



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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

PROCLAMATION

GREETINGS: Be it known by all Masons in the Province of Alberta that I, William Alexander Milligan Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., do hereby proclaim the month of November to be Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month and that I request all members to contribute generously to this worthwhile fund.

Almost a quarter of a million dollars has been raised by the Masons of Alberta to support a benevolent endeavour unique to the fraternity. In the 17 year history of the Higher Education Bursary Fund 508 bursaries have been awarded in the amount of \$244,763.26.

The bursaries are granted to Alberta Matriculant students who are entering post-secondary courses which require high school matriculation and are based on financial need, family situation and academic standing.

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund is co-ordinated with the University of Alberta Student Awards Program to ascertain that the available bursaries are distributed to the maximum number of deserving students.

Money for scholarships, and for student loans, is plentiful, but money for bursaries is anything but adequate. The total amount of money available from the Student Awards Office of the U. of A. is \$200,000.00. Our contribution to this sum is approximately 9% of the total, or \$18,000.00. Each year the Bursary Committee receives about 175 applications for assistance but due to funds available we grant about 1/6 of the requests received.

There is need for these bursaries and the money collected is effectively used. The success rate of students assisted has been excellent so let's keep up the good work and improve our efforts year by year.

THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE

Chairman Wor. Bro. Keith L. Evans, Crescent Lodge No. 87

November, having been declared Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund month by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, points to the importance of this project of the Masons of Alberta. I hasten to add my support to his in urging each of you to consider the making of a contribution, personally or through your Lodge. The last year or two have seemed to indicate that the Masons of Alberta are indeed responding and accepting this Fund as their charitable project. Although it is true that government grants and loans and other scholarships have increased, it is equally true, and unfortunately so, that job opportunities have become increasingly difficult for young people to obtain, thus increasing the need for assistance. The list of Bursary Fund dona-

tions printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1975 provides shocks, some very pleasant and others not. How did your Lodge "shape up"? After three years with the Fund, I am sincerely convinced that it is well and carefully administered and that it is fulfilling a most definite need. The list of successful applicants, appended, is composed of persons who would not have been able to follow their plans for further education at all without your assistance and for many of them there will still be a struggle. On behalf of the applicant who has qualified for an institution of higher education but can't quite swing it financially I thank you for your support.

**THE FIRST LANDMARK OF FREEMASONRY
AND THE FIRST CHARGE TO A FREEMASON
CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION**

(The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta — P. 112)

Written by R. W. Bro. F. R. Erick Mulder PDDGM Dist. No. 6

The first and only unequivocal landmark of Freemasonry is a sincere and genuine belief in the Deity. This forms one of the primary basis of international recognition between Grand Jurisdictions. It is the inspiration to be better than we really are — to take good men and make them even better.

Mankind has ever been troubled by the three great questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? and Whither am I going? The answers to these great questions can only be found in a deep and abiding faith. "It is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). It is one of the essences of life itself. It unites and connects us to our great cosmic and primordial past.

It appears more than coincidence that the Judaic-Christian name of the Deity GOD represents the first letters of the Hebrew words for Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Religions are many; Religion is one — but that one thing includes everything — the life of God in the soul of man which finds expression in all forms which life and love and duty take. Time has shown that the House of Wisdom must be founded upon righteousness, justice, purity, character, faith in God and love of man, else it will fall when the floods descend and the winds beat upon it. It has been said that it is not politics that corrupts character but rather bad character that corrupts politics.

In the Articles of Union at London on December 27, 1813, it was decreed that Masonry would be unsectarian in Religion. That the Religion of Freemasonry is that Universal Faith in which all men agree and any differences of doctrine, dogma or creed are not worthy of a breach of good manners or charity.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes has said "I think it not improbable that man, like the grub that prepares a chamber for the winged thing it never has seen — but is to be — that man may have cosmic destinies he does not understand".

I cannot express the real feeling of Masonry on this subject better than in the eloquent words of our own Dr. Frank S. Morley:

"Masonry is a representation of the truth that man is by nature a builder of more than a shelter, that his buildings describe the affinity of his soul with the Supreme Architect and the longing of his soul to express spiritual truth in material things. Thus Ruskin in Seven Lamps of Architecture shows that the laws of architecture are moral laws — sacrifice, truth, power, beauty, life, memory, and, as a

crowning virtue, obedience which includes reverence and humility before the Creator. Masonry is a friendship of good men of all races and creeds who seek to practice in their own lives a love without limits and rising above all prejudice, and an integrity of truth and justice in character while striving to project into society a temple of mankind which will be an earthly reflection of the Kingdom of God.

In the black horror of our days, with their superstition, their intolerance, and their monstrous cruelty, in the gathering darkness of war and atomic dust, Masonry lifts a glorious white star of hope and faith to tell mankind that truth can never die, that love is eternal, and that behind the things which are seen rules the invisible Soul, Who measures men and nations by the compass of truth, the square of justice, and the plumb-line of equity. Who has established the world upon the pillars of righteousness, and Who has declared that the whole universe shall be a symbolic revelation of His love."

