



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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* Seasons Greetings *

MYSTERY AND WONDER

What would the world be like if it had no place within it for Mystery and Wonder? Christmas is for all of us, regardless of race or creed, a time to recognize the presence of the mysterious and wonderful process by which new life enters the world. Whenever a child is born that birth will make known to us, not only the mysterious processes of biology, but will indicate mysterious and wondrous possibilities to be revealed as that child grows, matures and ultimately continues on into that "undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns" that we call death.

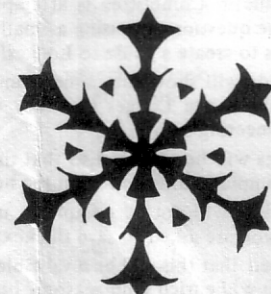
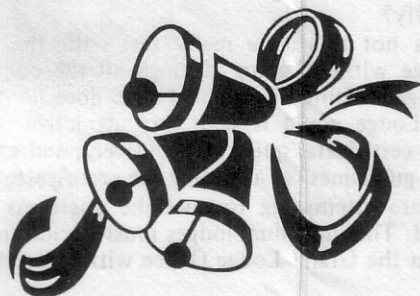
While the birth of Jesus has special significance for Christians, all who believe that truth can be conveyed with the help of allegory and symbolism will find in that Nativity not a birth that separates people on the basis of creed and theological positions but a birth that proclaims, through appropriate rituals, the wonder and mystery of Life.

Consider that fact that some purists have even rejected the observance of Christmas because they feel that the traditional date, December 25th, has unfortunate suggestions or reminders of the ancient festival of the Saturnalia, marked as it was by unrestrained drinking and revelry. There may even be those who consider that no child would be entranced by gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. How much more appropriate would be gifts of rattles, cuddly toys or a warm woolen blanket!

A building is an outward and visible sign of something that first existed in the mind of an architect. A cantata is produced by a musical genius, totally deaf but whose inward stillness finds expression in music of surpassing beauty? How can these things be? We affirm that we are not simply creatures bound by all the limitations of Space and Time, the products of heredity and environment.

In a world darkened, troubled, confused, suffering, there is a Greater Light that shines. The mysterious and wonderful Reality of the Most High God, expressed by the presence of the newborn Babe is a message not for a select group but for all humanity. That message calls us to be up and on our way into a world where human beings, mingling together can transform hostility into humility, humility into harmony and harmony into achievement. How? "We observed the rising of his star, and we have come to pay him homage."

Clasb Cunningham
Grand Chaplain



NINTH MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP
APRIL 26, 27 AND 28th, 1974

It is hoped that Bro. Harry Farmer will again be with us at Banff for two specific purposes as well as to play for the Devotional Service and cheer us with his skillful and enjoyable playing. Once again he will give to a small number of Lodge members who can play the piano instruction on using an organ. This is an invaluable School of Instruction for those who have the ability to enrich their lodge with music. For the less fortunate Lodges who lack a musician, Bro. Farmer will present, in a form suitable for recording, the most commonly used music in the Canadian and the Ancient York Rites. In order to record this it will be essential for a Lodge to send a Brother equipped with a suitable tape recorder and a supply of tape or tapes.

Bro. Farmer suggests that the best recording will be obtained with a reel-to-reel unit, a cartridge recorder is next as it tends to be more stable than the Cassette recorder which comes next. There is an advantage according to Bro. Farmer in bringing a separate tape for each item to be played but with careful listing from a revolution counter, usually on good recorders, it should be possible to locate the start of each piece for playing in your Lodge.

This work by Bro. Farmer for the Workshop Committee is very much appreciated and it is hoped that many Lodges will gain Musical accompaniment to add to their ritualistic work.

The Bulletin Committee appreciates the news notes and pictures that are coming in from all parts of our own Jurisdiction. Please remember that our closing date for the January Issue will be November 15. We have to meet a deadline almost six weeks before the publication of an issue.

SPECIAL FEATURE

It has been suggested by many that visitation is the life blood of our Fraternity. It is only when the members take their ideas backwards and forwards across our Universal brotherhood that we develop as people. The comment that always follows the suggestion of visitation is however that "great distances", foreign Lodges etc. are not within the scope of everyone.

Brethren, there are Lodges in your own backyard that you could, and should visit within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In answer to the obvious questions of "Where are they?" and "When do they meet?"

