



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA ANNUAL COMMUNICATION JUNE 21 - 22, 1974 MACDONALD HOTEL - EDMONTON

Voting members - all past masters, masters and wardens
Master Masons are welcome to attend

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren, the Annual Grand Lodge Communication will be held on June 21 - 22, 1974, at the Hotel Macdonald in the City of Edmonton. The change in date was approved last year by the members of Grand Lodge.

Your Grand Lodge Officers have reviewed the format that has been in use for the annual communication and have made some changes in order to fit the new time frame. Ballot boxes will be open at 7:00 p.m., June 21, 1974, until 10:00 p.m. Grand Lodge will open at 8:00 p.m. and adjourn at 10:00 p.m. The ballot boxes will reopen at 8:00 a.m., June 22, 1974, with Grand Lodge reconvening at 9:00 a.m. The ballot will close at 11:00 a.m. It is our hope that our business will be completed by 12:00 noon. Luncheon will be served in the Hotel Macdonald. The installation of your Grand Lodge Officers will commence at 2:00 p.m. to be completed at approximately 4:00 p.m. The banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Hotel Macdonald.

In order to improve our communication with each other it is planned to have a normal lodge arrangement. There are notices of motions, reports of committees, and items of interest to the craft that must be thoroughly discussed and we urge the participation of all brethren. Only by this participation can you assure Your Lodge that

they are adequately represented. It will be necessary to have the co-operation of all brethren in being seated at the time of commencement of each session of Grand Lodge so that our time will be productive.

This year we have the opportunity of attending the banquet and honouring our new Grand Master and his officers. This should be a fitting climax to our proceedings. Our guest speaker is M.W. Bro. N. Mussallem, Past Grand Master of British Columbia, who I am sure will provide us with a most enlightening address. He is known for his sense of humour as well as his scholarly attributes.

I request that each Master, and each of the Wardens, of every lodge remember their obligation to attend the Grand Lodge communication. The Past Masters and Master Masons should also make every effort to be present and join in the discussion. Finally Brethren, the arrangements have been made, the business for your consideration is prepared, now you must decide what is to be done. Let us now make our commitment to participate.

G. J. ARMSTRONG
Grand Master

GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. George Randolph Sterling, Benalto, Alberta – Born Perivale, Ontario, October 1st, 1906. Initiated Carbon Lodge 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. (By acclamation)

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. William Alexander Milligan, Edmonton, Alberta – 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. (By acclamation)

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. Anton Oscar Aspeslet, Lethbridge, Alberta – Born Surrey, England, July 1st, 1918. Initiated Charity No. 67, November 17th, 1958. W.M. 1964 and 1970. D.D.G.M. District No. 7, 1971-72. Board of General Purposes 1970. Member Committee on the Work 1972-73. Dairy Specialist, Dept. of Agriculture. (By acclamation)

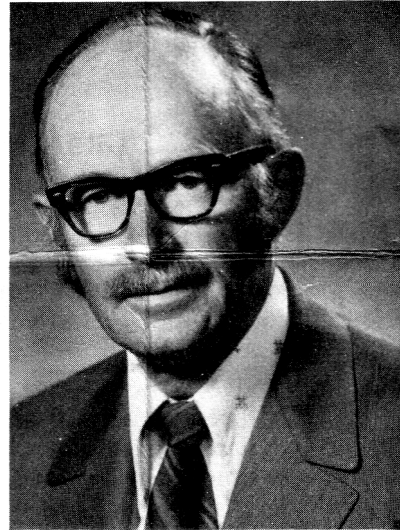
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. Thomas Edward Bate, Edmonton, Alberta – Born London, England, February 18, 1918. Initiated Ivanhoe No. 142, January 3rd, 1952. W.M. 1959. D.D.G.M. District No. 12 1972-73. Electrical Engineer. Past President, Alberta Construction Association, Past President Edmonton Construction Association, Past Director Eskimo Football Club.

R.W. Bro. Kenneth Lord Crockett, Edmonton, Alberta – Born Calgary, February 12th, 1919. Initiated Acacia No. 11, September 23rd, 1948. Charter Member Avon Glen No. 170, May 8th, 1952. W.M. 1956. Board of General Purposes 1962-63, 1964-65, 1967-68, 1973-74. Committee on Grievances and Appeals 1963-66. Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island 1964. Grand Registrar 1966-67. Committee on the Revision of Masonic Trial Procedure 1963-66. Chairman and member of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of Grand Lodge 1966-68. General Chairman of the Banff Spring Workshop 1968. Jurisprudence Committee 1973-74. Lawyer. Past President Edmonton Bar Association; Queen's Council; Chairman, John Howard Society (Edmonton); Kiwanis Musical Festival; Chairman, Premier's Committee on Correctional Services; Chairman, Premier's Committee on Juveniles; President, The Edmonton Club.



