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SEVENTIETH COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

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OUR AIM

Representation from every Lodge in the Jurisdiction

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

The Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the Calgary Inn, Calgary, Alberta, Friday and Saturday, June 20th and 21st, 1975.

The program this year will follow a similar pattern established last year. On June 20th, 1975 ballot boxes will open for balloting from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Grand Lodge will open at 8:00 p.m. and adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

On June 21st, 1975 the ballot boxes will re-open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 a.m. Grand Lodge will re-convene at 9:00 a.m. We are planning that our business will be completed by 12:00 noon. Luncheon will be served at the Calgary Inn. The installation of our new Grand Lodge officers will be under the direction of M.W. Bro. Gordon Armstrong, P.G.M., and will commence at 2:00 p.m. and to be completed by 4:00 p.m.

The annual banquet will commence at 6:30 p.m. at the Calgary Inn. Our guest speaker will be Wor. Bro. Honourable W. J. C. Kirby, of the Supreme Court of Alberta, a Mason well known

in Alberta, who has a message which will be of great importance and of interest to Masons, "Pillars in Society".

We are favoured to have V.W. Bro. Harry Farmer our Grand Organist with us who will officiate at the organ during our Sessions and during the banquet.

It is also our pleasure to have Bro. Harry E. Alger, Chief Rabban of Al Azhar Temple, Calgary, as the guest soloist during the banquet.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served you during this year in the office as your Grand Master. I look forward to having representation from all Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction during our Grand Lodge Sessions, June 20th and 21st.

I thank you for the many receptions and courtesies extended to me and ask the same kindness and help be extended to my successor.

Geo. R. Sterling
Grand Master

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICES

GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. William Alexander Milligan, Edmonton, Alberta – Born Calgary, Alberta, December 24th, 1919. Initiated Saskatchewan Lodge 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)

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

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, 1974-75. Dairy Specialist, Dept. of Agriculture. (By acclamation)

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. Kenneth Lord Crockett, Edmonton, Alberta – Born Calgary, Alberta, 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. (By acclamation)

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan, Calgary, Alberta – Born Calgary, Alberta, December 16th, 1923. Initiated Corinthian No. 22, July 7th, 1953. W.M. 1963. Charter Member Elbow River No. 180, 1959. W.M. 1965. D.D.G.M. District No. 6, 1968-69. Board of General Purposes, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1972. Bulletin Committee, 1967 to 1974. Grand Treasurer 1973-74 and 1974-75. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Presently Director of Native Calgarian Society, Elder of St. Matthew's United Church, Past President and Director of West End Credit Union, Calgary and Past President and Director of Tower Savings and Credit Union of Gulf Oil Canada Ltd. Unit Supervisor, Calgary Data Centre, Gulf Oil Canada Ltd.



R.W. Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan, Calgary, Alberta

GRAND TREASURER (one to be elected)

R.W. Bro. Walter Elmer Bright – Renfrew No. 134
W. Bro. Arthur Liddell Swindells – Zetland No. 83

GRAND REGISTRAR (one to be elected)

W. Bro. William Frederick Newman – Mystic Tie No. 188
W. Bro. Thomas Stratton Walker – Renfrew No. 134
W. Bro. Thomas Edward Wayne – Commercial No. 81

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE (By acclamation)

R.W. Bro. David Cumming – Concord No. 124
W. Bro. Ernest Warren Dunlop – Jubilee No. 173
W. Bro. Thomas Henry Fowler – Perfection No. 9

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE

(two to be elected)

R.W. Bro. Albert Guppy – Drumheller No. 146
W. Bro. Leslie Donald Jeater – Bow River No. 1
W. Bro. Dean Rufus Toews – Lake Saskatoon No. 106

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (eight to be elected)

R.W. Bro. Rex Alexandre – Crescent No. 87
W. Bro. Richard James Beazley – Bow River No. 1
W. Bro. Edgar Latimer Boyd – Griesbach No. 191
W. Bro. Jack Brown – Commercial No. 81
W. Bro. Albert Emery Clifford – Eastgate No. 192
W. Bro. Gerald Albert Duncan – Lake Saskatoon No. 106
W. Bro. Edward Henry Ficht – Evergreen No. 166
W. Bro. Cecil Douglas Holmes – Red Deer No. 12
W. Bro. Edward Charles Mellon – Glenbow No. 184
W. Bro. George William Millen – Ashlar No. 28
R.W. Bro. Donald Ryan Millar – Temple No. 167
W. Bro. John Sutton Moore – Unity No. 51
W. Bro. Dennis LeRoy McKay – Drumheller No. 146
W. Bro. Harold J. Robbins – Perfection No. 9
W. Bro. Donald Gordon Selkirk – Beacon No. 190
R.W. Bro. Brian Edwin Wayne Smith – Glenbow No. 184
R.W. Bro. George Edward MacLaren Smith – Appollo No. 27
W. Bro. Frederick Charles Sterling – Sherwood No. 183
R.W. Bro. Charles Young – Hinton No. 178

