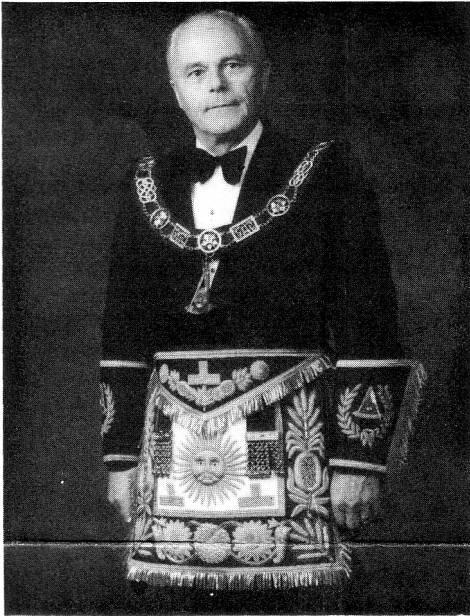




# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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



## M.W. BRO. ANTON OSCAR ASPESLET

Anton Oscar (Tony) Aspeslet was born in Surrey, England, on July 1st, 1918. Coming to Canada before he was a year old, the family settled in Bruderheim, Alberta, where he attended Public and High School.

In 1941, he enlisted in the Canadian Army and served in Canada and U.K., with the South Alberta Regiment. He continued serving in the Canadian Army Militia until 1967, retiring after commanding the 18th Field Artillery Regiment for five years.

In 1951, M.W. Bro. Aspeslet joined the Dairy Division, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

He was initiated, passed, and raised in Charity Lodge No. 67, in 1958. He became the Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge in 1964, and 1970. In 1971-1972 he was District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 7.

After serving Grand Lodge for a number of years on a variety of Committees, he was elected Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge Communication, 1973. In June of this year, he was elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons in Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Aspeslet married Iris Newnham in July, 1943. They have one son, married with four daughters.

He is a member of St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Lethbridge, and served on Vestry and as sidesman.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren, I wish to take this opportunity in this the first Bulletin of the new Masonic season, to express my sincere thanks to the Masons of Alberta, for having conferred on me the high office of Grand Master. I deem it a very great honor. I am also aware, that it imposes on me important duties and responsibilities. I pledge to attempt to carry out those responsibilities to the best of my ability, and I trust that my efforts will meet with your approval.

During the past three years, while progressing through the offices of Warden and D.G.M., I have often been reminded of the feelings one has in passing through the three Craft degrees. When one enters Masonry it is like entering a new life; the novice does not know what to expect and is untrained. However, as he progresses, hopefully, he learns and acquires new skills. Secondly, one enters Masonry of his own free will and accord, similarly, whatever else one does during his Masonic career is also of his own choosing. We must not forget, however, that in accepting the honours and privileges that Masonry has to offer; we at the same time, assumed important duties and heavy responsibilities. As we progress in the Fraternity those duties become greater.

As my theme this year, I have chosen, "RESPONSIBILITY". It is my hope that this theme will cause us to think and create discussion. In this way each one of us may be able to obtain a clearer idea of just what our responsibilities are as members of the Craft.

You will no doubt recall that great charge to the E.A. This charge informs us in many ways just what those responsibilities are. It informs us, in the first instance, to regulate our lives and actions by the Divine Precepts contained in the V.O.T.S.L. That therein, we will be taught the duties we owe to God, to our neighbor and to ourselves. This charge then goes on and describes the obligations we have as citizens, as individuals, and as Masons. Finally it calls on us to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. As custodians of the ancient landmarks, customs and usages, it behooves us to make a study of the plans on the tracing board, learn the uses of the tools of our trade, and apply them, diligently in our daily tasks.

It is also our duty as Masons to take the rude material that comes to us in the guise of the newly initiated brother and mold and shape it to the Masonic pattern. This will require of us time and effort. This operation has a two fold benefit, for we not only dispense instruction to others but we widen our own sphere of knowledge in the process.