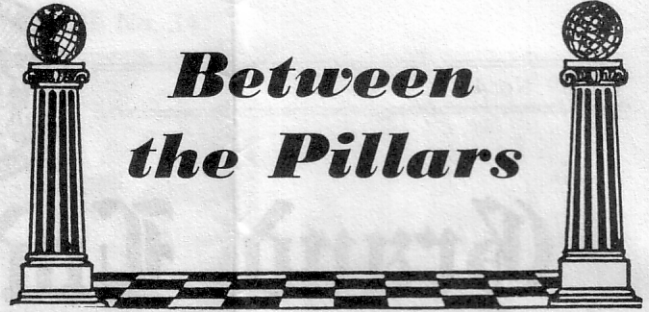
Your Bulletin Committee is attempting to try to give you answers to these questions by using a small portion of the Bulletin for four months to create a guide to Lodges.

This Guide will show the name, number, location and meeting night of all Alberta Lodges and they will be listed by name, district and by meeting night.

The pages will be arranged so that they can be either cut out or copied and simple folding will form the booklet.

The booklet will not be completed until all issues have been printed and so you are asked to save the next four issues.

It is hoped that this will be a valuable item for many years to come and that it will enrich your masonic life.



Between the Pillars

Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 proposed at the last Grand Lodge Communication (see Record of Proceedings page 61) that the Lodges in this Jurisdiction be asked whether or not they were in favour of the Grand Lodge issuing a Jewel for 25 years of service in Masonry. Following the Communication the Grand Master requested that the Lodges be surveyed.

The motion appeared to be quite straightforward. Does your Lodge want a Twenty-five year jewel? Yes? or No? Some of the replies that have been coming into the Grand Lodge Office do not give a direct answer.

Avon Glen Lodge took the attitude that there are many masons who will never get a fifty year jewel. There are many that will never wear a past master's jewel. There are very few who will attain to the purple and gold of a Grand Lodge Office. Ought we not, then, to recognize the twenty-five year membership with a jewel that would be in the reach of practically every mason?

The replies, often not saying "yes" or "no" raise a number of issues. The validity of the argument for the jewel is recognized but there are other principles to be considered

1. Are we masons whose purpose it is to add jewel to jewel and decoration to decoration? Will not the majority of brethren who qualify for the twenty-five year jewel have other decorations as well? Can we limit the twenty-five year jewel to brethren who are not otherwise decorated? Actually the time is arriving where we should review the practice of establishing rank and precedent in an order that claims to be on to carry a title in perpetuity. The Grand Master is known, while in office as, "Bro. so and so, the Most worshipful the Grand Master." Then when he has finished his term he relinquishes the title and works with his brethren on the level.
 2. What are the terms for awarding the twenty-five year jewel? This has been referred to above. Does a member who has paid his dues for twenty-five years and done nothing else get the jewel? Can it be awarded for service rendered rather than years spent?
 3. The great concern seems to be about costs. If the Grand Lodge strikes a jewel it will cost at least \$25.00. What will a Lodge of 250 members having 25 members who qualify do about the expense? What will a smaller Lodge do about costs when 10 members qualify?
 4. Does not this issue really rest with the individual Lodge without going through all the constitutional changes required if Grand Lodge does it? An individual Lodge could issue a very attractive twenty-five year certificate, quite inexpensively, and establish its own guidelines for awarding the certificate.
- We are attempting to raise the questions that have been asked. The individual lodges must decide the answers and inform the Grand Lodge Office with a direct "Yes" or "No".

OUT OF THE PRESENT

The recent Lodge Notices reveal

- That a large number of Lodges are planning "Step Up Nights" where the Senior Warden takes as much of the Worshipful Master's Office as the constitution allows and each officer moves up a chair.

- That many Lodges are reviewing their dues structure and some have notices of motion to raise dues.

- That as the end of the year approaches many Lodges are concerned about suspensions for non-payment of dues and are planning effective action to encourage the payment of dues.

THE MASTER'S REMARKS

by W. Bro. W.D. Ingolds, Worshipful Master

I have spent considerable time wondering what a Master's remarks should be to his lodge members.

I think they should contain some news for those members who are out of town and cannot attend their Lodge.

I think it should also contain something that could spark an interest in those members who do live in the area and hopefully bring them out to meetings.

It should contain information for those who are regular attenders and keep them interested. But, I believe above all it should remind us that we are Masons and whether we attend Lodge or not, we should adhere to the principles that Masonry stands for, in our day to day living. The best reminder of this is in attending Lodge and enjoying the fellowship of our brethren. This I'm sure will carry over into our everyday life and make it a pleasure to live a Masonic life.