THE FREEMASON — A PILLAR IN SOCIETY

an address given by R.W. Bro. Hedley Parsons
D.D.G.M. of District No. 4 at the District Meeting

I would like first of all to reflect back on everybody's entry into Freemasonry. At our Initiation we are given a number of beautiful lectures based on the fundamentals of our order, and in the J.Ws. lecture (Canadian Rite) we are directed as to the form and magnitude of the Lodge, and why they were so shaped and situated etc. We are also told that our institution is supported by three great pillars, which are wisdom, strength, and beauty. Because there should be wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and worthwhile undertakings.

A Pillar according to the dictionary is a column to support a structure, an upright support for a roof etc. Therefore in my opinion every Mason must strive to be a Pillar or if you like a monument in society. Individually strong and steadfast, always giving support to the structure.

The true Mason knows that nowhere is he a monument, a landmark or a pillar in society than right in his own home and in the community, where his family and neighbours can follow his thoughts and actions. We must never cheapen Masonry no matter where we are by vulgar actions or unmasonic conduct. Let our minds always reflect to the Sacred Writings which we are charged to consider the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate our actions by the divine precepts which is contained therein. Re: our duties to God, to our neighbour and to ourselves.

To be an outstanding pillar in society one must be a person of quality. I think that everyone's life is spent in pursuit of self fulfilment, but not everyone reaches his objective. The man who succeeds is a person who has realized in time that satisfaction does not arise merely from being good at something but also being a certain kind of person. "A person of quality". A person of quality realizes that there is something beyond success. It is excellence and excellence is not conferred by the greatness of the office one holds. But one who builds greatly and lastingly. One who builds "CHARACTER" . . . In this modern world of today everything is mass-produced but one thing that cannot be mass-produced is character; because that is a matter of personal identity. Character is a positive thing. It is not protected innocence, but practised virtue; it is not fear of vice but love of excellence.

Character is having an inner light and the courage to follow its dictates. As Shakespeare put it: "To thine ownself be true, and it must follow, as night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

The person of quality will take delight in Craftsmanship, whether he be building a bird-house or a highrise apartment. There are sound standards of Craftsmanship in every calling, and we must meet them no matter what our position may be. This of course requires a sense of value of things and again this is a personal thing; not to be measured by a yardstick common to all. To be a pillar in society one requires many things, but above all a person must have Quality, Courage, Self-discipline, Enthusiasm and Energy.

An important question to ask ourselves frequently is: What value are we to our friends in their bad times as well as in their good times? There are some things that money cannot buy: KINDNESS, THOUGHTFULNESS, COURTESY, CONSIDERATION, TOLERANCE, SHOWING APPRECIATION and GOOD NATURE. These are

individual practices. Give according to the opportunities one can make. The pillar in society seeks all those opportunities and acts accordingly.

At our initiation we are told from the North East angle of the Lodge; that a Masonic Lodge is vast, universal, with branches spread over the four divisions of the globe. We are also reminded that there are many members of rank and affluence among our numbers. We are further reminded in the First Degree charge that Monarchs themselves have been promoters of our art, have patronized our mysteries and joined our assemblies. What greater Pillars in society could we ask for more than the Monarchs of our nation. Queen Elizabeth's Father King George VI was a Mason, her Husband Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh was raised in Navy Lodge No. 2612, London, England. H.R.H., the Duke of Kent is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Yes and there are many others: the late Bro. Sir Winston Churchill was a stalwart leader and a Freemason. English Naval Officer, Bro. Robert Falcon Scott, I am told, was the very first Mason to set foot on the South Pole.

Coming back to this Continent we have such Pillars in society as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, F. D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman just to name a few of the Presidents in the past. The President of the United States at the present time, Bro. Gerald R. Ford is a 33 Degree Mason and very prominent in his role as such.

In the Theatre we have Pillars like Bro. John Wayne, the Hollywood cowboy. We have our own Brothers Frank Shuster and Johnny Wayne and others too numerous to mention.

In politics in Canada most of the Protestant Prime Ministers have been Masons and indeed Pillars in society . . . MacDonald, Abbott, Bowell, Bennett, Bordon, Diefenbaker . . . Illustrious Bro. Diefenbaker came up to Masonry via DeMolay likewise did Tommy Douglas join Masonry after being in the Order of DeMolay.