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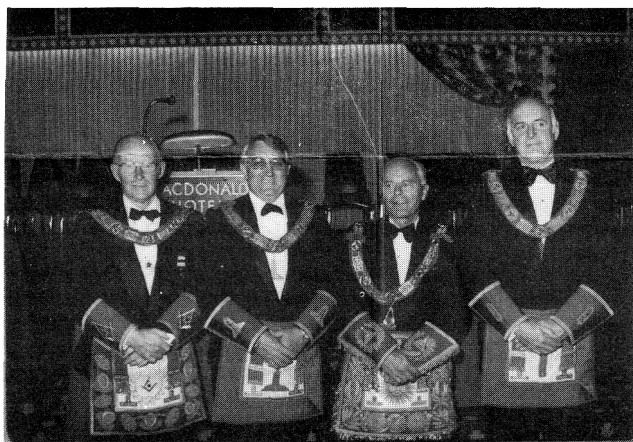
We urge our initiates to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. We make them custodians of our ancient customs and landmarks, but we seldom take the trouble to explain the plans and designs, or instruct them in the use of the tools. Brethren, they need our assistance, and it is our responsibility to provide that assistance.

We have a responsibility to the man we call brother. Do we just recognize him in the Lodge room and pass him on the street. Can he be assured that his appeal for assistance or advice will be answered.

We have a responsibility to our Lodge. We ought to attend regularly, pay our dues promptly, we should carry out our duties to make our Lodge a live organization that will radiate Masonic Fellowship. This cannot be done by remote control, each of us must be on the job when the gavel sounds.

We have a responsibility to the whole Craft. The profane do not judge Masonry by what they read of its tenets and philosophy, they size it up by what they see in its members. If we are to sell our philosophy to good men and true, our actions in our daily lives must be convincing.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS



The Senior Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alberta pose for pictures after their installation at the Grand Lodge Communication in June. They are: The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett, the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. A. O. Aspeslet, and the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. W. N. Love.

## THE GUEST SPEAKER



Mr. Robert S. Olshaski of Lethbridge, the Provincial Deputy for Alberta of the Knights of Columbus addresses the Annual Banquet of the Grand Lodge Communication.

What this Craft of ours needs more today than anything else, is for each of us to better understand just what Freemasonry is. This, brethren, is our responsibility. We must demonstrate to all that we, as Masons, are a constructive force for all that is good in our society. That we are men of superior morals and above reproach; and that as individuals, we are trying to make a definite contribution to the future of this country.

Masonry is not a coat to be put on or taken off as one desires. It is not a character to be assumed when respectability is advisable and to be cast aside and forgotten, when one chooses to violate the law of the land, or indulge in the lower and baser sides of nature. It is a rule of conduct which, when once adopted, must be practiced everywhere, until time shall be no more.

## THE GRAND MASTER'S FAMILY



Following the Installation the family of the Grand Master are pictured in the Grand Master's Suite in the Macdonald Hotel — M.W. Bro. A. O. Aspeslet and his wife, their son and his wife and the Grand Master's sister and her husband.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS — 1976 - 1977

M.W. Bro. A. O. Aspeslet, (67)	Grand Master
1112 - 29th Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 2W8	
R.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett, (170)	Deputy Grand Master
8722 - 120th Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5B 0Y3	
R.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, (22 & 180)	Senior Grand Warden
1701 - 31st Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 1N2	
R.W. Bro. W. N. Love, (134)	Junior Grand Warden
340 Scarboro Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2H5	
R.W. Bro. W. E. Bright, (134)	Grand Treasurer
43 Windsor Cres. S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2V 1V5	
R.W. Bro. C. H. Schroder, (101)	Grand Registrar
10836 - 135 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 1J6	
R.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford, (30)	Grand Secretary
330 - 12th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2R OH2	
Bro. P. W. Mayfield, (9)	Grand Chaplain
1060 Acadia Drive S.E., Calgary, Alberta T2J 0E2	

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.

