgary December 24th, 1919. Initiated Saskatchewan No. 92 September 26th, 1946. W.M. 1961. D.D.G.M. District No. 12 1967-68. Board of General Purposes 1969-70, 1970-71. Member Research and Education Committee 1967-68, 1969-70-71-72. Chief Plumbing Inspector for Alberta.

GRAND TREASURER—ONE TO BE ELECTED:

R.W. Bro. Walter Elmer Bright — Born Vantage, Saskatchewan, August 2nd, 1918. Initiated Renfrew No. 134 September 28th, 1959. W.M. 1968. Grand Treasurer 1970-71, 1971-72. Surveyor.

M.W. Bro. William Lloyd McPhee — Born Long Creek, Prince Edward Island January 5th, 1902. Initiated Bow Island No. 64 February 19th, 1924. Affiliated Perfection No. 9 February 18th, 1930. W.M. 1949, D.D.G.M. District No. 1 1955-56. Charter Member Foothills No. 174 1956. Grand Master 1962-63. Chairman Finance Committee 1965-66 to 1970-71. Retired.

GRAND REGISTRAR—ONE TO BE ELECTED:

W. Bro. Jack Brown — Born Edmonton September 27th, 1918. Initiated Commercial No. 81 April 3rd, 1954. W.M. 1970.

W. Bro. Roy Johnston — Born Metishe April 13th, 1921. Initiated West Edmonton No. 101 June 7th, 1942. W.M. 1951-52.

W. Bro. Thomas Stratton Walker — Born Monitor February 2nd, 1923. Initiated Renfrew No. 134 March 27th, 1950. W.M. 1969 and 1971.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE—THREE TO BE ELECTED:

W. Bro. Charles Avery Ball — Born Calgary October 4th, 1914. Initiated Crescent No. 87, April 24th, 1945. W.M. 1952. Charter Member Glenbow No. 184, 1961. W.M. 1961-62.

W. Bro. Ernest Warren Dunlop — Born Calgary May 20th, 1917. Initiated Crescent No. 87 June 17th, 1952. Charter Member Jubilee No. 173, 1956. W.M. 1963. Board of Benevolence 1967-68 to 1971-72.

W. Bro. Hugh Picken — Born Calgary November 15th, 1911. Initiated King George No. 59, January 30th, 1959. W.M. 1968.

R.W. Bro. Leslie John Rosling — Born Bristol, England April 11th, 1895. Initiated Perfection No. 9, April 6th, 1937. W.M. 1946, D.D.G.M. District No. 1 1950-51. Grand Treasurer 1954-69. Board of Benevolence 1954-71.

W. Bro. David Spalding — Born Leith, Scotland December 8th, 1910. Initiated Bow River No. 1, September 1st, 1954. W.M. 1964. Board of Benevolence 1965-66 to 1971-72.

**MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE—
TWO TO BE ELECTED**

R.W. Bro. Roy Frederick Anderson — Born Tuelon, Manitoba March 25th, 1906. Initiated Hand Hill No. 98, August 14th, 1929. Affiliated Bowden No. 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.

V.W. Bro. Thomas Bayles — Born Southend-on-Sea, England June 12th, 1895. Initiated Bassano No. 55 August 15th, 1946. W.M. 1952. Affiliated King Solomon No. 41, June 19th, 1958. Junior Grand Deacon 1966-67. H.E.B. Committee 1968-69 to 1971-72.

M.W. Bro. William John Collett — Born Hilperton, England March 6th, 1910. Initiated Cairo No. 32, June 20th, 1944. W.M. 1947-48. Affiliated Zetland No. 83, June 1st, 1950. Charter Member Elbow River No. 180, 1959. Grand Chaplain 1958 to 1961. Grand Master 1964-65. Editor of Bulletin 1967-68 to present. H.E.B. Committee 1963-64 and 1964-65.