R.W. Bro. Thomas Edward Bate



R.W. Bro. Kenneth Lord Crockett

GRAND TREASURER (one to be elected)

R.W. Bro. Robert Letley Costigan – Corinthian No. 22
W. Bro. Arthur Liddell Swindells – Zetland No. 83

GRAND REGISTRAR (one to be elected)

W. Bro. David Cumming Concord No. 124
W. Bro. William Frederick Newman Exemplar No. 175
W. Bro. Thomas Edward Wayte Commercial No. 81

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE (three to be elected)

W. Bro. Ernest Warren Dunlop Jubilee No. 173
R.W. Bro. Hugh Alfred Gillard Corinthian No. 22
R.W. Bro. John Halliday Hare Camrose No. 37
R.W. Bro. Leslie John Rosling Perfection No. 9
W. Bro. David Spalding Bow River No. 1

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE (two to be elected)

W. Bro. John Robert Stanley Hambly Camrose No. 37
W. Bro. Thomas James Reid Exemplar No. 175
W. Bro. John Leonard Sanders Norwood No. 90
W. Bro. Fred William Schaefer Innisfail No. 8
R.W. Bro. Edward Francis Schmidt Ionic Landmark No. 45
W. Bro. Charles Edward Simmons Corinthian No. 22
R. W. Bro. John Matthews Tait Evergreen No. 166
R.W. Bro. Orlough Paul Thomas Sherwood No. 183
R. W. Bro. Robert Henry Thornton Lethbridge No. 39
V.W. Bro. Ernest Geoffrey Tyson Kelvingrove No. 187

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (eight to be elected)

R.W. Bro. Rex Alexandre Crescent No. 87
R.W. Bro. Peter J. Asplund Cresset No. 136
W. Bro. Albert Earl Bible Edmonton No. 7
R.W. Bro. Charles Phillip Blacklee Foothills No. 174
W. Bro. William James Boyd Exemplar No. 175
R.W. Bro. Robert Wallace Campbell Mystic Tie 188
W. Bro. Claude Herbert Diehl Medicine Hat No. 2
R.W. Bro. Harry William Gerrard Sherwood No. 183
W. Bro. William Charles Graves Medicine Hat No. 2
W. Bro. Clifford Clark Harrison Mystic Tie No. 188
W. Bro. William Andrew Irwin Strathcona No. 77
R. W. Bro. Carl Cecil Kurlin Granite No. 127
W. Bro. Myron Lusk Evergreen No. 166
W. Bro. Charles Stuart MacIntosh Empire No. 63
R.W. Bro. Murdo Norman MacIver Eastgate No. 192
W. Bro. Douglas Earle Massey Norwood No. 90
W. Bro. George William Millen Ashlar No. 28
W. Bro. Waldemar Arthur Molstad Camrose No. 37
R. W. Bro. Arthur Gair Phillips Red Deer No. 12
W. Bro. Ernest Lorne Proudfoot Griesbach No. 191
W. Bro. Russell George Robinson Astra No. 179
R. W. Bro. William Edwin Robinson Unity No. 51
R.W. Bro. George Edward MacLaren Smith Apollo No. 27
R. W. Bro. Frank Dudley Stevenett Innisfail No. 8
V. W. Bro. Konrad Wenner Avon Glen No. 170

THE UNIVERSAL LEAGUE OF FREEMASONS

At the request of the Grand Master we print for the information of Masons in Alberta, who may not have heard his letter read in open Lodge, his ruling concerning the so-called Universal League of Freemasons —

First of all a quotation from the Report on Fraternal Relations given by M.W. Bro. S. H. Hardin at the last Communication of Grand Lodge —

“We would remind Masons at large that The Universal League of Freemasons is indiscriminate in its selection of members from Grand Lodges regarded as patently irregular, and hence not recognized by regular Grand Lodges. Edicts and resolutions have been issued against membership in this organization by many Grand Lodges, including the Grand Lodges of Texas, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Georgia, Quebec, England and Ireland”.

Secondly the ruling —

I, therefore, declare The Universal League of Freemasons to be a clandestine body and its members to be clandestine masons, and warn all Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful The Grand Lodge of Alberta that they may not become members of the said league or communicate Masonically with it or any member of it. All brethren are reminded that under Section 800 Par. (11) of our Constitution, Masonic communion with Clandestine masons is a Masonic offence.

