



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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



## THEME - PARTICIPATING IS GIVING

### Theme Speakers

The two Theme Speakers this year will be Simon G. Postma and M.W. Bro. E. J. Thompson.

### M.W. BRO. E. J. THOMPSON

M.W. Bro. E. J. Thompson was our Grand Master in 1970 after serving for a number of years as Grand Chaplain. He is a United Church Minister having been Principal of St. Stephen's Theological College in Edmonton until his retirement. M.W. Bro. Thompson is well versed in Freemasonry and is widely known as an outstanding speaker.

### BRO. SIMON G. POSTMA

Was born in The Netherlands in 1930, received primary and secondary education together with two years of Agriculture College prior to immigrating to Canada in 1949. Joined Acacia Lodge No. 11 in 1958.

Commenced working with the Provincial Government, Department of Highways in 1954 subsequently transferred to the Department of Labour and is presently employed as a Pension Analyst.

Completed a three year University Course in Personnel Administration in 1962 and also holds a Certificate from The Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology in "Employee Benefits".

Is married with three children, one son, two daughters of which one is married.

- This year it's another BARGAIN! Production costs may have raised Registration from \$5 to \$10, but meals and accommodation have been actually reduced from \$32 to \$30. Where else can you get two nights and six meals for \$30. It's still CHEAPER TO ATTEND than to stay at home.
- REGISTRATIONS are acceptable at any time . . . the sooner the better. They give you first choice on rooms and are COMPLETELY REFUNDABLE up to the 20th of April, and COMPLETELY TRANSFERABLE by yourself up to the day of opening.
- ADVANCE REGISTRATION eliminates delay and paper work upon arrival. You simply pick up your key and walk in.
- If you and a friend wish to ROOM TOGETHER, indicate this on your REGISTRATION CARD and mail them together.
- MEAL ARRANGEMENTS proved so successful last year that the pattern will be CONTINUED this year.
- Those hard-to-find BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY will again be available from the operating book store, and others conveniently ordered for you.
- The THEME "PARTICIPATING IS GIVING" is particularly timely when so many groups and individuals hope to get something out of the Craft but forget that they must also put something back in!
- The workshop PROGRAMME this year is planned on a horizontal rather than a vertical concept; that is, the schools of instruction are geared to the needs and interests of all Brethren.
- UPCOMING OFFICERS are reminded that much of the instruction can be directly applied to help them with their job ahead.
- Having trouble launching your program of MASONIC EDUCATION. You might just find the solution at this year's workshop . . . in the school on "LODGE LECTURES".
- Do some of your PAST MASTERS find themselves unemployed and wandering in a Masonic wilderness? The school on "CONTRIBUTING TO THE LODGE" may well guide them right back into satisfying participation.
- The school on "COACHING" can do nothing but benefit us all. (For are we all not teachers?) It is one of those opportunities that are sometimes missed because it comes disguised as hard work. Coaching is a blessing in disguise. It prevents upcoming officers from putting off the preparation of their work, and gives solid depth to the official team in any lodge. Not to mention the benefits to the newer Brethren.
- Is your SECRETARY the "workhorse" or the "dictator" in your Lodge? The school on "LODGE RECORDS AND ACCOUNTING" may help you get things back in perspective by smoothing out the peaks and troughs of administration. It will certainly be a boon to the new Secretaries who are groping their way.
- Two INFORMAL GET-TOGETHERS over coffee are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evening. Don't miss these! Where else do you get 600 Masons together for nothing but FELLOWSHIP!

## THE ANCIENT CHARGES

### V. of the Management of the Craft in Working.

BRO. J. SPENCER. CHARITY 67  
(Book of Constitution Page 117)

WORK AND YOUR HOUSE SHALL BE DULY FED;  
WORK, AND THE REST SHALL BE DULY WON;  
I HOLD THAT A MAN HAD BETTER BE DEAD  
THAN ALIVE WHEN HIS WORK IS DONE.