W. Bro. John Robert Stanley Hamby — Born Fort Saskatchewan May 21st, 1906. Initiated Victoria No. 13, October 20th, 1931. W.M. 1937-38. Affiliated Camrose No. 37, December 8th, 1955.

W. Bro. William James Mewha — Born Consort, June 8th, 1917. Initiated Innisfail No. 8, March 26th, 1945. W.M. 1966.

W. Bro. Keith Donald Stewart — Born Ranfontain, South Africa July 25th, 1906. Initiated Ancient Landmark No. 163, February 6th, 1929. Affiliated Acacia No. 11, April 13th, 1933. W.M. 1946.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—EIGHT TO BE ELECTED:

W. Bro. William Victor Armstrong — Born Dufferin, Ontario October 24th, 1919. Initiated Edmonton No. 7, January 27th, 1953. W.M. 1967.

R.W. Bro. Douglas S. Bareham — Born New York December 31st, 1890. Initiated Bow River No. 1 August 9th, 1915. W.M. 1922, D.D.G.M. District No. 1, 1954-55. Board of General Purposes, 1948-49, 1957-65, 1967-72.

R.W. Bro. Charles Phillip Blacklee — Born Winnipeg, Manitoba December 17th, 1903. Initiated Medicine Hat No. 2, January 11th, 1944. Charter Member Foothills No. 174, 1956. W.M. 1956-57. D.D.G.M. District No. 1. 1959-60. Research and Education Committee 1960-61 to 1968-69.

W. Bro. Stewart W. Blair — Born Rossland, B.C. January 4th, 1910. Initiated Crescent No. 87, June 28th, 1946. Affiliated Acacia No. 11, March 13th, 1947. W.M. 1959.

R.W. Bro. Robert Wallace Campbell — Born Winnipeg, Manitoba November 1st, 1909. Initiated West Edmonton No. 101, January 16th, 1957. W.M. 1966-67. D.D.G.M. District No. 12, 1969-70.

W. Bro. Raymond Douglas Chorley — Born Edmonton October 28th, 1921. Initiated Jasper No. 14, September 24th, 1956. W.M. 1966-67.

W. Bro. Stanley James Clayton — Born Killam, November 10th, 1929. Initiated King George No. 59, September 21st, 1956. W.M. 1970. Board of Benevolence 1971-72.

R.W. Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan — Born Calgary, December 16th, 1923. Initiated Corinthian No. 22, July 7th, 1953. W.M. 1963. Charter Member Elbow River No. 180, 1959. W.M. 1965. D.D.G.M. District No. 6, 1968-69. Board of General Purposes 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970. Bulletin Committee 1967-68 to present.

W. Bro. Edward Henry Ficht — Born Calgary, January 19th, 1915. Initiated Pembina No. 126, May 3rd, 1954. Affiliated Evergreen No. 166, December 3rd, 1956. W.M. 1969.

R.W. Bro. Leonard William Flynn — Born Medicine Hat, February 21st, 1921. Initiated Medicine Hat No. 2, February 13th, 1951. W.M. 1963. D.D.G.M. District No. 2, 1968-69.

W. Bro. Donald Irwin Gardner — Born Camrose March 7th, 1925. Initiated Dominion No. 117, May 23rd, 1956. W.M. 1966.

W. Bro. William Robertson Gilchrist — Born Carlisle, Scotland, February 9th, 1906. Initiated West Edmonton No. 101, September 17th, 1930. Affiliated Commercial No. 81, November 1st, 1947. W.M. 1961.

V.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin — Born Lloydminster, Saskatchewan February 19th, 1928. Affiliated Redwood No. 193, January 7th, 1965. W.M. 1968. Grand Director of Ceremonies 1969-70. Board of General Purposes 1970-71, 1971-72.

W. Bro. David High — Born Edmonton, April 14th, 1922. Initiated Gateway No. 164, January 8th, 1952. W.M. 1961.

R.W. Bro. James Richard Hopkins — Born Markerville, July 24th, 1922. Initiated Innisfail No. 8, June 22nd, 1944. W.M. 1950. Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1961-62. D.D.G.M. District No. 4, 1970-71.