FROM ONTARIO

A number of Brethren have been kind enough to write to let us know that they appreciated the Directory of Lodges that was printed in the Bulletin. From Ontario comes a letter written by Bro. J. E. Westbrook requesting a copy of the Directory and saying that three brethren were driving through from Ontario for the Masonic Spring Workshop and intended to use the Directory for help in making visits to Lodges on the trip. We were unable to get this note in before the Workshop but we did send the Directory. We hope Bro. Westbrook and company were able to visit lodges and we are sure they were welcomed warmly if they did. In addition we know that they found the Spring Workshop exceedingly worthwhile.

FROM EAST AFRICA

Bro. Dr. F. C. Sood who is now living in Calgary and is a member of Jubilee Lodge No. 173 sends along a notice of meeting of Lake Lodge No. 5022 which belongs to the District Grand Lodge of East Africa under the United Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge was to be opened at 6:00 p.m. and tyled at 6:30 p.m. They were to confer the M.M. Degree on some brethren who were initiated nearly a year before. Bro. Sood enclosed a very interesting paper which he gave to the District Grand Lodge of East Africa. We hope to be able to use it in a future issue.

THE LEFT FOOT

In the March Issue of the Bulletin we asked brethren interested in research to send us their findings regarding the instruction to a candidate to commence his approach to the Altar on his left foot. In the April issue we printed a few replies. Since then the following opinions have been received —

From Bro. Edward R. Rogers,
Cavell Lodge No. 125

The question asked “Why is the first step in Freemasonry taken with the left foot?” This stirred my memory and I consulted my file of “ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM” and found an extensive reference to this same subject in volume LXXVI for the year 1963, pages 225 and 226, and quote briefly from this source:

“Thus it seems fairly certain that the three steps were in use before 1730, and although we do not know how many there were for each degree, or how they were taken it would appear that only three steps were known ... Note, there were then only the first three steps, but they still remained without verbal or written explanation or symbolism The extraordinary thing is that even at this late date there seems to have been no explanation or symbolism attaching to the various methods of “advancing”, and this leads to the conclusion that any interpretation offered on this point nowadays is a comparatively modern introduction”. The three steps are symbolically explained as follows:—

“What do they morally teach us?”

“Upright lives and well squared intentions”.

“None of the early records explain the symbolism of the steps ... We work that out for ourselves ... ”

From R.W. Bro. John G. Place, P.D.D.G.M.
Nanton Lodge No. 17

I refer you to the Ancient York Ritual the second section of the First Lecture.

Also the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Kindred Sciences by Albert G. Mackey, published by the Masonic History Society, Chicago, page 433

“By the left side which is to indicate that the left side is the weaker part of the body and the Entered Apprentice is the weaker side of Masonry. Hence the left foot, the left knee, etc.”

