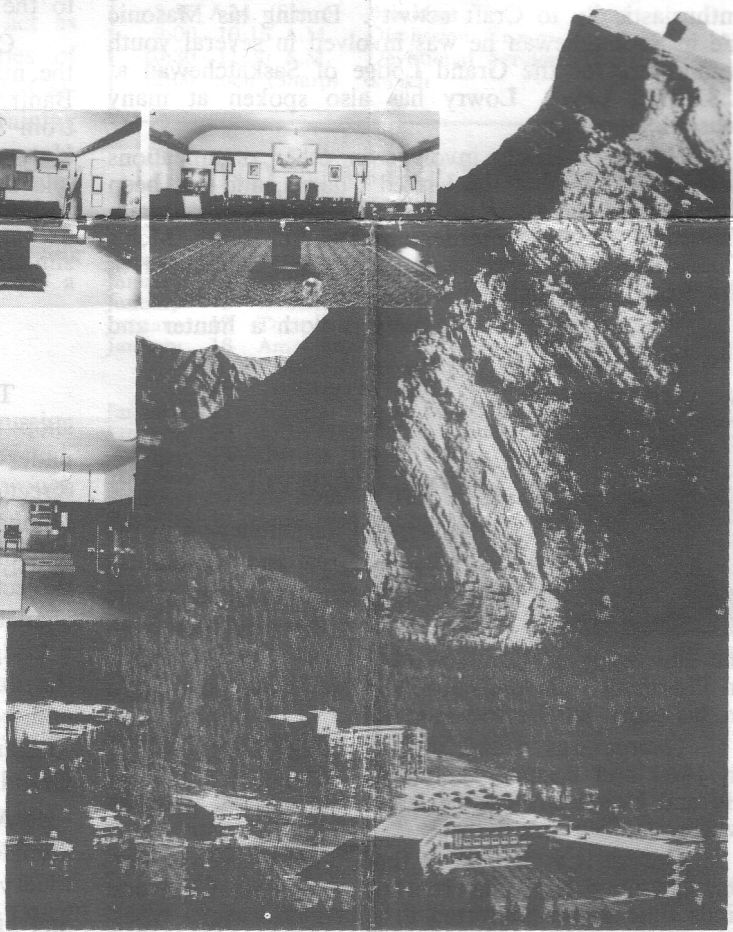
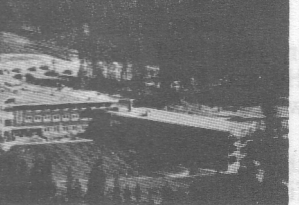
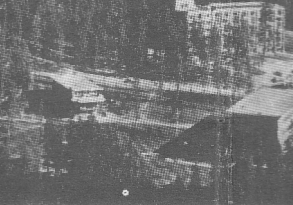
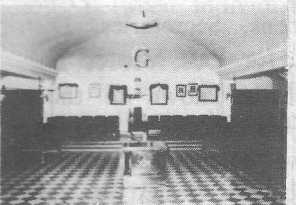
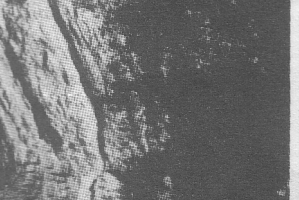
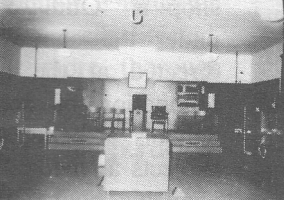
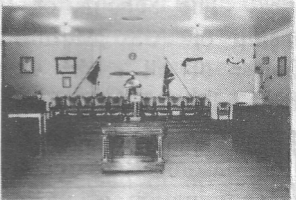
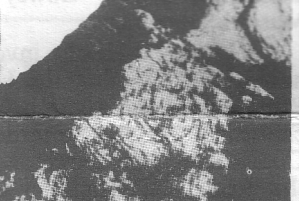
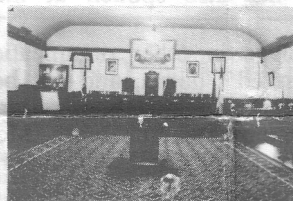
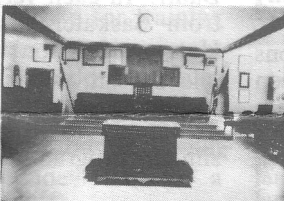
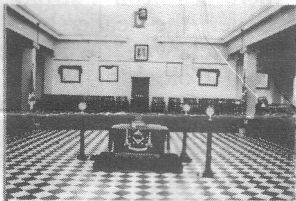
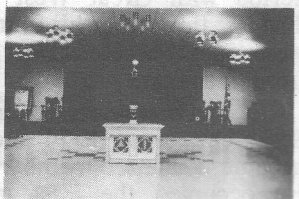
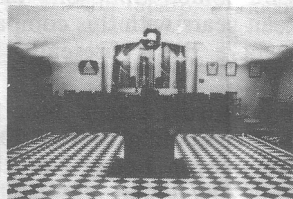
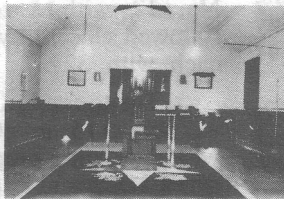