Alice Cary (1820-1871)

The task at hand is to interpret these ancient charges so as to make them applicable to modern times. Were they written for the operative Mason? Before or after the Guilds? How long was a worker's life expectancy in those times? Many questions prevail, all pertaining to the law of work.

If a man be honest and industrious, he has achieved the two foremost virtues of a Master Mason. Honest with himself, his God and his fellow man. Industrious at his daily task and in his Lodge.

THE LAW OF WORK IS THE LAW OF GOD.  
ALL WORK IS THE WORK OF THE LORD.

The law of work has never been repealed but is in a constant process of being amended. Work is one of the conditions of being alive. We need to keep up with changes in its form and significance. Those who keep abreast of changes, usually become the most expert and are appointed as overseers or master commanding due respect of all who work for him and with him.

Every day work as well as Lodge work, is a purposeful activity that requires the expenditure of energy with some sacrifice of leisure.

Work is the master word of all ongoing life. It is the measure and success. It is directly responsible for all progress advancements and achievements of all mankind.

Not everyone today is happy in his work. The great majority of workers are not working in a chosen occupation. Many will tell you that they got into their particular field because there was a vacancy and they needed a job. Lodge work on the other hand is a chosen occupation. Job dissatisfaction is on the increase. Workers are challenging our assumption about work and forcing us to make new definitions of jobs. No one today has the compelling urgency of our forefathers. They had to work hard to survive. We have created many forms of protections in our changed and changing society. You cannot starve to death in our country. You can in the third world countries.

In ancient times as well as in recent times, we had a worker in our midst who enjoyed his work, found better ways to do it, never quit until he was satisfied with the job. Did he disappear or his job disappear? We are a great working force of experts and specialists, ready and willing to produce our diplomas of qualification. What they show is at one time we knew how to learn. A diploma does not state that we are industrious, honest or capable of doing a days work. A Mason's apron is his diploma, its proclamation or statements are well known to those in the craft.

No one wants to return to the old days of pick and shovel. I believe they are more than willing to invest their effort in work, but they are demanding a larger share of payoff in satisfaction.

To find fault with their jobs, is not uncommon to workers. What is new, is the variety of their complaints and their determination to do something about the cause.

The supreme task of the employer or Master, is the development of a new respect for work. The promotion of the better understanding between those who perform the work and those who employ such workers. When we understand work changes; not workers, we can begin the restructuring of jobs.

The economic and mechanical progress has brought about much change, mostly in the interest of the worker. Many items once classed as luxuries are now priced within his reach.

The automation and mass production system has not only gratified his material desires; more leisure time is granted with a sort of freedom to become more aware of his unfulfilled psychological needs.

What better place than in his Lodge to learn and understand the work ethic. The code of values that says you must work is deeply rooted in our North American way of life. Most of our forefathers immigrated here to improve their standard of living. The urge to work definitely strengthened that ambition. Possible few if any ever heard of the word ethic.

The work ethic is a body of moral principles that determines the course of a person's life. The work ethic holds that work, is good in itself; that a worker not only makes a contribution to society but becomes a better person by virtue of the act of working.

Some must work with their brains as some must work with their hands. Otherwise our system would not function nor would we enjoy the kind of life we live. There is no other way to participate in the process of living than that of doing something. Even the most knowledgeable were not surprised when man recently discovered how the human brain worked and that it was an ongoing thing.

It is like a bicycle and must be peddled to keep it going. Like any other muscle of the body, the brain must be exercised and nourished that it may contribute to the overall well being.

Who are the motivators in our society who motivates the motivators; are often asked questions that usually bring forth great expounding of many theories. Yet it seems the great one is the human process of thought. The thought of a sense of achievement. The thought of recognition, pride and a job well done; the thought of well being and contributing to society, lodge and all mankind.

As every man becomes more knowledgeable, his attitude will change. With attitude change comes personality change. To pass on knowledge to the apprentice gives the most satisfying feeling of accomplishment. Knowing that you have done some part on the great process of living. To say that a man is not worthy or important is an insult to our Creator. God has offered all men forgiveness.

