



Grand Lodge Bulletin

M.W. Bro. W. J. COLLETT, Editor



BIOGRAPHY OF M.W. BRO. W. A. MILLIGAN

Most Worshipful Brother William Alexander Milligan.

M.W. Bro. Milligan known by all as "Sandy" was born in Calgary December 24th, 1919. This birth date has no doubt contributed to his cheerful, outgoing personality. He attended Public School and part of High School in Calgary with the remainder being completed in Edmonton.

He joined the Canadian Army in 1941 and served in N.W. Europe with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders being discharged in February 1946. Following apprenticeship as a plumber he became a journeyman in 1946. He also obtained his certificate as a Public Health Inspector. He became a plumbing inspector with the Provincial Government in 1947 and Chief Plumbing Inspector in 1950, a position he still holds.

He has served his community well having been President of both the Pleasant View and Strathcona High School Home and School Associations, and President of the Pleasant View Community League.

M.W. Bro. Milligan was initiated, passed and raised in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 in 1946 and served as Worshipful Master in 1961. He was elected and served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12 in 1967-68. He also served the Craft as General Chairman of the Banff Masonic Spring Workshop in 1971. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1971 and was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Alberta in June 1975.

He has been very active in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was coroneted a 33 degree Mason in 1970. He is also a member of Al Azhar Temple, A.A. O.N.M.S. and of the Royal Order of Scotland.

M.W. Bro Milligan married Helen Doreen Elder of Spruce Grove, Alberta in 1946, and they have a married son John, and a daughter Marian. Both Sandy and Doreen are ardent golfers and take a keen interest in all sports.

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

I wish to thank the membership for the support received during the last three years and to request a continuance of that support for this next year. It is impossible for anyone to fulfill the duties of Grand Master without the assistance and support of the entire craft.

As communication is often a problem in large organizations it is necessary that everyone know of my intentions for this next 10 months. I hope to attend all Lodges celebrating a 50th or 75th anniversary; to be present when a member receives his 50 Year Jewel; to assist in all amalgamation ceremonies and to represent our jurisdiction in other areas as considered necessary.

It is also my intention to visit as many lodges as possible but especially those with a resident membership of less than 25 members. I plan to arrange to have a bus load of members from urban centres journey to the smaller rural lodges and thereby endeavor to stimulate the members of the smaller lodge. These visits will not cause the rural lodge any inconvenience as the lodge to be visited will be advised in advance and the necessary refreshments will be aboard the bus. It is my hope that these visits will provide an opportunity for the members to become better acquainted with Grand Lodge Officers and to show their proficiency with the work.

At the time of my installation I announced that each District Deputy Grand Master would be responsible for deciding upon, and developing, a theme suitable for his district. I realize that this is a departure from past years, but it is my opinion that each Deputy knows what is best for his district and should be allowed to develop the theme which is most appropriate and of the greatest benefit to his area. If I did have a theme it would revolve around "education". Education of our newly created members as they proceed through the degrees. There are those people in our lodges, such as Past Masters, who slowly become inactive because there is nothing for them to do. It is my conviction that this group can contribute a great deal to our Craft if they will accept the challenge of educating our candidates as to the meanings of the various pieces of work given to them as they proceed upwards. I am not referring to the obvious meaning but to that meaning which is hidden and

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must be unearthed to be understood. It is my hope that each lodge and each district will develop an educational programme designed to stimulate a greater interest in the meaning of Masonry.

I do not intend to be present at any District Meetings during the year as this Meeting is the complete responsibility of the D.D.G.M. I shall, however, be represented by one of the other Grand Lodge Officers who will be pleased to answer questions and discuss items of interest with the membership.

This year will be challenging but with the help of the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers as well as the entire Craft it is my belief that all of our goals will be fulfilled and Masonry in Alberta will continue to move forward as a force for good to the benefit of our province, the country and the world at large.