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BANFF-SPRING-WORKSHOP



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EIGHTH MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP

BANFF CENTRE, APRIL 6-7-8 1973

Theme Speakers



LOWRY F. FORGAY

was born in Southern Saskatchewan at Lampman. He spent the early part of his business life in hardware stores and after a period with Great West Life joined Simpsons-Sears. The last thirteen of his fourteen years with this company were spent at Red Deer where he is presently the store manager.

Lowry was raised in Alameda Lodge No. 27, Saskatchewan in 1954 and after coming to Red Deer became a charter member of Beacon Lodge No. 190. He occupied the East in 1970-71 and contributed enthusiastically to Craft activity. During his Masonic life in Saskatchewan he was involved in several youth committees for the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at a District Level. Lowry has also spoken at many Masonic meetings.

He is extremely involved in other organizations and is a member of the United Church, and has been President of the Church Men's Organization, program chairman of the Interdenominational Banff Men's Conference, is a Director of Rotary and a Member of the Red Deer Chamber of Commerce.

When time permits Lowry is both a hunter and curler.



GEORGE J. WYLLIE

was born in Saskatchewan in the Kindersley area and remembers well the depression years in the "Dust Bowl". He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1951 with a degree in Pharmacy. He presently is a practicing pharmacist in his store at Rimbey.

George was raised in Kitchener Lodge No. 95 in 1962 and became Worshipful Master in 1971-72. He and Lowry are good friends who discuss Masonry whenever they get the opportunity.

George is a member of the United Church Board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club and finds time to be interested in sports of various types. He admits to not being expert in all but thoroughly enjoys everything he tries. He is a "barbershopper" and has sung at various places in the province.

George feels that the small town is a place where you develop a real sensitivity to the needs of people and he involves himself in concerning himself with his friends in Rimbey.

SEVEN YEARS OF ATTENDANCE

In their visits to Lodges this fall, the District Deputy Grand Masters were armed with statistics on attendance which had been gleaned from an examination of the attendance lists of the past seven years. These records showed that in each year more than one-third of those attending have never attended before, though there are a few stalwarts who have attended every workshop.

In the seven workshops held since 1964, the total attendance has been 2,925. The top District has been No. 12 with a total attendance of 333 members, followed closely by District No. 1 and District No. 20 each with 327.

The top attending Lodges have been Saskatchewan 92 with 115 in attendance, followed by Zetland 83 with 91 and Empire 63 with 71. There are still seven Lodges in Alberta who have never sent a member to the Masonic Spring Workshop.

One notable feature of the attendance has been the number from outside Alberta who have come to Banff. In each year there has been a strong delegation from Saskatchewan under the leadership of Bjarne Hansen of Eatonia, Saskatchewan. We have also had interested observers from Colorado, Montana, British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario who have sought invitations to Banff for the purpose of instituting similar programs in their own jurisdictions.

THE SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

The theme of the Eighth Masonic Spring Workshop is "Our Lodge". The Schools of Instruction, under the chairmanship of Alex McIntosh will be directed at the officers of all ranks who are the foundation of every Lodge. The program for the Schools is being prepared to deal with such diverse subjects as methods of Masonic Research from readily available books, the examination of visitors entering a Lodge, the smooth operation of Lodge meetings and the duties of officers of all ranks. Separate schools will be held for Master Masons, appointed officers, Masters and Wardens, Secretaries, District Deputy Grand Masters and for Past Masters.

Alex McIntosh is known to those who have attended previous workshops as the Man with the loud voice and straw "boater" in the house committee. This year he is being assisted in the Schools of Instruction by Bev. Apperley, Paul Terriff, Lawrence McKircher and Ken Bobier each of whom is in charge of one of the schools. There are also a large number of others who have been working since October to prepare interesting and instructive programs. Every Lodge officer can benefit by attendance.