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## GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY — 1976-77

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SEPTEMBER—

2	Diamond City No. 65	Coalhurst
7	Spitzie No. 6	Pincher Creek
9, 10, 11	Banff Conference	Banff
15	Alberta No. 3	Fort Macleod
16	Lethbridge No. 39	Lethbridge
21	Drumheller No. 146, 50th Anniv.	Drumheller
25	District No. 10	Elk Point
27	Hussar No. 130	Hussar

OCTOBER—

2	District No. 2	Medicine Hat
4	Hanna No. 78	Hanna
5	York No. 119	Lethbridge
6	District No. 15	Drumheller
8	King George No. 59	Calgary
9	District No. 14	Pollockville
12	Medicine Hat No. 2	Medicine Hat
14	Nanton No. 17	Nanton
15	Calgary No. 23 (if meeting)	Calgary
16	District No. 19	Edmonton
19	District No. 6	High River
20	District No. 8	Stavely
22	District No. 7	Lethbridge
23	District No. 12	Mayerthorpe
25	District No. 13	Hythe
29	District No. 1	Calgary
30	District No. 11	Caramangay

NOVEMBER—

1	Cresset No. 136	Barons
2	Vulcan No. 74	Vulcan
5	District No. 18	Crossfield
6	District No. 20	Edmonton
8	North Star No. 4	Lethbridge
9	Doric No. 31	Taber
10	District No. 9	Stettler
12	Carstairs No. 20, 70th Anniv.	Carstairs
13	District No. 3	Edmonton
15	Chinook No. 47	Cowley
16	Finance Committee Meeting	Calgary
17	District No. 17	Irma
18	District No. 5	Lougheed
24	Board of General Purposes	Red Deer
25	Empress No. 161	Empress
27	District No. 4	Red Deer

DECEMBER—

2	Rockyford No. 123	Rockyford
7	Lucerne No. 159	Vauxhall
9	Champion No. 84	Champion
10	Jubilee No. 173	Calgary
13	Robert Burns No. 49	Carmangay
16	Cornerstone No. 19	High River
21	Century No. 100	Milk River

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JANUARY—

5	Sharon No. 157	Picture Butte
8	Reserved	
12	Canada No. 165	Calgary
15	District No. 16	Bassano
18	Chief Mountain No. 58	Cardston
24, 25	Grand Lodge of Colorado	

FEBRUARY—

2	Granite No. 127	Blackie
7	Stavely No. 33	Stavely
15	Cairo No. 32	Claresholm
17, 18, 19	All Canada Conference	Calgary
20, 21, 22, 23	Conference of Grand Masters of North America	

MARCH—

1	Quarry No. 70	Medicine Hat
15	Brooks No. 73	Brooks

APRIL—

4	Sherwood No. 183	Sherwood Park
5	Norwood No. 90	Edmonton
6	Britannia No. 18	Ponoka
7	Whitecourt No. 153	Whitecourt
8	Strathcona No. 77	Edmonton
19	Mizpah No. 35	Medicine Hat
21	Manyberries No. 133	Manyberries

MAY—

11, 12, 13, 14	Grand Lodge of New Brunswick	
18	Board of General Purposes	Red Deer

## DISTRICT MEETING DATES

District No.	Date
1	Friday, October 29th
2	Saturday, October 2nd
3	Saturday, November 13th
4	Saturday, October 27th
5	Thursday, November 18th
6	Tuesday, October 19th
7	Friday, October 22nd
8	Wednesday, October 20th
9	Wednesday, November 10th
10	Saturday, September 25th
11	Saturday, October 30th
12	Saturday, October 23rd
13	Monday, October 25th
14	Saturday, October 9th
15	Wednesday, October 6th
16	Saturday, January 15th
17	Wednesday, November 17th
18	Friday, November 5th
19	Saturday, October 16th
20	Saturday, November 6th

## USING TAPE RECORDERS

In our June Issue we printed a paper by W. Bro. Myron Lusk in which he very effectively gave some advice on the memorization and presentation of the ritual. The reaction to the paper was generally favourable. However at the Grand Lodge Communication the question was posed as to whether it was permissible to use tape recorders to assist in memorization. We were reminded that in our obligation at the time of initiation, we promised that we would not "otherwise them delineate". We suggested that this was likely a question that should be referred either to the Committee on the Work or to the Jurisprudence Committee through a Lodge. Bro. Lusk would be interested to hear other opinions on this matter and these opinions will be published in subsequent issues of the Bulletin if they are submitted to the Editor.

