



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## VISITATION IS A MASONIC PRIVILEGE AND THE SKY'S THE LIMIT



Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 visits Polaris Lodge No. 186 at Fort Smith, for installation ceremonies, June 2nd, 1972.  
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### *FLYING HIGH*

Here you see in the far Northwest  
Visitation put to its ultimate test.  
Where others may drive to a lodge nearby  
These Northern brethren have to fly.  
But we're sure this group at Yellowknife  
Found it enriched their Masonic life  
To visit their neighbors in this vast land  
And extend to them a friendly hand.  
You can see by the smiles upon their faces  
That there's brotherly love in far-off places.  
We present this visit as a worthy sample,  
And commend this lodge for its fine example.  
Try to emulate this, we suggest if you do  
That interest at your lodge will be flying high too.

## MASONIC EDUCATION

**MASONIC EDUCATION** for those who are involved or wish to be involved.

Exactly one year ago a series of articles commenced in the Bulletin which contained suggestions for a variety of approaches to Masonic education in the Lodge. The articles covered the following areas:

- Discussion groups.
- Plays.
- Speeches.
- Brainstorming and buzz groups.
- Tape recordings.
- Movies and slides.
- Guest Speakers.

If your Lodge has attempted to include each of these approaches even once, you should have had a year of difference. Perhaps this year will be the one in which you try them — but do make an effort to use these and any other methods you can think of to keep Masonic education and its associated research alive, active and stimulating for your Lodge.

### **Who are the members that should be organizing these activities?**

The Masonic education Committee, selected by the Worshipful Master has the prime responsibility and as the time is approaching when new Masters will select new committees it is important to indicate that the members must range across the lodge life in experience from Past Master to youngest Master Mason. The members must be **ACTIVE** and willing to do a **job** for their brethren; and they must **be able** to search for new knowledge and methods of passing it on. The members of such committees benefit even from their planning meetings by the wealth of information exchanged.

If the Worshipful Master has selected a committee of good size there is no reason why any member should have to involve himself constantly and the Lodge will benefit by the different approach shown by each committee member.

Within your district, the D.D.G.M. has selected a member of one Lodge to act as a representative to the Grand Lodge Committee on Research and Education. You should seek out this brother, find out what is going on and if possible, organize a district approach to Education. The Lodges then benefit by the greater range of participants, the visiting that is encouraged and the more professional way in which presentations are made. The enthusiasm shown in an active district is clearly shown in the committee members and is voiced by the Lodge brethren.

### **Where should the information come from?**

Everywhere and anywhere that Masonic knowledge can be found is considered a worthwhile source. Do not forget the well experienced brother nor the inquisitive new member as having much to contribute. The Grand Lodge library is a source of much information and although at present we have no 'well versed' librarian, you can browse through the shelves whenever the Grand Lodge offices are open or mail in requests for specific books to be sent to you.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Communication are a source of information and in fact should,

at this time of the year, be summarized for your Lodge. When a summary is made get 4 or 5 members to give portions from their seats in the Lodge. This is superior to a 25 minute, one man show.

### **How to get into a Committee.**

Most Lodges would welcome volunteers for their committees, so do not hesitate to make it known to both the present and future Worshipful Masters that you have an interest. The committee, if already established, is not, or should not be closed and welcomes help. When it finds a brother wishing to contribute to Lodge education, he will usually be used by the committee having in mind the well being of its Lodge.

### **Where do we go NOW?**

Plan! Start your year by planning Masonic education for as many nights as your Worshipful Master requires. Do not create the evening within a ten minute casual chat. Really discuss the pro's and con's of the items that are proposed — expand the ideas with the help of the Lodge at large in a general discussion and then put on a year that your members will remember as outstanding.

## OUT OF THE PAST

From Grand Lodge Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 2, October, 1937.

### **UNDERTONE AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER**

We have just encountered a Gossip, rapped him smartly for his stupid practice and made him the subject of this editorial.

The major lesson of the North East corner is Charity. That is a sadly degraded word nowadays but it means more than a penny in a bowl surely! It means kindness and tolerance in thought, word and deed, and one of the commonest intolerances is petty talk about what concerns one's neighbor. Consider the Third Point of Fellowship again, brother. Does it permit you to pass judgment on your brother and adding two and two permit you to proclaim the result as five?

Here are a few items to ponder before you repeat the next malicious story which may come your way:

No happening was ever reported exactly as it occurred. If it were we would need neither witnesses nor juries to decide upon human weakness.

Every repetition of a story carries part of the gossip's personality — a little added dirt. The gossip's story is more of a revelation of himself than of the one he maligns, and he who thus abuses the confidences of his brethren should certainly not pass judgment on the works of another.

A well-bred man, and every Mason should be, asks no personal questions and therefore has no inside information of skeletons in his brother's closet. If, perchance, an ugly story comes his way, he verifies the facts, should that seem necessary, or says nothing.