THE ORGANIZED DISCUSSION GROUPS

Seven years of Masonic Spring Workshops have shown how much Masons enjoy discussion. **Friendly disagreement stimulates, if well conducted, discussion on any subject and broadens the horizons of all who participate.** Good discussion, however, rarely happens spontaneously. This is the reason for the careful programs for the training of Discussion Group leaders which precedes each Spring Workshop.

The organized Discussion Groups, which first made their appearance in Alberta Masonry at the Banff Workshop, owe much to Norman Senn who conducted the training sessions for leaders for several years. This year this portion of the weekend is under the direction of Hugh Puffer.

During September and October upwards of one hundred Alberta Masons were approached to act as leaders. Their acceptance led them to a series of training programs held at Edmonton, Vegreville, Calgary and Lethbridge on successive Sundays for training in the techniques of group discussion. One important by-product of the Banff Workshops is that several hundred persons have now taken this training and many hundreds more have seen organized discussion groups in operation. They make an ideal tool for a good Lodge program.

Good discussion entails six basic rules:

1. Everyone is entitled to his own opinion. Discussion leads to disagreement but this, if well directed, leads to better discussion and more thorough knowledge of the subject.
2. All have equal rights to participate, and participation is expected of all.
3. Keep to the topic under discussion.
4. Only one person should talk at a time. Side discussions between individuals can destroy the group.
5. The leader is not there to answer questions. Rather, he guides the discussion as unobtrusively as possible.
6. Each individual has something to contribute and his contribution is part of the group strength.

The topic under discussion should not end with the conclusion of the allotted time. Many discussions have carried on into the night, and afterwards back at home.

8th MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP — 1973

AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 6th, 1973

3:30 - 8:00 P.M.	Registration
6:00 P.M. (Sharp)	Supper
7:45 - 8:15 P.M.	Discussion Groups (Get Acquainted Sessions)
8:45 P.M.	Announcements
9:00 - 9:30 P.M.	First Theme Address
9:45 P.M.	Coffee (Auditorium Main Building) Discussion Group Leaders and Chairman, Schools of Instruction Leaders and Chairman

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th, 1973

8:00 A.M. (Sharp)	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Discussion Groups Re: Address
10:45 - 11:45 A.M.	Schools of Instruction
12:00 noon (Sharp)	Lunch
1:15 - 2:30 P.M.	Schools of Instruction
3:00 - 3:30 P.M.	Second Theme Address
6:00 P.M. (Sharp)	Supper
7:15 - 8:00 P.M.	Masonic Play
8:15 - 9:15 P.M.	Discussion Groups
9:30 - 10:30 P.M.	Coffee and Time to Purchase Books

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th, 1973

8:15 A.M. (Sharp)	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Discussion Groups
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.	Devotional Service (Theatre)
12:00 noon (Sharp)	Lunch

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

January - June, 1973

January	2	Perfection No. 9 — Installation
January	4	King Solomon No. 41 — Installation
January	6	Commercial No. 81, Edmonton
January	12	Temple No. 167, Edmonton
January	16	Amalgamation, Bow Island No. 64, Grassy Lake No. 57 Installation of Officers Lodges in District 2
January	17	Alberta No. 3, Fort Macleod
January	30	Area Meeting, Edmonton
February	3	District No. 3, Hinton
February	5	Elbow River No. 180
February	8	St. Andrews No. 66, Huxley
February	10	Area Meeting Stettler
February	15	All Canada Conference
February	16	All Canada Conference
February	20	Cairo No. 32, Claresholm
February	24	Area Meeting, Lethbridge
February	27	Eureka No. 10, Lacombe
March	5	Strathmore No. 53, Strathmore
March	15	Cornerstone No. 19, High River
March	21	Grand Lodge Minnesota
March	22	Grand Lodge Minnesota
March	27	Crescent No. 87, Calgary
April	6	Banff Workshop
April	7	Banff Workshop
April	8	Banff Workshop
April	12	Cascade No. 5, Banff
April	16	Empire No. 63, Edmonton
May	7	Evergreen No. 166, Edmonton
May	8	Mayerthorpe No. 148, Mayerthorpe
May	9	Tawatinaw No. 71, Athabasca
May	10	Drayton Valley No. 182, Drayton Valley
May	11	Strathcona No. 77, Edmonton Finance Committee and Board of General Purposes
June	6	Grand Lodge Manitoba
June	7	Grand Lodge Manitoba
June	12	Board General Purposes
June	13	Grand Lodge Alberta
June	14	Grand Lodge Alberta

AREA MEETINGS

The M.W. the Grand Master has announced the following Area meetings:

EDMONTON, Tuesday, January 30, commencing with a banquet at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Masonic Temple.