Central Masonic Temple, 10318 - 100 Avenue, is a very busy building and is the centre for many activities masonic and otherwise. Two Lodges meeting there practice the Ancient York Rite - Edmonton No. 7 and Temple No. 167. The Lodges that this building houses are -

Edmonton, No. 7	Second Tuesday
Jasper, No. 14	Second Monday
Unity, No. 51	First Tuesday
Empire, No. 63	Third Monday
Commercial, No. 81	First Saturday
Norwood, No. 90	First Tuesday
Patricia, No. 91	Third Friday
Saskatchewan, No. 92	Second Thursday
West Edmonton, No. 101	First Wednesday
Dominion No. 117	Second Wednesday
Ivanhoe, No. 142	First Thursday
Temple, No. 167	Second Friday
Exemplar, No. 175	First Thursday

FOURTH MONDAY

Calgary (189); Red Deer (190).

FOURTH TUESDAY

Carbon (107); Kitscoty (131); Lacombe (10).

FOURTH WEDNESDAY

Forestburg (128); Pollockville (158).

FOURTH THURSDAY

Empress (161).

LAST TUESDAY

Chinook (82).

LAST THURSDAY

Hythe (156).

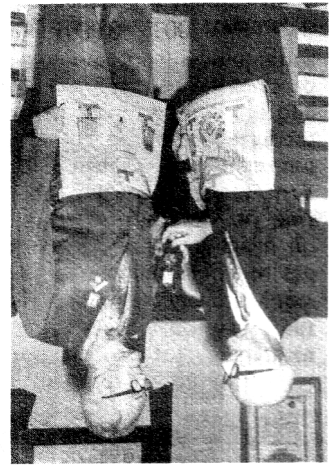
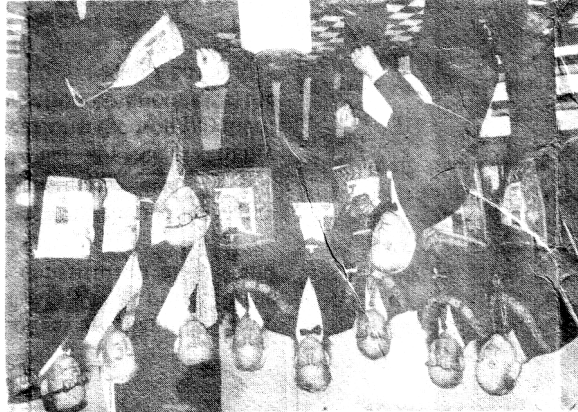
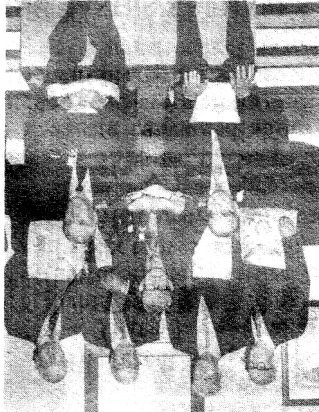
GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA



LISTS OF LODGES - 1974

1. Bow River	Calgary	1st Wednesday
* 2. Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	2nd Tuesday
3. Alberta	Fort MacLeod	3rd Wednesday
* 4. North Star	Lethbridge	2nd Friday
* 5. Cascade	Banff	2nd Thursday
6. Spitzie	Pincher Creek	1st Tuesday
* 7. Edmonton	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday
* 8. Innisfail	Innisfail	3rd Thursday
* 9. Perfection	Calgary	3rd Tuesday
* 10. Eureka	Lacombe	4th Tuesday
11. Acacia	Edmonton	2nd Thursday
* 12. Red Deer	Red Deer	2nd Tuesday
13. Victoria	Fort Saskatchewan	2nd Tuesday
14. Jasper	Edmonton	2nd Monday
* 15. Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin	3rd Thursday
* 16. Mountain View	Olds	1st Monday
* 17. Nanton	Nanton	2nd Thursday
* 18. Britannia	Ponoka	1st Wednesday
* 19. Cornerstone	High River	3rd Thursday
20. Carstairs	Carstairs	2nd Thursday
21. King Hiram	Didsbury	2nd Tuesday

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE No. 34



LEDUC, May, 1973. Kneeling - left - Wor. Bro. Freeman MacDonald and Wor. Bro. Lyle Humeston, standing - left to right - R. Wor. Bro. Norman M. MacIver, D.D.G.M. - M. Wor. Bro. Morley Merner, P.G.M., - R. Wor. Bro. C.R. Mager, P.D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. E.H. "Ned" Rivers, retired Grand Secretary, - 1972-73 Officers of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Peter Atkinson, Worshipful Master, Bro. George Coulling, Junior Warden, Bro. Arnold MacKenzie, Senior Warden.