Malicious talk has destroyed more reputations, more careers, created more jealousy, discontent and envy, ruined more friendships, than any single factor in human intercourse. If you have nothing good to say, say nothing!

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## WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

It is an organization of men who are banded together with the common purpose of making this a better world in which to live, by becoming better men: men of character, men of courage, men of conviction, men who follow Masonry and its teachings: men who in their daily lives are seeking the secrets and hidden mysteries of true Brotherly love, faith and charity.

These secrets appear to be hidden particularly in our modern world with its continual pressures of business, family and social life. There is the easy ever-present path of least resistance which is not necessarily the proper course to follow. We therefore require a guide or symbols to ensure we do not err. Freemasonry provides this track to run on for those who desire to follow it.

Within the Craft we come to realize that we are not the only ones who are tempted to stray. We learn from being accepted by our Brothers to accept ourselves, that there are many others like ourselves who need the strength, the charity and love of our fellow man.

What are our responsibilities as Masons?

Masonry is not just to be practiced in the Lodge room, it must be carried into our daily lives: we must constantly conduct our affairs in the community, in our homes, our business and outside activities in a manner which will at all times reflect the honour of our Order.

The Craft is not a secret society but a closely knit group of leaders. Yes leaders, for you would not be here if that were not the case. We have the desire to lead our families, our associates, and friends towards a better way of life. We have the responsibility of communicating, by our actions, these Masonic teachings to our fellow man.

Excerpt from a paper given in District No. 12 during 1971 by Bro. B. Ellis, Evergreen No. 166.

### HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE A BROTHER?

Freemasonry serves its purpose if one can say: "I recognize you as a Mason by your square conduct, your uprightness, and your love for your fellowmen."

Our CONDUCT is the ONLY way by which we should demonstrate to the world that we are Masons! A Mason should NOT be recognized by the Masonic emblems he wears, but by the application of their symbolic meaning! Furthermore, we know that some people, because of their religious feelings, still take the risk of irritating or hurting them, which is contrary to the principles of Freemasonry. Nobody, however, can possibly be hurt or irritated by us practicing true Masonic conduct!

Excerpt from a paper given at Zetland No. 83 on February 9, 1972 by Bro. B. G. van Helden.

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Curiosity, used constructively is the tool of progress, but a weapon of woe when used for the destruction of another's reputation. Be charitable. Be tolerant. Ill-timed gossip is the tiger's claw in the heart of the unsuspecting. It has no place in Masonry where the tenets of silence and circumspection are ever on the lips of the teachers.

A.M.M.

## THE SUMMER RECESS

Lodge Notices are very interesting and always give an indication of the life within a lodge. They range all the way from the notice that is hastily scribbled with no information to the notice that is carefully prepared revealing a wide range of activity. Some secretaries even go to the extent of including a chatty note telling of the whereabouts of a number of members. Many Masters take a great pride in their messages and often include jewels of poetry and philosophical quotations. A Lodge that is wondering what to do for a program should get some of its members to gather Lodge Notices and see what other Lodges are doing.

Over the summer the Grand Lodge Bulletin file of Lodge notices overflows. The Committee is reluctant to throw them away to clear the decks for the new deluge that will arrive in the Fall. Accordingly we perused them and came up with a number of interesting items.

A large number of Lodges held events that are variously listed as Barbeques, Barbacues and Bar B Q's. We wouldn't know what the difference is except in the spelling. Anyhow the social event is very popular.

Another large group indulged in Wine and Cheese Tasting parties. There is no indication of which item of taste was the more popular. Sometimes the ladies were invited and sometimes they were not. Several had this event after a Lodge meeting and had the ladies arrive after Lodge.

Viking Lodge was brave enough to hold a church service in the middle of July and this was followed by a Bar B Q, and a very good one, at a local camping spot.

Golf Tournaments were very popular. Many individual lodges held their own and some districts got into the game. Invariably the day ended with some kind of eating activity.

In June District No. 15 had a dinner with R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, P.G.S., as their guest of honour.

Irricana Lodge (who else?) held what they called a "City Slickers Night". There is no indication what happened but, from past experience, we have a pretty good idea of the type of entertainment the city slickers received.

There were a very large number of inter-lodge visits. Some of the occasions were social and others were to cooperate in Lodge work. Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 entertained two Lodges from Havre, Montana.

June Installations are quite numerous. We were able to count 33 Lodges that installed new officers. Elbow River Lodge No. 180 did this in June for the first time, having changed from December. Many installations in rural areas were joint. We offer every good wish to those Worshipful Masters and the Officers who are just getting nicely started in their new positions.

Hussar Lodge No. 130 took advantage of the summer to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary, complete with Lodge Meeting, Banquet and Dance.

There were a number of family picnics held and one steak fry to which the K.C.'s were invited.

A pancake breakfast was the order of the day for Gateway Lodge No. 164.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

The Grand Lodge Bulletin Committee this year consists of:

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The deadline for material is the 15th day of the month for publication six weeks later.

