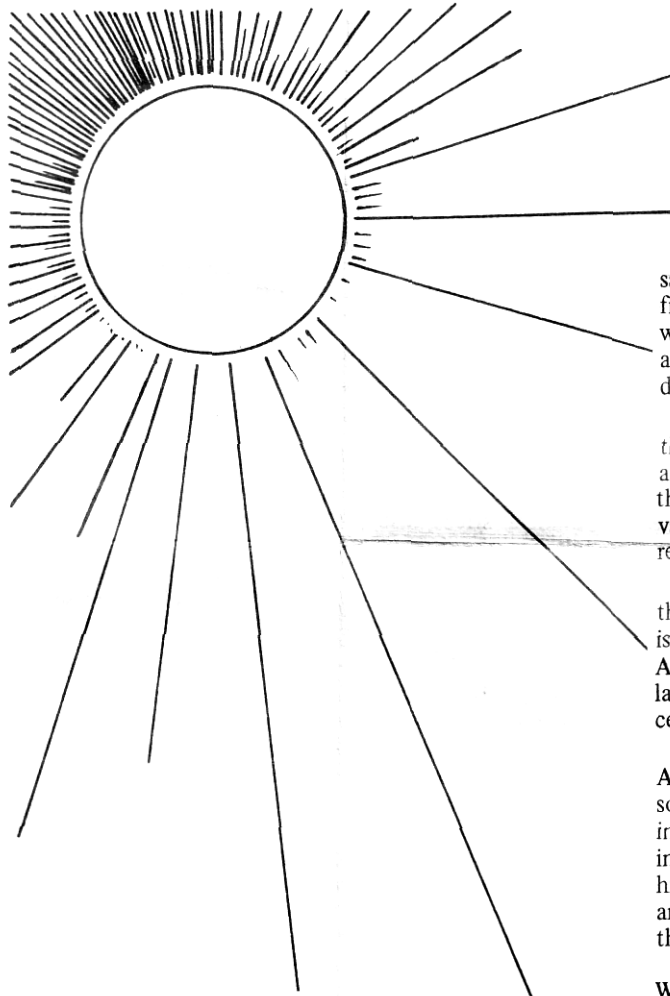




Grand Lodge Bulletin

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SUMMER THOUGHTS

I meant to do my work today, but a brown bird sang in the apple tree, and a butterfly flitted across the field, and all the leaves were calling me, and the wind went sighing over the land, tossing the grasses to and fro, and a rainbow held out its shining hand; so what could I do but laugh – and go!

These are some of the experiences we all share in this month, for as a familiar song says "June is busting out all over". For most of us this means clearing the decks for the summer recess, and turning our thoughts to travel and vacation or just plain relaxation that we may come back re-vitalized to resume our activities in the fall.

For Masons in Alberta, the final highlight in June is the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, which this year is to be held in Edmonton, June 21st and 22nd, and these Annual Grand Lodge Communications are always a stimulating experience for those able to attend before we proceed to close for the summer months.

Though it is true most lodges close in July and August, wherever you go in your travels you will see somewhere the familiar emblem marking the Masonic hall in that locality, and reminding you of the widespread influences of our Craft. In some places you will even find historic lodges open for summer inspection, as far apart and different as say Heritage Park Lodge in Calgary is to the beautiful Freemasons' Hall in London, England.

Wherever you travel near or far, we wish you well. We hope you will come back in The Fall with renewed vision and vitality, ready to assume your full share of responsibilities in your lodge, and re-dedicated to make this the best year yet for you and your brethren.

We hope you will have a wonderful summer and that you may experience all the benefits that nature offers us in the glorious out-of-doors, and which are adequately expressed in the following poem:

OUT IN THE FIELDS WITH GOD

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what may pass
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the rustling of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.



CHARITY

Where is the Charity that you as an individual have promised to use for all mankind and more especially your Brethren?

A society that becomes ingrown, shrivels, and perhaps an increase of our practice of charity is a method of expanding our Craft?

When did you as a brother last actively practice charity of the type that we really mean in Masonry?

Have you visited an elderly brother and given him an understanding ear; offered him help in chores he can no longer do; or given him a trip to some enjoyable function that he cannot easily attend?