GRAND LODGE 1975

The Seventieth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was held in the Calgary Inn on Friday and Saturday, June 20th and 21st. This was the second time that Grand Lodge had been held on a weekend in the hope of making it more possible for Masons to attend. The attendance was good and indicates that there was wisdom in the change of dates. Accommodation and service at the Calgary Inn appeared to be most satisfactory. The Annual Banquet on the Saturday was attended by over three hundred and was a most inspiring occasion. The guest speaker was Bro. W. J. C. Kirby who is a Justice of the Supreme Court of Alberta.

The Communication decided that the meetings were being held too late in June and approved an amendment to the Constitution which now sets that date a week ahead to the Second Friday in June. The result is that the Seventy-First Communication will be held in Edmonton on June 11th and 12th, 1976. A much debated motion was the one to increase the Grand Lodge per capita tax from \$3.50 per year to \$5.00 per year. The meeting passed a budget for Grand Lodge of \$85,425.00 with an estimated income of \$66,520.00. This left a deficit of \$18,905.00 which could only be made up by an increase in the income from Lodges. Increases in budget are inevitable in this time of inflation and not excessive when the cost of living is taken into account. The Finance Committee appeared to have done an excellent job of keeping expenses down to a minimum.

The Communication decided to make a change in the jewels awarded to long time Past Masters and agreed that Sixty and Seventy Year Bars be made available for the Fifty Year Past Master's Jewel. Although the Committee studying the creation of a Twenty-Five Year Jewel recommended against the trend to create more decorations in the Masonic Order and the report was passed, another motion in the dying moments of the meeting to create a

Twenty-Five Year Emblem was agreed to. What the Twenty-Five Year Emblem will be is not yet known for the Grand Master has yet to appoint a committee to study this matter.

A motion was put forward and caused much debate, that would require the Grand Lodge Office to credit back to the Lodges the per capita levy paid during the two years of a member suspended for non-payment of dues. This motion was defeated mainly because the membership felt that Grand Lodge finances should not suffer on this account.

One very interesting report came from a committee appointed by the Grand Master to study the possibility of using funds from the Benevolent Account to erect Masonic Senior Citizens Lodges. The report pointed out first of all that the Senior Citizens were being well looked after by the Provincial Government. It also reviewed the costs of such an undertaking and discovered that the resources available to the Benevolent Fund would not nearly cover the costs of such a home. The latest thinking in regard to Senior Citizens is that they should be maintained in their own homes as long as possible by providing, if necessary, housekeeping services and such services as "Meals-On-Wheels". The Communication did feel that a study should be made of how the resources of the Benevolent Fund could be used more advantageously.

Master Masons, as a consequence of an amendment to the report on the Committee on the Work submitted in 1967, will now be able to purchase rituals. The actual implementation of this new ruling will have to be delayed until the Committee on the Work devises a method of distribution of the rituals. The Finance Committee will decide on the cost of the rituals.

The Committee on District Boundaries felt that it would be unwise to make a general revision of boundaries at this time. However, it did propose that Perfection Lodge No. 9 be moved from District No. 1 to District No. 16, that Canada Lodge No. 165 be moved from District No. 18 into District No. 16, and that Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 be placed in District No. 19.

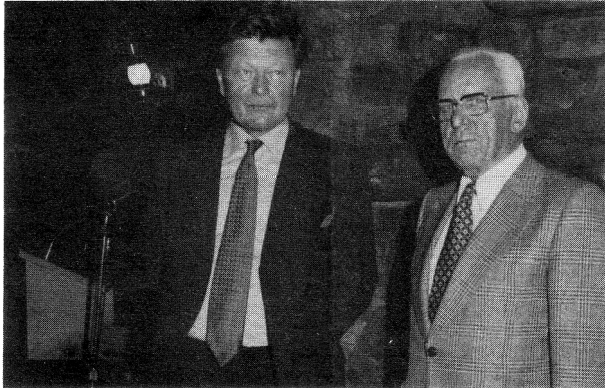
The Seventieth Communication was a productive one. The Record of Proceedings will be available shortly to all Lodges and should be read with care. After all a Grand Lodge Meeting is a meeting of the whole Craft in Alberta and this is where the future of the Craft is decided.