We appreciate receiving Lodge Notices for they tell us a tremendous amount about the activities within the Lodges.

We appreciate receiving news items and pictures. Our policy is to keep the Bulletin an Alberta Publication. This can be done only if you keep material coming in.

We appreciate receiving papers written and delivered by our members. It is not possible to publish entire papers but we do read them and take from them interesting excerpts.

The Bulletin wants to promote Masonic Education. So we want you to send ideas and questions. For the questions we will answer from the best authorities available.

Will you then keep the letters and information coming. Your help over the past years has made it possible for us to plan an informative and helpful Bulletin.

**ITINERARY OF DISTRICT AND OTHER MEETINGS**

(The Grand Secretary will be accompanying the Grand Master on his visits.)

Date	To be in attendance
Oct. 2	Mountain View No. 16, Olds ..... Grand Master
Oct. 5	Milo No. 172, Milo ..... Grand Master
Oct. 12	Bassano No. 55, Bassano ..... Grand Master
Oct. 18	District No. 15, Drumheller ..... Grand Master
Oct. 21	District No. 14, Hanna ..... Grand Master
Oct. 25	District No. 9, Stettler ..... Grand Master
Oct. 26	Empress No. 161, Empress ..... Grand Master
Oct. 27	District No. 7, Vauxhall ..... Grand Master
Oct. 28	District No. 2, Medicine Hat Deputy Grand Master
Oct. 28	District No. 11, Barons ..... Grand Master
Oct. 28	District No. 19, Westlock .... Senior Grand Warden
Oct. 30	District No. 5, Daysland ..... Grand Master
Nov. 3	District No. 18, Crescent Masonic Temple, Calgary ..... Deputy Grand Master
Nov. 4	District No. 1, St. Mark's Masonic Hall, Calgary .... Deputy Grand Master (Please Note: Meeting Place)
Nov. 4	District No. 3, Hinton ..... Grand Master
Nov. 4	District No. 12, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton ..... Junior Grand Warden
Nov. 6	District No. 17, Holden .... Deputy Grand Master
Nov. 10	Finance Committee Meeting, Calgary ..... Grand Lodge Officers
Nov. 14	Red Deer No. 12, Red Deer ..... Grand Master
Nov. 15	District No. 4, Ponoka ..... Grand Master
Nov. 15	Board of General Purposes, Red Deer ..... Grand Lodge Officers
Nov. 18	District No. 6, Nanton .... Senior Grand Warden
Nov. 18	District No. 8, Pincher Creek ..... Grand Master
Nov. 18	District No. 20, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton ..... Junior Grand Warden
Nov. 23	District No. 16, Hussar ..... Grand Master

**INSTALLATION POLARIS LODGE No. 186**



The picture on the cover of the Bulletin calls attention to the importance of visiting in the world of Freemasonry. The picture printed here shows the members of Polaris Lodge No. 186, Fort Smith, who attended the Installation Ceremonies. In the front row left to right are: V.W. Bro. C. M. Wilkinson, Grand Master's Representative; W. Bro. G. James of Yellowknife Lodge (Installing Master); W. Bro. W. Applewhite (W.M.); W. Bro. L. Vance (I.P.M.); and W. Bro. G. Gordon (First W.M. of Polaris Lodge).

It goes without saying that after the Installation the brethren were royally entertained and shared in a Chinese Smorgasbord at the Pine Crest Hotel.

**A STORY OF CO-OPERATION**

On Sunday, April 30th, 1972, a Masonic District No. 18 Church Service was held in the Carstairs United Church. All Brothers in attendance wore full Masonic regalia, and presented a very impressive picture.

The Service was under the very capable direction of Rev. Bro. Herman Miller of the Carstairs United Church. V.W. Bro. Archdeacon Swanson, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, delivered a very appropriate Masonic sermon. The lesson was read by M.W. Bro. J. S. Woods, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The Service was augmented by the presence of a large contingent of the Shrine Chanters, under the direction of Bro. W. Davis, occupying the choir section, and very ably led the congregation in the singing of the hymns.

The Church was filled to capacity, consisting of many Masons, their families and friends, and all felt that a very worthwhile contribution had been made by and to our Masonic Order. At the close of the service, a Fellowship and Coffee Hour had been arranged by the ladies of the Carstairs United Church, and all were invited to tarry and enjoy a period of visitation and fellowship. During this period, the Chanters again treated us with a number of songs in a most enjoyable manner, for which they are famous.

R.W. Bro. E. Cameron, D.D.G.M. District No. 18 organized the service with the Lodges of District No. 18 giving their complete and enthusiastic co-operation.

**A THANKSGIVING THOUGHT**

Be grateful for the kindly friends  
that walk along your way,  
Be grateful for the skies of blue  
that smile from day to day.  
Be grateful for the health you own,  
the work you find to do.  
Remember there are others  
less fortunate than you.