And the hauntingly beautiful poem of Tom Quitman Ellis, P.G.M. of Mississippi.

CONCERNING MY CREED

Ten thousand paths may lead to God — What right is mine to say
That he who fails to walk with me has missed the only way?
What right is mine to arrogate such grasp of finite mind
And boast while others vainly seek the God I see and find,
How could the God I love and trust point out to only me
The way which travel all men must, or die eternally?
I'm not so wise that He denies the light to all save me,
While other souls as true as mine, He loves with less degree,
No: tho the path we tread may lead where bright cathedrals rise,
Or wayside church or rustic shrine point upward to the skies;
The God-led trav'ler will arrive where lights of welcome shine,
And myriads will be there who walked a different path than mine.

Thus it is that Masonry's watchword is a sincere and genuine "Holiness to the Lord", and Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion . . . and becomes the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

THE NEWLY MADE MASON

by H. L. Haywood

published by Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co.
Inc.
Richmond, Virginia.

It was a surprise to find the above well known book on the shelves of the Calgary Public Library. Many masons will have the 1948 edition in their libraries. It was reprinted in 1973 and apparently is now available for reading by the public. The book does not contain anything that should be kept from the public and certainly will make good reading for any mason. The section on the history of Freemasonry and the origin of the United Grand Lodge of Great Britain gives a good picture of our early history. There is a very informative section on the Great Symbols of Freemasonry and a very interesting chapter on one of the continuing problems of the order, Masonic Penalties.

The frontispiece of the volume is quite disturbing to the mason who considers that the Three Craft Degrees encompass the whole of Freemasonry because it depicts what the author apparently considers to be a pictorial presentation of the whole system of Freemasonry including the "Higher Degrees". One would question if there can be possibly any degree higher than the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The three degrees are crowded at the bottom of the page and from there the system "ascends". It includes the multiplicity of concordant orders even including the Daughters of the Nile and the Order of the Eastern Star. We are of the opinion that any attempt to systematize Freemasonry, indeed if such is at all valid, should start with the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Fellowcraft Degree and the Master Masons Degree boldly printed on the top of the page and all else that may come beneath. Certainly the references throughout the book to "Higher Degrees" are not in the best vocabulary of a masonic scholar.

If one disregards the frontispiece and a number of other references in the book to such things, there is a lot of material of worthwhile reading. As a matter of fact most of the book deals with the Craft Degrees and does so with the type of writing that makes it good reading.

In the preface the author proposes a second obligation for a newly made mason which we print here and commend it and the book to all masons.

It is possible that they would therefore ask him to pledge himself in a second obligation, which might read in some such form as this:

"I hereby solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that as a beginning Craftsman in the Masonry of the mind and as a Newly-Made Mason I will not permit myself to be led into making hasty conclusions. I promise and swear that I will not listen to

those who are not competent to teach me. There will be nothing binding on me except the truth. If there be those who say one thing and if there be others who say the opposite thing, I will consider that it is Freemasonry itself which finally is to decide between them. We do not make the truth, we find it.

"I furthermore promise and swear that I will never do violence to knowledge, because there is nothing more sacred than a fact. I finally promise and swear that I will never permit either myself or any other by sophistry or by ignorance, by plausible cynicism or by specious skepticism, to bring Freemasonry into doubt or dispute, because I know it to be truthful and honorable."

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION

BURSARY AWARDS — 1975

UNDERGRADUATES

- Rada CUBRILO, EdmontonU. of A.
- Elizabeth Anne DUNLOP, EdmontonU. of A.
- Donald Carol GELINAS, EdmontonU. of A.
- Wendy Yvonne LICKACZ, CalmarMt. Royal
- Karin Annette FRIESEN, CalgaryMt. Royal
- Betty SEMENOFF, Pincher CreekU. of A.

MATRICULANTS

- James Stanton ARTINDALE, WainwrightU. of C.
- Patricia Ann BEACH, EdmontonU. of A.
- Maxine Elizabeth BLACK, CoronationU. of A.
- Brenda Lee CHERNIAWSKY, CalgaryU. of C.
- Paul Ernest DUMONT, EdmontonU. of A.
- Karin Annette FRIESEN, CalgaryU. of C.
- Yollande Helene GAGNAN, GuyGrande Prairie
Regional College
- Shaun Ray GOLBY, MeadowviewN.A.I.T.
- Robert Russell HAIGH, CalgaryU. of C.
- Walter Eilert HILLJE, OyenU. of A.
- Marcy Ann HUSTON, Peace RiverU. of A.
- Gordon Henry JANKE, EdmontonU. of A.
- Frederick (Shu-Shue) LEE, CalgaryU. of C.
- Terry Andre LUND, WarburgU. of A.
- Betty Ann MACKIN, ClaresholmU. of A.
- Robin Dawn McLELLAND, CalgaryU. of A.
- Monica Eva ORBAN, EdmontonMisericordia Hospital
- Sheldon Richard POST, CalgaryU. of A.
- Allen Eugene RUNHAM, BowdenRed Deer College
- Kim Gordon SMALLWOOD, Peace RiverU. of A.
- Judith Lynn TUCKER, EdmontonU. of A.
- Corrine Susan WEICKER, EdmontonU. of A.
- Sandra Gail WILLAS, St. AlbertU. of A.
- Carol Diane WOJTKIW, MorinvilleU. of A.