W. Bro. William Neil Love — Born Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan January 23rd, 1922. Initiated Renfrew No. 134, April 22nd, 1946. W.M. 1962.

W. Bro. Ralph Holm Mason — Born Watrous, Saskatchewan June 5th, 1918. Affiliated Dynamic No. 96, May 4th, 1966. W.M. 1969-70.

W. Bro. George William Millen — Born Calgary, November 8th, 1918. Initiated Ashlar No. 28, September 22nd, 1955. W.M. 1969.

W. Bro. Waldemar Arthur Molstad — Born Bawlf, February 2nd, 1907. Initiated Camrose No. 37, April 22nd, 1948. W.M. 1962.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Henry Parker — Born Enchant, January 9th, 1917. Initiated Sharon No. 157, April 22nd, 1942. W.M. 1963-64. D.D.G.M. District No. 7, 1966-67.

R.W. Bro. William Edwin Robinson — Born Northend, England, May 23rd, 1898. Initiated Unity No. 51, January 16th, 1940. W.M. 1950. H.E.B. Committee 1966-67 to present. Board of General Purposes, 1969-70, 1970-71. D.D.G.M. District No. 3, 1971-72.

W. Bro. Brian Edwin Wayne Smith — Born Calgary, April 1st, 1931. Initiated King George No. 59, April 27th, 1956. Charter Member Glenbow No. 184, 1961. W.M. 1967.

R.W. Bro. George Edward MacLaren Smith — Born Auchterless, Scotland, May 21st, 1906. Initiated Bassano No. 55, November 11th, 1941. Affiliated Brooks No. 73, November 16th, 1943. W.M. 1952. Affiliated Apollo No. 27, March 7th, 1955. D.D.G.M. District No. 9, 1967-68.

V.W. Bro. George William Smith — Born Swift Current, Saskatchewan October 26th, 1915. Initiated January 8th, 1954 in North Star No. 4. W.M. 1963. Grand Steward, 1966-67.

V.W. Bro. George Edwin Strain — Born Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 19th, 1889. Initiated Foremost No. 103, September 5th, 1919. W.M. 1961. Grand Steward 1970-71. Board of General Purposes 1969-70.

W. Bro. Cornelius Johannes W. Versluys — Born Monarch, September 4th, 1910. Initiated Champion No. 84, June 8th, 1950. W.M. 1970.

R.W. Bro. Charles Young — Born Dunfermline, Scotland, March 23rd, 1908. Initiated Sentinel No. 26, June 10th, 1943. W.M. 1951. D.D.G.M. District No. 3, 1964-65.



Between the Pillars

Question — Would you please inform me as to the meaning of A.L. 5924, which was the year I was admitted to the Third Degree. I am aware of A.D. but would like to know what A.L. signifies. These dates appear on my Master Mason's Certificate.

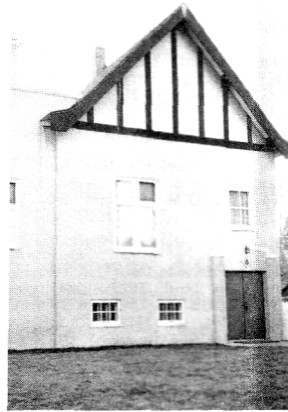
Answer — The dates on a brother's certificate are given in two ways. One is in accord with the calendar we use every day—A.D. or Anno Domini, the year of our Lord and dates from what is supposed to be the birth of Christ. This year is A.D. 1972 or one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two years after the birth of Jesus.

The other date is given in accord with the Masonic Calendar, A.L. or Anno Lucis meaning "in the year of Light." Anderson in the Constitutions of 1723 mentions the Year of Light as the Year of Masonry and arrived at the year by adding 4000 to the date regularly used. He did this because 4000 years was supposed to have elapsed from the creation of the world to the birth of Christ. So if you add 4000 to any year this takes you back to the beginning of light, the time of creation, and to the beginning of Masonry.