Nothing is accomplished with out courage - be courageous, ask Him for help, guidance and forgiveness - attend your Lodge - PARTICIPATE.

**ELEVENTH ALBERTA MASONIC  
SPRING WORKSHOP**

**Theme — PARTICIPATING IS GIVING**

The Banff Spring Workshop has established itself as the largest gathering of Free and Accepted Masons meeting informally in the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Last year there were over 600 Masons of all ranks who informally gathered together for Masonic instruction and Fraternal Fellowship.

This year there will be two theme addresses, two periods of Schools of Instruction, and two Discussion Group periods. Harry Farmer has consented to organize an Old Time Sing Song on Saturday afternoon.

The theme for this years' Masonic Spring Workshop is 'PARTICIPATING IS GIVING'.

Publicity is being handled by a member of your Lodge who has been appointed by your Worshipful Master. If you have any questions let your representative know.

The cost for the weekend, in this day of high inflation, has been boosted only three dollars for the entire 36 hours.

You have all received a registration card in the mail by now so if you want to reserve accommodation early, please forward your registration card and money as soon as possible. Remember, registration is on a first come first serve basis.

I would like to thank everyone who is contributing to the Workshop. Without their assistance we could not provide such a worthwhile project.

Looking forward to seeing you in Banff April 30th, May 1st and 2nd, 1976.

R. G. (Russ) Phillips,  
General Chairman.

**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

The Schools of Instruction at the Workshop this year are designed with a variation from previous years. There are fewer Schools (5), and are based primarily on interest rather than schools for specific offices in the Lodge. Please complete the slip attached to your registration card indicating your choice of school and return with your registration. Following is a brief outline of the various schools.

1. General Lodge Procedures — this school will emphasize matters which are basic to a lodge such as floorwork, grand honors, boards of trial, etc.
2. Coaching - this school is designed to assist lodges in formulating a structured plan for coaching of candidates. Use of the Mentor Plan will be discussed.
3. Lodge Records and Accounting - this school will dwell on the secretaries, treasurers, and registrars in regard to proper procedures and useful techniques. (Designed primarily for the aforementioned offices).

4. Lodge Lectures - this school will demonstrate techniques and methods for delivering meaningful lectures in degree work.
5. Contributing to the Lodge - a school in which contributing to the lodge through participation and development of goals for the lodge will be discussed. (Past Masters should try and attend this school).

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**THE AGENDA FOR THE WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, 1976**

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| 3:00 P.M.<br>Onwards | Registration, locate Discussion Rooms and Book Stalls in the Auditorium of the Administration Building.  |
| 6:30 P.M. —          | Supper (Cafeteria Style)   |
| 8:45 P.M. —          | Announcements — Eric Harvey Theatre  |
| 9:00 P.M. —          | Theme Address — Eric Harvey Theatre  |
| 9:30 - 10 A.M.       | Discussion Groups (Get Acquainted)   |
| 10:15 P.M.           | Bookstore - Administration Building Auditorium.<br><b>COFFEE WILL BE SERVED</b><br>Discussion Group Leaders and Chairman Meet Adm. 205<br>Schools of Instruction Leaders and Chairman Adm. 204 |

**SATURDAY MAY 1st, 1976**

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| 7:00 A.M. —      | Breakfast (Cafeteria Style)  |
| 9:00-10:15 P.M.  | Discussion Groups  |
| 10:30-11:45 A.M. | Schools of Instruction   |
| 12:00 Noon       | Lunch  |
| 2:00 - 3:15 P.M. | Schools of Instruction   |
| 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. | Sing along with Harry  |
| 7:30 P.M. —      | Theme Address  |
| 8:45 P.M. —      | Discussion Groups  |
| 10:00 P.M. —     | Bookstore - Auditorium, Administration Building.<br><b>COFFEE WILL BE SERVED</b> |

**SUNDAY, MAY 2nd, 1976**

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| 8:00 A.M. —  | Breakfast           |
| 9:45 A.M. —  | Final Announcements |
| 10:00 A.M. — | Devotional Service  |
| 11:00 A.M. — | Lunch               |