MASONRY TEACHES

Masonry teaches man to practise charity and benevolence, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles and revere the ordinances of religion, to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the down trodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar, support the government, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man, fear God, implore His mercy and hope for happiness.

THE GRAND MASTER MASON OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND VISITS ALBERTA

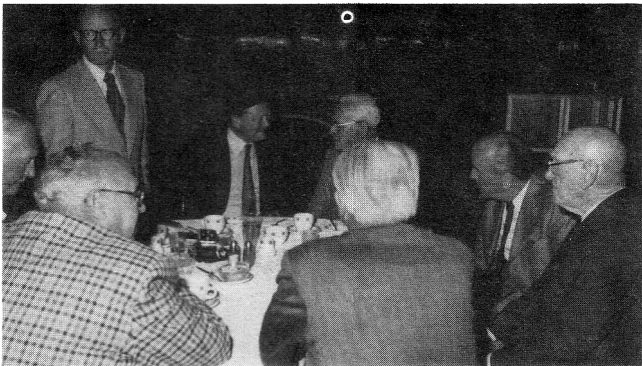
Captain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esselmont, the M.W. Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland accompanied by Dr. Alex Buchan, Past Grand Secretary and Bro. Robert Murray, Worshipful Master of Robert Moray Lodge No. 1611 visited Alberta in June and was the guest of the Grand Lodge of Alberta at a luncheon held in Fort Calgary House. Below are a few pictures of the event.



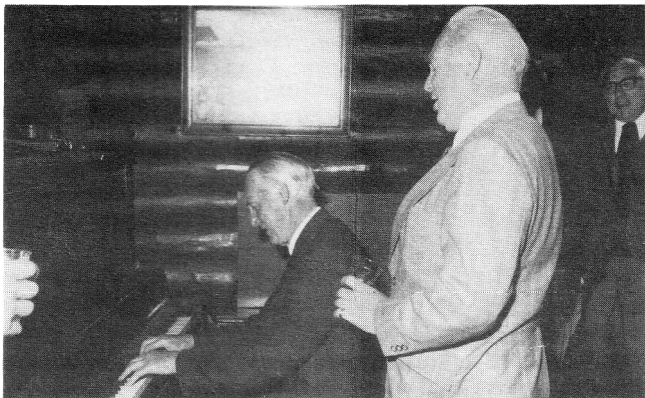
The Grand Master Mason of Scotland and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.



Guests at the luncheon.



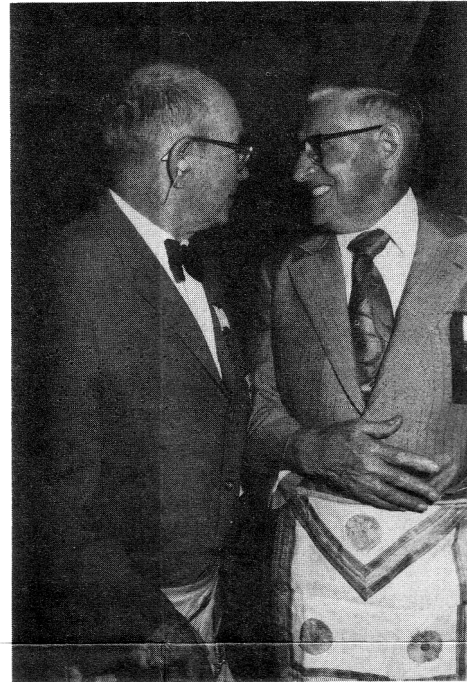
R.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett presiding at the luncheon and the head table.



Dr. Buchan at the piano, our new Grand Master. M.W. Bro. Milligan is the soloist.

CRESCENT LODGE NO. 87 CELEBRATES ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Sixtieth Anniversary of Crescent Lodge No. 87 was held in June and the celebration was outstanding because, not only was the Grand Master of Alberta, MW. Bro. G. R. Sterling present but also the guests from Scotland mentioned below attended. A Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charlie Pinnell, also a member of Crescent Lodge, came from White Rock, B.C. to be with his brethren at that time. R.W. Bro. Costigan took a few pictures of the celebration.



The Fifty Year Jewel men exchange reminiscences.