Top - left to right - W. Bro. Lyle Humeston, W.M., MELFORT LODGE No. 18, G.T.S. 1938, W. Bro. Tom Bell, 1955-1956, W. Bro. Walter Perley, 1944, W. Bro. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, 1945, Bottom - W. Bro. Peter Wyllie, 1946-4947 & 1967-1968, W. Bro. R. Freeman MacDonald.

Star of the West Lodge celebrated the burning of its mortgage recently. Their Lodge Hall was built in 1966 at a cost of \$34,000.00. This Hall replaced the original building built in 1909 on two lots donated by Bro. George Liggins and which are now a part of Linsford Park. The name of the park honors both Bro. Liggins and Bro. Robert T. Telford. Telford was a N.W. Mounted Policeman. The guest speaker for the ceremony of burning the Mortgage was R.W. Bro. E.H. River, P.G.S., a former member of the R.C.M.P. who reviewed the history of the famous police force and paid tribute to the work of Bro. Telford. The Masonic Carpet was purchased in 1909, one of several

The other pictures are of the happy occasion when a Fifty Year Jewel was presented to W. Bro. Archie J. Little, Bro. Little was raised in King Edward Lodge No. 78, Quebec. He is a past master of St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville and an affiliated Past master of Star of the West Lodge No. 25, Little who spearheaded the move to build a new lodge hall in Leduc after the original hall had been sold and the Lodge had rented accommodation for several years.

THIRD MONDAY
Cold Lake (179); Cowley (47); Delburn (125); Edmonton (63); Lethbridge (67); Peace River (89).

THIRD TUESDAY
Alliance (135); Bowden (42); Brooks (73); Calgary (9); Cardston (58); Claresholm (32); Drumheller (146); Elk Island (169); Hussar (130); Irricana (137); Medicine Hat (35); Milk River (100); Spirit River (116).

THIRD WEDNESDAY
Bow Island (57); Delta (98); Ft. McLeod (3); Three Hills (113);

THIRD THURSDAY
Acme (60); Barrhead (171); Bawlf (62); Cochrane (41); High River (19); Innisfail (8); Irma (144); Lethbridge (39); Lough-Weaskiwim (15).

THIRD FRIDAY
Edmonton (91);

22	Corinthian	Okotoks	1st Tuesday
23	Calgary	Vermillion	1st Friday
24	Calgary	Vermillion	1st Monday
25	St. John's	Vegreville	1st Monday
26	Sentinel	Frank	2nd Thursday
27	Apollo	Stettler	2nd Thursday
28	Ashler	Calgary	1st Tuesday
29	Kenilworth	Red Deer	1st Tuesday
30	Rocky-Summit	Frank	2nd Tuesday
31	Doric	Taber	2nd Tuesday
32	Cairo	Clareholm	3rd Tuesday
33	Stavelly	Stavelly	1st Monday
34	Star of the West	Leduc	1st Tuesday
35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat	3rd Tuesday
36	Gleichen	Gleichen	1st Tuesday
37	Camrose	Camrose	2nd Thursday
38	Hope	Mannville	2nd Monday
39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge	3rd Thursday
41	King Solomon	Cochrane	3rd Thursday
42	Bowden	Bowden	3rd Tuesday
43	Tuscan	Killam	1st Wednesday
44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright	2nd Thursday
45	Ionie-Landmark	Alix	1st Thursday
46	Palestine	Toffield	3rd Tuesday
47	Chinook	Cowley	3rd Monday
48	Crossfield	Crossfield	2nd Tuesday
49	Robert Burns	Carmanagay	2nd Monday
50	Comer-Efficiency	Hardisty	2nd Thursday
51	Unity	Edmonton	1st Tuesday
53	Strathmore	Strathmore	1st Monday
54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary	2nd Tuesday
55	Bassano	Bassano	2nd Thursday
56	Beaver	Castor	1st Wednesday
57	Bow Island	Bow Island	3rd Wednesday
58	Chief Mountain	Cardston	3rd Tuesday
59	King George	Calgary	2nd Friday
60	Acme	Acme	3rd Thursday
61	Provost	Provost	3rd Thursday
62	Melrose	Bawlf	3rd Thursday