An excellent meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Hall in Red Deer on November 19th. There was an excellent discussion on a number of matters concerning the craft. The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. A. O. Aspeslet presided. The meeting decided that, with the exception of the Grand Master, the wearing of cuffs will not be mandatory. In future the District Deputy Grand Masters, who are completing their terms, will be presented with an undress apron at the Grand Lodge Communication instead of having to wait until the District Meeting to receive this recognition of their services. The Grand Master was asked to appoint a committee to study the feasibility and the advisability of the Grand Lodge publishing a pamphlet outlining the meaning of Freemasonry which could be given to persons who are not members of the craft. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan addressed the meeting and stated that he was considering making a ruling in regard to members who could be suspended for N.P.D. but who were unable to remit dues because of the postal strike. He urged all Lodges to telephone or to call on such members urging upon them the necessity of prompt action.

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The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford, has been holding meetings of Lodge Secretaries throughout the jurisdiction to discuss problems of the secretaries. All the meetings have been well attended. At a number of the meetings he has been accompanied by M.W. Bro. W. J. Collett who has attempted to read Historical Registers of the Lodges during the meetings of the secretaries. The information taken from the Registers will be used in the proposed History of Freemasonry in Alberta. A number of Lodges have compiled their own histories and these have been very acceptable.

### USING THE PROPER CHANNELS

This is from the Grand Secretary:

"Quite frequently, I receive embarrassing letters from other Grand Secretaries that one of our lodges or individual members has written to him or to one of their lodges direct. May I remind all members and lodges that such Masonic contacts, in the first instance, must be made through the respective Grand Secretaries. Any other procedure is improper and should and may be ignored by the addressee. This procedure would not apply to a former or present member of a lodge writing direct to his lodge located in another Grand Jurisdiction."

### WHAT IS CHARITY?

It's Silence when your words would hurt.  
It's Patience when your neighbour's curt,  
It's Deafness when a scandal flows,  
It's Thoughtfulness for others' woes  
It's Promptness when stern duty calls,  
It's Courage when misfortune falls.

Q. Our Grand Lodge is known as Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons. Why Accepted?

A. The term was originally applied to persons who were not operative masons but they were accepted into the society by the operatives. The expression was known in the Masons' Company of London as far back as 1620. This inner fraternity of the Masons' Company was known as "The Acception". It is quite clear from the records of the company that fees were obtained for "making Masons" and some of those who paid the fees were not members of the Company at all; in fact some were not connected with the Mason trade in anyway. Dr. Plot, in his "Natural History of Staffordshire", wrote in 1631 that there was a custom of admitting men into the Society of Freemasons, and that the custom was spread more or less over the Nation and that persons of the most eminent quality did not disdain to be of this Fellowship.

The Acception of the London Masons' Company provides a link between the Operative and the Speculative Masons and affords an early example of non-operatives being admitted into the Masons organization.

As Accepted Masons we are received into Freemasonry irrespective of our profession, Trade or occupation.

### The Sharing and the Caring

Two things make for happiness, the giving and the taking.

It does not come by chance for it is something of our making.

It does not drop from Heaven like the manna from above,

It is the result of how we live and how we love.

The sharing and the caring and the doing of the thing that helps to heal a hurt and ease a load, kind thoughts will bring

Harmony and sympathy that money cannot buy, the happiness that deepens as the passing years go by.

Patience Strong

### THE LION'S PAW

It is well for us to understand one of the world's most ancient symbols of initiation. It is said that in ancient times the candidate on his way through the mysteries of the stately temples of Egypt was buried in a great stone sarcophagus for the dead.

In fact, this sarcophagus still stands today. Later, he was raised to life again by the Master Initiate in his robes of blue and gold. When the candidate was raised, the Grand Master wore upon his arm and had, like a glove, the paw of a lion, and it was said of the initiate that he was raised by the "strong grip of the Lion's paw." The Bulletin The Masonic Relief Ass'n.