Have you seen that the Lodge widows are in good health and offered a helping hand that they should expect? There are so many people who limit their charity to the donation of money at intervals in the year and feel that they have met their obligations. This is not so, because in many cases the giving of money is an avoidance of the obligation that forces a few dedicated souls to pay for you the very service that you have within your grasp to give, YOU. The Craft is not a service club but stresses the importance of the helping hand in all those ways that are considered to be charitable acts. Whether these are carried out by the individual or a group does not matter but the act must be thought of and carried out.

Within a lodge there are many duties to be performed by certain specified people but this does not mean that these duties when related to charity should only be carried out by that specific person. Every member of a Lodge has the responsibility to ensure the charitable acts of the entire lodge and should offer ideas and contribute in effort to carrying out the action. Who visits the shut-ins, who ensures that the sick member's wife can drive to the hospital to visit, who phones around just to say "Hello" to those members that have not been to Lodge and may have a problem they would like to pour out to someone?

Charity is something that must be actively pursued, and for Masons to demonstrate that they have something special, they must give unstintingly of the time, the sympathy and the help that is needed to warm this rather sad and confused world.



Hand Hill Lodge No. 98 came visiting Northmount Lodge No. 189 recently and the Worshipful Master received the whole-hearted support of his brethren. The picture shows the large number that turned out.

DUTIES OF AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Excerpts from a Paper presented by W. Bro. H. J. Ficht at Evergreen Lodge No. 166 on Jan. 15, 1973.

... I think the committee chairman should keep in mind that this can be a real long anxious two months if no one contacts the applicant. I like early in this period, to contact the applicant by phone, perhaps arrange for a luncheon date with him, and after getting to know him, personally obtain the names of three of his acquaintances who are masons (other than his sponsors), and three acquaintances who are not masons. If no luncheon date is arranged, then I prefer to have a meeting with the applicant over a cup of coffee to obtain the names of these acquaintances and to get to know him personally ...

... When the interviews with the named acquaintances have been concluded, and I again must stress that these should be completed during the first two or three weeks and not just the week before the report is to come to lodge, a meeting should be arranged between the full committee and the applicant in his own home, and preferably with his wife present. This is the time that any further questions regarding Freemasonry, which may have occurred to the applicant or his wife, can be satisfactorily answered ...

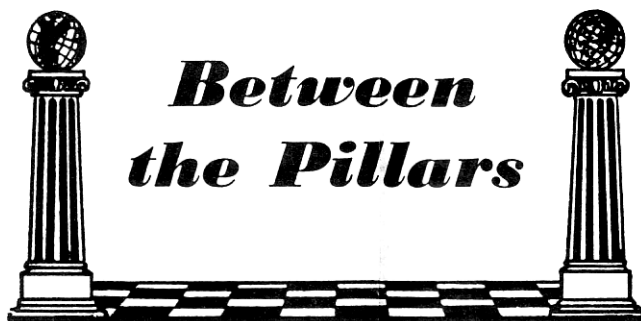
... The committee can outline the objectives of masonry and point out some of the good works that masonry does. One is the Higher Education Bursary which grants financial aid to needy students so they can complete their studies. Others are the aid given to masonic widows and older masons to help them through times of financial stress, also that we supply wheelchairs to hospitals for the use of disabled masons or others, and aid which the masons usually extend to victims during natural or unnatural disasters. I think it should be stressed at this time that Freemasonry is not a service club nor a benefit society in the generally accepted term ...

... We must also point out that joining the lodge is going to cost the applicant a considerable sum of money and that this should in no way deprive his family. Another point which should be stressed, particularly in the presence of the wife, is the fact that for the first three months, or while the candidate gets his three degrees, he will be required to spend a good deal of his time with his sponsors and coaches as he commits parts of our ritual to memory. During this time he will likely spend as much time with these people as he will at home. Once this intense learning period is over, it will be up to his own conscience just how much time he spends at lodge, but that we would expect him to attend the meetings of his own lodge, and perhaps through desire, visit with other lodges ...

VISIT TO LA LOGE DES COEUR UNIS

Zetland Lodge No. 83 will be making a visit to La Loge des Coeur Unis in Montreal on Thanksgiving weekend, 11th to 14th of October 1974, in company with the M.W. The Grand Master and many of their ladies. An Air Excursion has been arranged and will leave Calgary on Friday October 11th with return dates being open.