The late Charles A. Lindberg, I understand, wore the Square and Compass on his jacket as a good luck emblem on his famous Atlantic Flight in 1927. He was a Mason at the time.

American Astronauts: Edwin Aldrin, Virgil Grissom, Wally Schirra, Edgar Mitchell, Paul Weitz were all Masons. Gordon Cooper Jr. on his twenty second orbit flight around the earth carried a masonic coin and a blue Masonic flag in his pocket.

Napoleon was a Mason and according to information his Masonic Apron is still on display in a Museum in France. The list could go on and on:

Ontario's Premier, Bro. Wm. G. Davis is a member; Alberta's Premier, Peter Lougheed is a member of Perfection Lodge. We also have Pillars like Gordon Towers, M.P. and P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. All the P.G.M.s of this Grand Lodge and our present Grand Master were and are Pillars in society.

If a person is to walk with head held high, he must make his contribution to life. If he is to fulfil his destiny, he must leave the world a little richer and better than it would have been had he not lived and performed his services.

As Masons and Pillars we must be that supporting column or mainstay of Society, and according to the Grand Master's THEME be: Freemasons and Pillars in Society.

IN MEMORIAM

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba has announced the passing of M.W. Bro. Stanley Harrison Fahrni, Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1942 and of M.W. Bro. Thomas Cyril Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba from 1951 to 1972. He was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of that Grand Lodge in 1954. Both of these distinguished Masons were

Honorary Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Bro. Fahrni was presented with this honour in 1942 and Bro. Jackson in 1954. Bro. Jackson is well known throughout this Jurisdiction for he was a very frequent visitor to our Grand Lodge Communications. The brethren in Alberta join their brethren in Manitoba in paying respect to the memory of two Past Grand Masters.

CALGARY ALBERTA LODGE

“FIRST”

In the history of any Lodge, it is a noteworthy event to have a Brother elected to serve a term as District Deputy Grand Master. In the current Masonic Year, a landmark event came to pass when no less than three Brethren raised in King George Lodge No. 59 G.R.A., Calgary, Alberta were installed as District Deputies in three Alberta Masonic Districts on June 22, 1974.

On the evening of November 22, 1974, King George conferred the M.M. degree on five Brethren at their annual Past Master's Night. The occasion was selected by these three District Deputies, in co-operation with R.W. Bro. H. J. Miller (DDGM District 18), as a suitable occasion to pay a surprise joint visit to King George Lodge. Along with the currently serving DDGM's of Districts 1, 6, 12 and 18; R.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan (Grand Treasurer); R.W. Bro. C. Bloomfield (Grand Tyler); R.W. Bro. R. Maxwell and R.W. Bro. J. A. Bailey (both PDDGM's District 18), were also in attendance, along with a large number of King George members and visitors.



Shown in the photograph are (left to right) the three brethren raised in King George and currently serving as District Deputies: R.W. Bro. Robert E. Dickson (District No. 12) was raised in King George in 1953, served as Master of that Lodge in 1964, and on being transferred by Alberta Government Telephones to Edmonton in 1965 became a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 166 G.R.A., in that city. R.W. Bro. George S. Poulter (District No. 1) was raised in King George in 1958, became a Charter member of Bowmont Lodge No. 181 G.R.A. in 1960, and served as Master of that Lodge in 1970. R.W. Bro. Brian E. Smith (District No. 6) was raised in King George in 1958, became a Charter member of Glenbow Lodge No. 184 in 1961, served as Master of that Lodge in 1967, and has been Secretary of that Lodge since 1971.

A LITTLE SCRAP OF PAPER

taken from the notice of Vulcan Lodge No. 74

“I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2½ by 3¼ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a cheque or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Masons to practise charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick,

HUSSAR LODGE NO. 130



At a recent meeting of Hussar Lodge No. 130 R.W. Bro. Graham Montgomery PDDGM presented a fifty year Jewel to R.W. Bro. L. F. Snyder PDDGM. The above picture was taken following the presentation. R.W. Bro. Ray Snyder PDDGM is on the left with his father in the centre and Bro. Montgomery on the right.

KITSCOTY LODGE NO. 131



On January 17, 1975 Bro. Charlie Miller celebrated his 91st birthday in the Dr. Cooke Nursing Home at Lloydminster. As a birthday present Kitscoty Lodge No. 131 presented to him his Fifty Year Jewel. The picture shows Charlie's son J. E. (Bud) Miller M.L.A. presenting his father with the Jewel. In connection with this event a number of Kitscoty brethren and their wives enjoyed a social evening.

and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect and defend theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities”.