



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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GORDON JOHNSTON ARMSTRONG



M.W. Bro. Armstrong was born in Medicine Hat on January 9, 1920. He attended school there and at Fort Macleod where he lived between 1931-37. In 1940 he enlisted in the Canadian Army and served in Italy and North West Europe with The Loyal Edmonton Regiment. In 1947 he commenced his career as a public servant with the Provincial Government and is presently serving as Committee Co-ordinator for the Workmen's Compensation Act review.

In 1949, M.W. Bro. Armstrong was initiated, passed, and raised in Strathcona Lodge No. 77 in Edmonton. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1959. He is also a charter member of Griesbach Lodge No. 191. In 1966-67 Bro. Armstrong served as

District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 19. At the Annual Communication in June 1970 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and was elected and installed as Grand Master in Calgary in June 1973.

M.W. Bro. Armstrong was married in 1960 to Miss Dorrie Faulder and they have been kept busy with Rob, age 12, and Patti, age 10. The family are active in McLaurin Memorial Baptist Church where Dorrie is the organist. Bro. Armstrong served on the Boy Scout Committee of the Church for a number of years and has worked on other committees. The family have an active interest in sports and they hope to develop their fishing skills after this year has been completed.

Message from the Grand Master

Brethren, I must take this opportunity to thank you for the honour you have conferred on me by making me your Grand Master. The magnitude of the office becomes more apparent each day, and I, and the other Grand Lodge Officers, will need all the support that you can give us if the Craft is to be well served.

There is one subject which seems to dominate so much in lodge discussion and individual conversation between Masons, that is, the decreasing numbers in the Craft. This situation has been with us for some time and does not seem to want to go away. I wonder how much effort is being earnestly put forward by the members of the Craft to correct this situation? We recognize that there are a few, and

the number is increasing, who are working at improved communication, education, programming, and other endeavours which are having a beneficial result. But are we all doing what we can?

One way in which we can all contribute is to consider again those great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let us in particular look at Brotherly Love and see how with a minimum of effort we can improve our practice of this principle. The first step is to look around the lodge room on your next visit and determine if you know all the Brethren, if not endeavour to meet and speak with them as well as your well known Brethren. Have you looked at your lodge roster lately and found names of Brethren who you have not seen for months or years? The telephone

is handy, letters are relatively easy to write, and we are a mobile people, is this not an obvious productive way to practice what we teach? We must not confine our efforts to our lodge Brethren alone as we have a responsibility to those in our community who may need assistance. It is too easy to say that there are agencies with government support who will look after these unfortunates. This may be true but what is more of a requirement is interest being taken in people and encouragement being offered to them. Are we as individual Masons doing our share?

Let us take stock of where we stand today, and each make a firm resolution to re-emphasize our practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

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VISIT TO THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The Grand Master proposes to visit Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 on November 17 and 18, 1973. He invites brethren throughout the Jurisdiction to accompany him. Reservations on the Jet Aircraft may be made with the Grand Secretary on a first come, first served basis. The estimated cost including air fare, overnight accommodation and banquet is \$130.00. Reservations must include a deposit of \$20.00.

A SUGGESTION

R.W. Bro. Roy A. Jamieson P.D.D.G.M. District No. 9 G.R.S. writes of his interest in a recent Bulletin article on Masonic Certificates. He says that he solved the problem of "to frame or not to frame" by purchasing a large loose leaf folder with plastic pages. The certificates can be trimmed enough to fit into the plastic slip cover and are well preserved. The book is of a size so that it can be easily carried from place to place.

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

June 20 - 21, 1973
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Regina

June 27th
Dominion Lodge No. 117, "Dominion Night", Edmonton

June 28th
Saskatchewan No. 92, Edmonton

July 9th
District Meeting, District No. 13, Peace River

July 13th
Finance Committee Meeting, Calgary

September 6th, 7th and 8th
Banff Conference

September 10th
Sovereign Great Priory, Edmonton

September 12th
Griesbach No. 191, Edmonton

September 15th
Strathcona No. 77, Edmonton – 60th Anniversary

October 13th
Craigmyle No. 132, Craigmyle – 50th Anniversary

November 17th and 18th
Visit to Yellowknife

November 20th
60th Anniversary, Sedgewick –
Harmony No. 75, Morning Star No. 79
and Excelsior No. 80