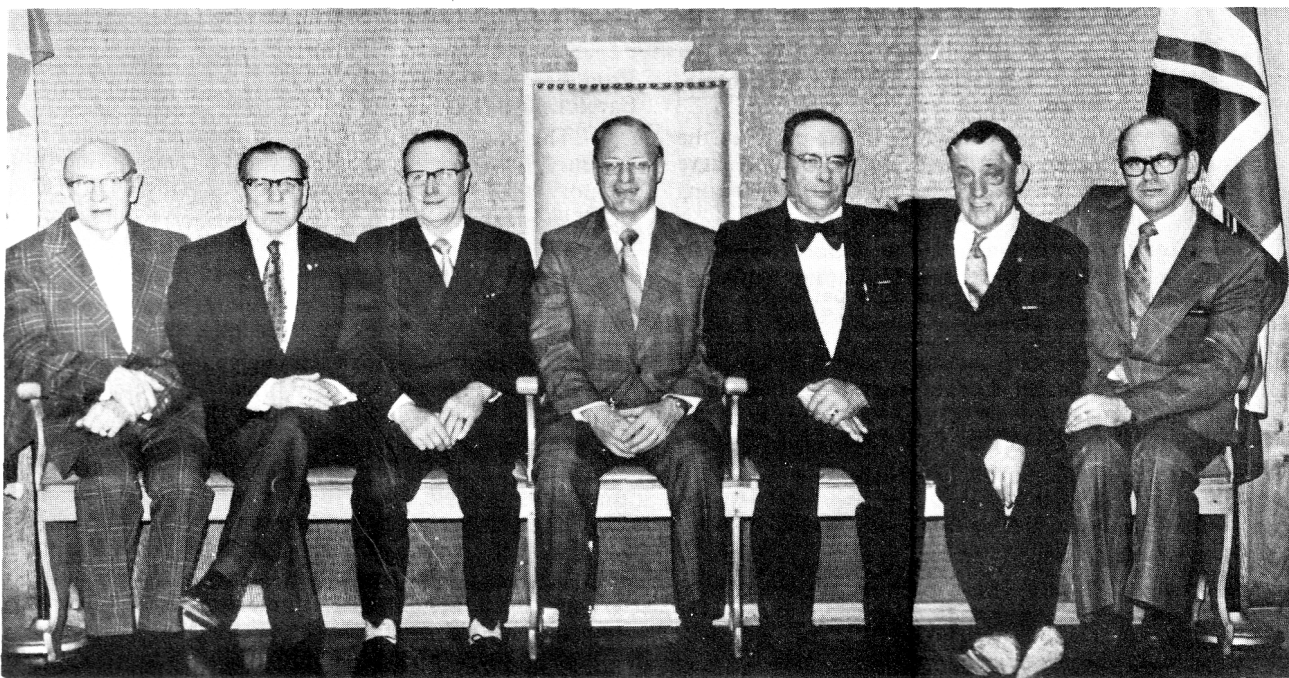


From R.W. Bro. G. R. A. Green, P.D.D.G.M.
Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105

With reference to Vol. 39, No. 7, last page “Why is the first step in Freemasonry taken with the Left Foot” please be advised that the following is given by “Masonry Defined” by Lippincott-Johnston Article 117 —

“Left Side. In the symbolism of Masonry, the first degree is represented by the left side, which is to indicate that as the left is the weaker part of the body, so is the Entered Apprentice’s degree the weakest part of Masonry. This doctrine, that the left is the weaker side of the body, is very ancient. Plato says it arises from the fact that the right is more used; but Aristotle contends that the organs of the right are by nature more powerful than those of the left.”

BUFFALO PARK LODGE No. 44



Pictured, left to right: Past DDGM No. 17, R.W. Bro. Lorne Mitchell, Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44. Bro. Harold Moseng, Buffalo Park Lodge, newly raised Master Mason, DDGM No. 17 R.W. Bro. Geoff Miles, Edgerton Lodge No. 102. M.W. Bro. Gordon Armstrong, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Alberta; W. Bro. Dave Rattray, W.M. Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44. Past DDGM No. 17 R.W. Bro. Bob Dempsey, Gratton Lodge No. 144 Irma. W. Bro. Len Liddell, W.M. Gratton Lodge No. 144 Irma.

The practice of the principles of Masonic brotherhood is the most important aspect of Freemasonry, said Most Worshipful Brother Gordon Armstrong, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta when he visited Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44, at Wainwright recently. He also described as appropriate the study of the ritual and work of the Lodge, and the gaining of an insight into Masonic

history. He commended the local brethren on the work they were doing for the order in the community, and had some good words for the manner in which they performed the ceremonies of the third degree. He issued a warning against a clandestine publication which was being promoted by a group in the United States. He was welcomed to the East by Wor. Bro. Dave Rattray, W. Master of Buffalo Park.

NEWS NOTES

Acacia Lodge No. 11 took part in the annual "Hands Across the Border" gathering with brethren from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in a meeting held at the end of March in Lloydminster.

This is the time of year when most Lodges have their Ladies' Nights. The notices indicate that these events take a variety of forms. Ashlar Lodge No. 28 had a games night which included Bingo, Darts, Chess, Cribbage, Whist and Bridge. This Lodge also recently held a Widows' Breakfast. Gateway Lodge No. 164 teamed up with Redwood Lodge No. 193 and Sherwood Park Lodge No. 183 for a gala evening. St. Marks Lodge No. 118 held a "Hill-Billie Nite" which was quite a success. Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 put on a Father, Son and Daughter Night. While the men were in Lodge the families were entertained with a film. This Lodge also held a Cabaret in their Masonic Hall.

Lodge Renfrew No. 134 celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary in April and planned an entire weekend of events. Their Ladies' Night was held on the Saturday evening. On Sunday the Lodge gathered in the Lodge Room at Heritage Park and followed that by a luncheon in the Wainwright Hotel at which M.W. Bro. J. Collett P.G.M., was the guest speaker. Their regular Lodge meeting was held on the Monday evening. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Gordon J. Armstrong was present for the celebrations.

WISDOM FROM THE NOTICES

Crescent Lodge No. 87
W. Bro. D. R. Durnie W.M.

A SECRETARY'S DELIGHT

I fell asleep the other night
and while I had my snooze
I dreamed each member stepped right up
and promptly paid his dues
But when I found it was a dream
I nearly threw a fit
It's up to you to make it true
So won't you please REMIT.



Hinton Lodge No. 178
W. Bro. E. W. Jenner W.M.

HAPPINESS

The Happiness we give to others,
Makes us Happier too, we find,
Just as Friendship returns to the Friendly,
And Kindness comes back to the Kind.