There are a limited number of seats available for Non-Zetland members and their wives, so if you are interested and for further information please contact M.W. Bro. J.S. Woods at 1864 Cayuga Drive N.W., Calgary T2L 0N3 and they will be pleased to look after you.



Between the Pillars

When the Grand Lodge Bulletin Committee was planning its work for this Masonic Year which will end with the publication of the June Issue it was decided to change the feature that had been called "Out of the Past" to a feature to be called "Out of the Present". "Out of the Past" was made up of quotations from Grand Lodge Bulletins of previous years. The very earliest copies of the Bulletins were read and news items and comments of interest were printed. "Out of the Present" was to be composed of news items and words of inspiration that were found by a careful reading of current Lodge Notices. Month by month the Bulletin has carried, in addition to news stories that were sent in by interested brethren, news of Lodges and wise saying from the messages of the Worshipful Masters or some titbit that the Secretary had decided to include.

When this policy was commenced a careful list of Lodges was kept for it was the desire of the Committee to make the feature as widely representative of Lodge notices in this Jurisdiction as possible. In fact it was hoped that sufficient material could be gleaned so that no Lodge would be quoted more than once and that every Lodge would appear in the Bulletin at least once. It did not work out this way. The Committee found that, even after the third month, it was forced to repeat the Lodges that carried material that was interesting enough to be printed in the Bulletin. The result was that some Lodges were quoted as many as three times. Out of a total of 173 Lodges in our Jurisdiction the Bulletin over a period of ten issues was able to quote from the Lodge Notices of 76 Lodges.

The Committee appreciates the willingness of the Lodges and Lodge Secretaries to send in their Lodge Notices. Despite the fact that it was possible to quote from less than half the notices the Committee did receive notices from all Lodges. Many Worshipful Masters and Secretaries are to be complimented on their attempts to make the notices readable and interesting. To read the Lodge notices from all over Alberta was a very interesting assignment. It can well be imagined that brethren, knowing that the Notice would contain interesting material, would look forward to receiving it and would not fail to open the envelope.

In addition to the news items and wise saying that could be reprinted in the Bulletin many Lodge Notices contained other features of interest that could not be printed. Some contain lists of Birthdays during the month, others contain news of sick brethren, others news of Brethren away on trips or who live in other localities and many other features.

In addition to the material contained in the Lodge Notices the Committee was impressed by the care taken by a number of Lodges in making the arrangement of material attractive and paying special interest to the printing.

So the Committee wishes to say "thank-you" to the Worshipful Masters and to the Lodge Secretaries for giving it many hours of interesting reading plus a thumbnail sketch of the many worthwhile things that are happening in our Lodges throughout the Province.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

We are pleased to advise that the first "Audio-Visual" Slide Tape Sets are now available for distribution through the Grand Secretary. The first Sets of Slides and Tapes are of Freemasons' Hall in London, England. The Tapes will fit any regular Cassette Player-Recorder and the Slides are standard mounted 35 MM. The presentation is roughly 20 minutes duration and is very interesting and educational. They are available on loan from the Grand Lodge Library or may be purchased outright for \$8.00 per set. We are in the process of making up our second edition on King Solomon's Temple from Photographs taken by Bro. Ousta of Red Deer. Bro. N. J. Senn of Calgary has built the presentations and made up the sets. Any other Brethren who have Slides and/or Tapes available, please contact the Grand Lodge Research and Education Committee.

W. Bro. H. L. Kalbfleisch,
Chairman.

THE MAIL BAG

In the recent April GRAND LODGE BULLETIN a small article on page 3, entitled "Brother is a Title" was extremely enlightening.

I have been a Mason since 1949. I have always been most confused by the proliferation of titles that are affixed to so many Brethren. The confusion stems from the illogicality of the use of these titles when the Brother no longer fills that particular office.

We are taught in our Master Mason's degree that no higher title can be bestowed upon us. Consequently the question — why then have brethren in our lodges who have fulfilled offices still addressed by the titles accompanying those offices, like so many Indian Majors?

I believe now is the time that the Committee on the Work, of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, should review this aspect of the continuing use of titles for Brethren no longer fulfilling the offices requiring the titles.

Shall we meet on the level, or in separate tiers?