April 8th, 1974
Renfrew Lodge No. 134, Calgary – 50th Anniversary

April 26, 27th and 28th
9th Masonic Spring Workshop, Banff

June 21st and 22nd
Annual Communication in Edmonton



DATES AND PLACES
OF DISTRICT MEETINGS – 1973

November 3rd
District No. 1, Calgary

October 20th
District No. 2, Medicine Hat

September 22nd
District No. 3, Edmonton

October 24th
District No. 4, Bowden

October 22nd or 29th
District No. 5, Camrose

October 27th
District No. 6, Blackie

October 19th
District No. 7, Coalhurst

October 24th
District No. 8, Fort Macleod

October 27th
District No. 9, Castor

July 28th
District No. 10, Edmonton

November 1st
District No. 11, Lethbridge

October 20th
District No. 12, Edmonton

July 9th
District No. 13, Peace River

November 3rd
District No. 14, Pollockville

October 25th
District No. 15, Delburne

October 24th
District No. 16, Rockyford

November 7th
District No. 17, Edgerton

November 2nd
District No. 18, Calgary

October 27th
District No. 19, Edmonton

December 1st
District No. 20, Fort Saskatchewan

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EUREKA LODGE NO. 10



Bro. Jim Hill was presented with his sixty year bar by W. Bro. W.S. Hunt at a regular meeting of Eureka Lodge. Bro. Hill is shown on the left of the picture and W. Bro. Hunt on the right. Bro. Hill was born in Stirling, County Perthshire, Scotland on July 22, 1888. At an early age he came to Central Alberta with his parents and began farming. He is still active on the farm in cooperation with his son. Bro. Hill was initiated into Freemasonry October 2, 1912, he was elected a Life Member of Eureka Lodge in January 1950 and received his Fifty Year Jewel in April 1963. At 85 years of age he enjoys good health and we wish him well.

OUR PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN

V.W. Bro., Archdeacon Cecil Swanson was a very popular Grand Chaplain for several years and has frequently written interestingly and humourously for the Bulletin. Since early in this year he has been in charge of St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Lethbridge and is to remain there until a new rector arrives later this summer. He had been rector of St. Augustine's away back in 1923 so he returned there after about fifty years. On July 27th V.W. Bro. Swanson marked his sixtieth year of ordination and St. Augustine's Church arranged a special celebration with evensong at 6:00 p.m. and a reception and dinner to follow. There were an abundance of Masons at the celebration from all over Southern Alberta with Bro. Swanson's own Lodge, Zetland No. 83, well represented. Many, who could not attend, sent greetings.

Bro. Swanson's reputation is such that he was invited to be the speaker at the ecumenical Church Service held in honour of the Centennial of the R.C.M.P. in the Grand Stand of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede on the Sunday morning of the Calgary Stampede. He performed this assignment with his usual graciousness and humour.

At eighty-four years of age V.W. Bro. Swanson continues to serve his church, the community and his fraternity with great distinction and the brethren throughout this jurisdiction compliment him.

NOTES FROM GRAND LODGE

A jewel for Past Masters who have held that position for fifty years was suggested by Acacia Lodge No. 11 and approved by Grand Lodge. The Grand Master has now referred the subject to a committee for study.

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 suggested that there should be a Twenty-five year jewel and that provision be made to add bars to the jewel until it is replaced by the Fifty Year Jewel and asked that a survey of lodges in the Jurisdiction be made to find out the opinion of other Lodges. This was passed by Grand Lodge and the survey will be made.

After many years of discussion and following a lengthy and interesting debate Grand Lodge agreed to an amendment to the Constitution which now moves the Annual Communication to a weekend in June with the sessions commencing no earlier than 19:00 hours (7:00 p.m.) on the Friday night.

Grand Lodge also agreed to amend the Constitution to change the system of balloting from the preferential ballot to the simple X system. It, however, failed to change the provision that the ballot shall close at 2:00 p.m. on the first day of Grand Lodge. This is now impossible since Grand Lodge cannot open until 7:00 p.m. The Grand Master has asked the Jurisprudence Committee to find a solution to this knotty, constitutional problem.

Back again to Fifty Year Jewels, the question arose as to whether a Life Membership from another Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alberta could be used to meet the requirements of our constitution for the awarding of the Jewel. A special committee reported that this could be done.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Communication are in the possession of every Lodge Secretary or may be purchased from the Grand Lodge Office for \$2.00. It is important that you should read the Proceedings and be informed about the decisions of Grand Lodge.

BANFF CONFERENCE

The thirty-third Annual Interprovincial Conference of the four Western Canadian Masonic Jurisdictions will be held in the Rimrock Hotel, Banff on September 6,7,8. The opening Session will be held in the Cascade Lodge No. 5 Lodge Room. At this session M.W. Bro. T. Gordon Towers P.G.M. will speak on the subject, "What a Freemason's Image Should Be". M.W. Bro. Towers is now a Member of Parliament representing the Red Deer Constituency. Our immediate Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. F.G. Fox is the Conference President. On Friday morning when the conference reconvenes in the Rimrock Hotel our Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. W.A. Milligan, will speak on "The Mason's Image of Freemasonry". R.W. Bro. G.R. Sterling, our Deputy Grand Master, will lead a discussion on Saturday Morning on the subject "Freemasonry's Future". The Honorary Secretary of the Conference is our Past Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. E.H. Rivers, who should be contacted if you are interested in attending any of the sessions.