Front Row — Bro. Robert Murray, Captain Gordon, W. Bro. E. W. Elvey (Fifty Year Jewel) Bro. Wm. C. Morrison, (Fifty Year Jewel), Dr. Buchan, V.W. Bro. C. Duthie. Rear Row — R.W. Bro. H. Miller, D.D.G.M., M.W. Bro. Chas Pinnell, R.W. Bro. R. F. Lawrence, R.W. Bro. F.W. Keyte.



M.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling addresses the meeting.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS — 1975 - 1976

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A list of the appointed Officers and members of the Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge has been mailed to each Lodge and will appear also in the Grand Lodge Proceedings which will be published shortly.

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

Known dates as at July 17th, 1975

September—

- 4th, 5th & 6th — Banff Conference, Banff, Alberta
- 8th, 9th & 10th — Reserved
- 11th — Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Edmonton
- 17th — Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, Edmonton
- 18th — Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Builder's Night, Edmonton.

October—

- 3rd & 4th — Reserved
- 15th — West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, Edmonton
- 18th — Patricia Lodge No. 91, 60th Anniversary, Edmonton
- 25th — Zetland Lodge No. 83, Golden, B.C.

November—

- 1st — District No. 12, Edmonton
- 3rd — District No. 13, Spirit River
- 12th — Finance Committee Meeting
- 15th — Norwood Lodge No. 90, 60th Anniversary, Edmonton
- 19th — Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 20th — Acme Lodge No. 60, Acme
- 29th — Reserved.

December—

- 3rd — Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, Installation, Edmonton
- 11th — Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Installation, Edmonton
- 18th — Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Installation, Edmonton.

January—

- 26th — Jasper Lodge No. 14, Edmonton.

February—

- 14th - 19th inclusive — Washington Conference.

April—

- 30th to May 1st & 2nd — Banff Spring Workshop, Banff, Alberta.

May—

- 22nd — Reserved.

June—

- 1st — Eastgate Lodge No. 192, Installation, Edmonton
- 11th & 12th — Grand Lodge, Edmonton.

DISTRICT MEETING DATES — 1975-76

In order of District No., Date, Place and Time.

- 1 — Wednesday, October 29th — Calgary Masonic Temple — Evening
- 2 — Saturday, October 18th — Foremost — Afternoon & Evening
- 3 — Saturday, November 1st — Edson — Afternoon & Evening

- 4 — Wednesday, November 5th — Innisfail — Afternoon & Evening
- 5 — Monday, October 20th — Forestburg — Afternoon & Evening
- 6 — Friday, October 24th — Calgary Masonic Temple — Afternoon & Evening
- 7 — Saturday, October 25th — Vauxhall — Afternoon & Evening
- 8 — Thursday, October 16th — Frank — Evening
- 9 — Wednesday, November 12th — Alix — Afternoon & Evening
- 10 — Saturday, October 4th — Kitscoty — Afternoon & Evening
- 11 — Saturday, November 8th — Vulcan — Evening
- 12 — Saturday, November 1st — Edmonton Central Masonic Temple — Afternoon
- 13 — Monday, November 3rd — Spirit River — Afternoon & Evening
- 14 — Saturday, October 25th — Delia — Afternoon
- 15 — Wednesday, October 1st — Carbon — Afternoon & Evening
- 16 — Wednesday, October 29th — Strathmore — Evening
- 17 — Saturday, November 8th — Wainwright — Afternoon & Evening
- 18 — Thursday, October 30th — Crescent Masonic Temple, Calgary — Evening
- 19 — Saturday, October 25th — Edmonton Central Masonic Temple — Afternoon
- 20 — Saturday, November 29th — Wetaskiwin — Afternoon

**FIFTY YEAR JEWELS
CARSTAIRS LODGE NO. 20**



R.W. Bro. R. Wood presents a Fifty Year Jewel to R.W. Bro. J. W. Munro.



M.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling presents to R.W. Bro. Ray Wood a Fifty year certificate while the D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Herman Miller and the Worshipful Master W.Bro. N. Horning look on R.W. Bro. Wilbur Wood also took part in the presentation.