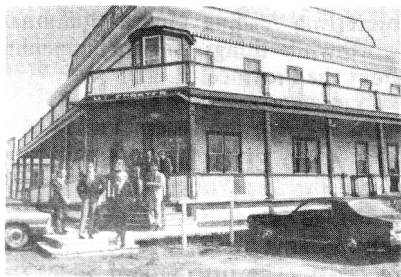
A VACATION IDEA

The Masters and Wardens group in the Spokane, Washington area is developing a plan to have an information centre and open house in the Main Masonic Temple for the duration of the Expo '74.

A. George Burson, Temple Board chairman says; "Our beautiful temple is approximately five city blocks from the Expo grounds and it is our hope that we can make this a centre where Masons and friends of Masons may relax, refresh themselves and meet other Masons, all for the good of Masonry.

"We hope that Masons and Friends will use this facility."

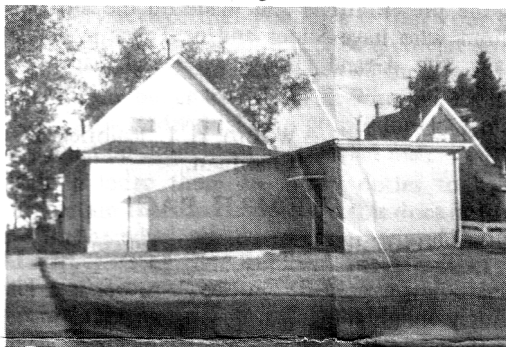
**Lodge Renfrew No. 134
Fiftieth Anniversary**



LODGE RENFREW NO. 134 celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary for three days, April 5, 6 and 7. On the Saturday there was a Ladies' Night with a banquet and dance. On Sunday the Lodge gathered for Brunch in the Wainwright Hotel at Heritage Park. This was followed by a Service of Thanksgiving and a visit to the Heritage Park Lodge Room. On Monday they were joined by the Grand Master and opened Lodge in the Heritage Park Lodge Room, truly an historic event since it was the first time a Masonic Lodge had been actually opened there, then called off

Lodge and reopened in the Masonic Temple, Calgary. The pictures above show the members leaving the Wainwright Hotel, the next shows them entering the Heritage Park Lodge Room and the third shows the Lodge in session in the Lodge Room. In the East are — R.W. Bro. C. H. Dyson, D.D.G.M. District No. 1; M.W. Bro. G. J. Armstrong Grand Master; W. Bro. R. J. Odland, W. Master; W. Bro. A. Price, I.P.M.; R.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford, Grand Secretary and W. Bro. T. S. Walker, Secretary.

Bowden Lodge No. 42



Although Bowden Lodge No. 42 was instituted and consecrated as a lodge in the year 1909, it was not until 1919 that any mention was made in the Historical Register which says, "Much difficulty was experienced in 1919 regarding the rent and as a result a new rental contract was obtained from Robert Hoare." The Register also pointed out in the year 1919 that the lodge room received a thorough cleaning in the way of varnish, paint and soap and water.

In July of 1932 the lodge purchased the building and lot known as the Methodist Church property on the corner of Nanton St. and Dixon Ave., for \$450.00. It has now been the home of the Bowden Masonic Lodge for over 40 years.

In the early years of ownership the outside of the building was stuccoed. In 1955 when the building was well over 50 years of age the original cedar shingles were replaced with heavy butt rubberoid shingles. The building received a bit of modernization in 1957 with the installation of Natural Gas. In 1960 the ancient church pews were discarded and theatre type chairs were installed. In 1960 an addition was commenced to add washroom facilities and to enlarge the social area — a Centennial Year contribution to Bowden's celebrations of that year.



Four active P.D.D.G.M's in Bowden Lodge No. 42 who served in District No. 4 —

- R.W. Bro. H. E. R. Roberts (1974)
- R.W. Bro. S. E. Wood (1943)
- R.W. Bro. R. F. Anderson (1950)
- R.W. Bro. W. J. Henderson (1961)



W. Bro. Hillis Dennison has been secretary of Elbow River Lodge No. 180 for ten years. He was honoured recently when R.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, Grand Treasurer presented him with the Secretaries' Ten Year Jewel.



Above is pictured the very attractive Masonic Lodge Hall in Drumheller. Meeting here are Drumheller Lodge No. 146 which meets on the Third Thursday, practicing the Canadian Rite and Symbol Lodge No. 93, which meets on the Second Thursday, practicing the Ancient York Rite. Both Lodges make visitors very welcome.