STETTLER, Saturday, February 10, registration at 2:30 p.m. followed by the meeting and dinner in the Stettler Masonic Temple.

LETHBRIDGE, Saturday, February 24, registration at 2:30 p.m. followed by the meeting and a dinner in the Lethbridge Masonic Temple.

All Senior Grand Lodge Officers will be present and will discuss the Role of Masonry in the Community, the Province and the Country.

The Grand Secretary will meet the Secretaries of Lodges in the areas one hour before the meetings to discuss their problems and duties.

EXCERPTS

from recent addresses given by

R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, P.G.S.

I am one who likes to look back, I like to check our foundations, I think it is wise to do so but in doing so I do not wish to ignore the present or fail to look to the future. I hope that I did not do so when in office. In an article in the Grand Lodge Bulletin in 1968 I urged members to pay more attention to the Library, to study our history in greater depth, I stated that a knowledge of History supplied balance and stability. It is the key which unlocks the storehouse of past experience, where we can learn of the mistakes and failures as well as the achievements. An important point too, is that it will show how ideas have worked out and what remains to be done

Brethren, on this the first day of the rest of your life, rekindle your belief in the beauty of Freemasonry. Demonstrate to all that we do have an anchor to hold us when others may feel cast adrift. That we will not permit the modern life to loosen the ties of family and of loyalty — loyalty not only to our Government and Lodge, but loyalty to our family and our Church. Demonstrate that we do have security in our beliefs and in doing so offer a model for others to copy.

GRAND SECRETARY HONORED

Our Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford, was awarded an Honorary Life Membership by his mother Lodge, Rocky-Summit Lodge No. 30 at a meeting on December 11th. M.W. Bro. F. G. Fox, the Grand Master and V.W. Bro. B. V. Apperley, Grand Director of Ceremonies attended the meeting.

EVERGREEN LODGE No. 166

Evergreen Lodge was one of many Lodges installing officers in December. This Lodge recorded one of its largest attendances in recent years when approximately 150 brethren saw W. Bro. Myron Lusk installed in the Master's Chair.

KITSCOTY LODGE No. 131

Reading from Left to Right: D.D.G.M. Phil Austin, W. J. Meiklejohn I.P.M., Past D.D.G.M. Ernie Meiklejohn, E. J. Carson Master Kitscoty No. 131.

The official visit of the D.D.G.M. of District No. 10, R.W. Bro. P. Austin to Kitscoty Lodge No. 131, was marked by a variety of presentations.

Master Mason certificates were presented to Bros. Gordon Hancock and Wm. McDonald by Past D.D.G.M. Charlie Boyce.

R.W. Bro. Austin presented W. Bro. W. J. Meiklejohn with his Past Masters certificate.

Past D.D.G.M. E. A. Meiklejohn then presented his father's jewel to his son W. Bro. W. J. Meiklejohn stating it was over eighty years old. W. Bro. W. J. Meiklejohn then presented his father with a fifty year membership jewel. He had joined Evergreen Lodge No. 95, Harris, Sask., in 1920, affiliating with Kitscoty No. 131 in 1931. In 1965 and 1966 he served as D.D.G.M. Ernie, who is 86, still attends quite regularly and frequently assists with Degree work. Congratulations, Ernie!

Congratulations, also to R.W. Bro. Phil Austin for his interesting, informative and inspiring address.

DOMINION LODGE No. 117

R.W. Bro. A. Sollanych, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 19, on behalf of Dominion Lodge No. 117, recently presented Fifty Year Jewels to:

Bro. Thornton Andrews Graham (Right) Lodge No. 46, was born in Aurora, Ont. in 1885, and was initiated in Dominion Lodge No. 117, on February 23, 1922. Bro. Graham started in the wholesale plumbing supply business in 1910, and is still active in that field, being chairman of the Board of Western Supplies Ltd., a firm founded by himself. He was recently awarded a pin by the Edmonton Kiwanis Club for 53 years of perfect attendance.

Bro. Benjamin Leibovitz (Left) was born in Dorohoi, Romania, in 1886, and came to Canada in 1908. He started in the sporting goods business in 1912, and Uncle Ben, as he is known to thousands of Edmonton residents, is still putting in a day meeting old friends and new in "Uncle Ben's Exchange". He was Initiated in Dominion Lodge on June 15, 1922, and was appointed Auditor in 1924. He became Treasurer in 1925, and 47 years later is still going strong in this Office, something of a record. Uncle Ben was made an honorary Life Member in 1957.