We still follow this ancient tradition in dating not only the Master Mason's Certificate but also other Masonic Documents. It is another of those pleasant Masonic customs that has little basis in science.

It is interesting to note that even A.L. has not been without its controversies. Some scholars claim that our calendar is really four years out in dating the birth of Christ. So there was a time when some Lodges added 4004 to the regular year to get the A.L. However this practice now has fallen into disuse.

Evergreen Lodge No. 166, Edmonton recently paid tribute to its senior members by presenting Honorary Life Memberships to R.W. Bro. Pryce Jones age 87, who last fall received a Sixty Year Bar from Meridian Lodge No. 129; to V.W. Bro. James Johnston age 88, who is a Charter Member of Evergreen Lodge and has 48 years to his credit as a Mason and to Bro. Bill Macartney age 83, who is also a Charter Member of Evergreen and has been a Mason for 43 years. All three of these brethren are now residents of Senior Citizens' or Nursing Homes and are unable to attend Lodge. The Brethren of Evergreen visited these Homes and made the presentations. Evergreen had also planned to present an Honorary Life Certificate to Bro. Bill Gibson, who unfortunately passed to the Grand Lodge Above before the visit could be made. His widow received the certificate instead.

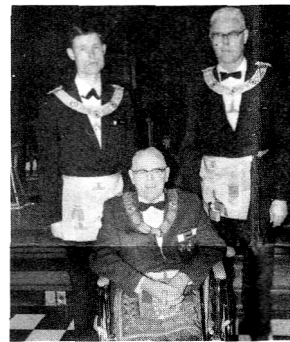


Crescent Masonic Temple is located at 131-16th Ave. N.W., Calgary. Crescent Lodge No. 87 meets in this lodgeroom on the second Tuesday of each month and practices the Canadian Rite.

Northmount Lodge No. 189 meets there on the Fourth Monday and Jubilee Lodge No. 173 holds its meeting there on the Second Friday. Both of these lodges also work in the Canadian Rite.

The fourth Lodge using this Temple is Mosaic No. 176 which meets on the First Tuesday and works in the Ancient York Rite.

Left to right: W. Bro. H. G. Puffer, Rt. W. Bro. G. P. Puffer, W. Bro. W. D. Puffer.



On December 1, 1971, Rt. W. Bro. Percy Puffer installed his son Bro. William (Bill) Puffer as Master of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170. He succeeds his brother, W.M. Hubert Puffer who became Immediate Past Master. More than 150 Masons from many city and out-of-town Lodges were in attendance to witness the installation of the Master

and investiture of the other Officers for 1972. The entire event was of special significance insofar as Rt. W. Bro. Puffer had recently recovered from a long period of serious illness. The excellent presentation of the ceremony was greatly appreciated by the brethren who gathered in Acacia Masonic Hall in tribute to Bro. Puffer and his two sons.

Our Grand Secretary recently received a letter from Bro. L. J. Hunter, London, England. It was a long and interesting letter but space does not permit us to publish it in full. Bro. Hunter says that he had received information from the Nanton Lodge that his 17 year old nephew had been awarded a scholarship from our Bursary Fund. "It is gratifying," the letter reads. "to know that awards of this nature are not restricted to Masonic circles only, but rather are awarded to any worthy and deserving student. As a member of the family I wish to convey my thanks to Alberta Grand Lodge for this generous award."

Bro. Hunter goes on to say that he is not a member of a Canadian Lodge but that he belongs to two Lodges both of whom embody a beaver and a maple leaf in their crests, they are his mother Lodge, Beaver No. 885, Soest, Germany and Canada Lodge, London. He invites any brethren going to London to call him—office phone 629-9492 ext. 572, home 808-7518.