UNITY LODGE NO. 51

In the December issue of the Bulletin we printed an account of the service that W. Bro. P. S. Bailey had given over a period of many years to Unity Lodge and to the craft in general. Unity Lodge annually holds an Oldtimers Night. W. Bro. Bailey was to have received a Fifty Year Jewel to add further to his Masonic Honours but he suffered a stroke and failed to recover before this event could take place. He will be missed by his many masonic friends.

"IF, MY BRETHREN, YOU MEET SUCH A MAN"

On May 3, 1975 the Lethbridge Herald devoted one whole page to the life and work of Donald Delmar McQueen. It was reporting a celebration that was held in Vulcan, Alberta to mark the eightieth birthday of a man who since 1926 had worked in various positions in municipal administration. He ended his active working career after six years as Mayor of the Town of Vulcan. Present at the gathering were fellow administrators from all over southern Alberta, the Grand Master of Masons in Alberta, M.W. Bro. G. R. Sterling. Premier Lougheed sent a message of congratulation.

The Lethbridge Herald quotes Mr. McQueen, "To be a good administrator a fellow can't be a yes man. He has to have a mind of his own and maintain his stand even if people do not agree with him."

He has been a diabetic since 1948 but he has never allowed his health to hold him back. "Don't let yourself get dormant. Keep going. It doesn't matter how old you are. Don't become indolent".

Even now he doesn't intend to give up the active life. He is still at work as the administrator of the Peter Dawson Lodge and has no thought of quitting, "I'll probably work here for another few years and then continue to write up hail insurance, providing the boys will give me their business."

This man, whom the Lethbridge Herald and his associates honour, is our own M.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Past Master of Vulcan Lodge No. 74 and long time efficient secretary of that same Lodge. His familiar figure is seen whenever he is able to get to a meeting of masons. He is a living proof that Masonry consists not of the jewels and decorations that it may be a man's right to wear but in the doing of the good act "not for himself but for the cause of good."

At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes held in Red Deer in June, R.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett, on behalf of the Grand Master and the brethren in Alberta congratulated R.W. Bro. Stan Harbin P.D.D.G.M. on his contribution to masonry for acting as the Master of the R.C.M.P. Degree Team for the past number of years. His final appearance was at Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield when he raised two candidates. During his period in this position the colourful team has put on the degree fifty eight times. At the meeting in Tofield there were 120 in attendance representing some twenty lodges. R.W. Bro. Harbin has now retired from the R.C.M.P. Fortunately he will not be leaving Alberta but has accepted a position in Camrose with the Provincial Government.



50 YEAR JEWEL
LUCERNE LODGE NO. 159

W. Bro. Dennis Wilford presents a Fifty Year Jewel to W. Bro. James Rose at his residence in Edmonton.

VISITING ASSISTANCE

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary, President, W. Bro. L. V. Keim, Crescent Lodge No. 87, wishes all Brethren to know, but especially the Lodges in rural areas, that their Visiting Committee is very desirous of knowing of Masons who are ill or in hospital and who would welcome a visit. The Chairman of the Sick and Visiting Committee of the Association is W. Bro. Charlie Tuckey, his address is 2018 - 34th Street S.W., Calgary and his telephone is 242-5790. Please make use of this efficient service.

TWO PAST MASTER CERTIFICATES

W. Bro. Earl W. Jenner is the proud possessor of two Past Master's Certificates. He earned one in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. After having been raised in Melfort Lodge No. 18 G.R.S. he later became a charter member of Carragana Lodge No. 209 G.R.S. which was instituted in 1950 and later became its Worshipful Master. In 1956 he moved to Hinton, Alberta and became a charter member of Hinton Lodge when it was instituted in 1950 and in 1954 became its Worshipful Master. The presentation of the second Past Master's Certificate was made by R.W. Bro. Chas. Young, the Secretary of Hinton Lodge, at a meeting held last April. This was to mark the second time that he occupied the chair in Hinton Lodge for in 1971 when the Senior Deacon moved away W. Bro. Jenner assumed that chair and went on to become Worshipful Master in 1974. Hinton Lodge is indebted to this outstanding mason for his willingness to share, at any time, in the work of the Lodge.