## A MASONIC CURLER



**W. Bro. Frank McBeth, Past Master of Jordan Lodge No. 177 who is 85 years of age and an ardent curler in the Masonic Curling League is pictured on the teehead during a game last winter.**

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### A TOAST TO THE GRAND MASTER AND HIS OFFICERS

The traditional and correct toast to the Grand Master and his Officers is a courtesy at every Masonic hour of refreshment. It is replied to by a representative of the Grand Master. The reply is often trite and unprepared. Recently we were impressed by a thoughtful reply to the toast given by R.W. Bro. R. J. L. Borland now P.D.D.G.M. for District No. 6. We requested a copy of the reply and now print it below:—

Thank you for your kind toast to the Grand Master and to his Officers. As the ranking incumbent present, I am pleased to be able to reply to the toast, although my representation of the Grand Master may not sit lightly today (sorry that's an inside story).

Grand Lodge is, as you are all well aware, made up of elected and appointed officers who have the care and custody of the Craft during their term. They of course must answer to the Board of General purposes who are your watchdogs between sessions of the Grand Lodge itself.

This Board has power to dictate to any Lodge or any Officer of Grand Lodge in order to preserve the Constitution that you have legislated. Even Grand Masters must stay within the limits of the Constitution and are therefore answerable to the Board of General Purposes for their actions.

This Board must be manned by people who are dedicated to the Craft, men who do not wish to see our Glorious Craft eroded into a service club or social centre. The men elected must be willing to serve on the various committees of Grand Lodge and be astute enough to proceed only for the good of the Craft.

Our Lodge at Zetland has a history of service and dedication to the Craft. We must continue to support Grand Lodge, but we must also watch what it is doing. Therefore, we must be on the alert for men that we can propose and nominate to Grand Lodge Committees and Officers.

As an Officer of Grand Lodge, I thank Zetland for its service in the past; as a member of Zetland I ask you to continue to serve by sending able men to posts of authority and finally on behalf of the Grand Master and his other Officers, I thank you for the kind reception and for the proposed toast.

### FIFTY YEAR JEWELS — JORDAN LODGE NO. 177



W. Bro. Harry Hamilton, Jordan Lodge No. 177, receives his Fifty Year Jewel from the Worshipful Master of Jordan Lodge, W. Bro. J. Hannah.

### ELBOW RIVER LODGE NO. 180



Elbow River Lodge No. 180 held its annual installation festival in June. The photo above shows the Past Masters of Elbow River Lodge who were present. There are 15 Past Masters of the Lodge and two Affiliated Past Masters. Since its inception the Lodge has had 17 Worshipful Masters, one of who is deceased. Only one Past Master was absent which must be something of a record. The installation with such support was an inspiration to the new Worshipful Master, W. Bro. G. H. Timmons.

### DOMINION LODGE NO. 117



We apologize for missing the presentation of a Fifty Year Jewel to the late W. Bro. D. Ross by M.W. Bro. P. Kendall, P.G.M. at a ceremony in St. Joseph's Hospital in Edmonton last spring. W. Bro. Ross was 92 years of age. Present at the event was V.W. Bro. James Hoyle, the first candidate raised by Bro. Ross. The Masonic History of the Ross family goes back to the initiation of Donald Ross Sr. in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17, G.R.M., in 1883 and he became its Worshipful Master in 1886. The present Secretary of Dominion Lodge No. 117, W. Bro. D. G. Ross was initiated in 1956 and was its Worshipful Master in 1964. This very distinguished Masonic Family has a history of 92 years membership in the Craft, certainly a record of which it can be very proud.