



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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**The Seventy-Second Annual Communication
Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.
EL RANCHO MOTEL — LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 10th and 11th, 1977**

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

The Seventy-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at the El Rancho Motor Hotel, Lethbridge, Alberta, Friday and Saturday, June 10th and 11th, 1977. This is the first time that the Grand Lodge Communication has been held in Lethbridge since 1959. The Lodges in Lethbridge and area welcome you and trust that it will be a worthwhile experience.

The Annual Banquet will commence at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11th, 1977, at the El Rancho Motor Hotel. The toastmaster will be R.W. Bro. W. N. Love, the Junior Grand Warden. Our guest speaker this year will be M.W. Bro. Jack Calvert, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I am sure that he will have a message of interest and importance to all Masons.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served the Craft in Alberta as your Grand Master during the past year. I have travelled the length and breadth of the jurisdiction, and wherever I went, I received generous support and hospitality. For this I am truly thankful, your many kindnesses will be long remembered.

Brethren, at the beginning of the year, I left you with a challenge to carry out your Masonic responsibilities. There has been much evidence that this challenge has been accepted. I would at this time like to challenge the Craft once more. It is the responsibility of every lodge to be represented at the communication by its principle officers, i.e. the W.M., S.W., and J.W. Let us make a sincere effort this year to have each lodge represented by at least one of these officers. You will find the Annual Communication to be a rewarding Masonic experience; "try it".

There are many things of importance that will be placed on the floor for your consideration. It is expected that you will familiarize yourself with the issues and arrive ready to discuss those which are of concern to you.

On Saturday afternoon we will install the Grand Master for the 1977 - 78 term and invest the other officers of Grand Lodge. The installing officer will be M.W. Bro. W. A. Milligan P.G.M.

A.O. Aspeslet
Grand Master

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICES

GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. Kenneth Lord Crockett - Born Calgary, 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. Grand 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).

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan - Born Calgary, 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 and 1972. Bulletin Committee 1967 to 1974. Grand Treasurer 1973-74 and 1974-75. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Unit Supervisor, Calgary Data Centre, Gulf Oil Canada Limited. (By Acclamation).

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. William Neil Love - Born Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, January 23rd, 1922. Initiated Renfrew No. 134, April 22nd, 1946. W.M. 1962. Board of General Purposes 1972-73, 1973-74. Member of the Finance Committee 1973 to 1976. D.D.G.M. District No. 1, 1975-76. Self employed Businessman. (By Acclamation).

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN: (One to be Elected)

R.W. Bro. Thomas Edward Bate - Born London, England, February 18th, 1918. Initiated Ivanhoe No. 142, January 3rd, 1952. W.M. 1959. D.D.G.M. District No. 12, 1972-73. Member Finance Committee 1975-76. Appointed to Board of General Purposes 1975-76. Past President Alberta Construction Association, Past President Edmonton Construction Association and Past Director Eskimo Football Club. Electrical Engineer.



R.W. Bro. Walter Edward Foster - Born Mansfield Woodhouse Notts England, June 15th, 1920. Initiated, Kenilworth No. 29, April 4th, 1950. W.M. 1958. Affiliated Mountain View No. 16, February 3rd, 1964. Secretary-Treasurer for 8½ years. Grand Steward 1968-69. D.D.G.M. District No. 4, 1971-72. Board of General Purposes 1973-74, 1975-76, 1976-77. Member Finance Committee 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho 1972. Served with R.A.F. 1940-1945. Past Chairman Branch 14, Red Deer C.S.A. of A., Past Chairman Branch 10, C.S.A. of A., Olds; Past Board of Stewards Gaetz United Church at Red Deer and Olds United at Olds. Past Co-Chairman and Treasurer to Organize Senior Citizens Friendship Club, Red Deer, Past Campaign Chairman Olds Community Chest, Past Assistant Scout Master, Red Deer No. 1 Troop and various Local Committees. Present Instructor for Continuing Education, Olds College. Painter Foreman, Alberta Government Services, Olds College.



GRAND TREASURER (By Acclamation)

R.W. Bro. Walter Elmer Bright (134)

GRAND REGISTRAR (One to be Elected)

W. Bro. Sailendra Kumer Chakravorty (28)
W. Bro. Ronald Hugh O'Neil (83)
W. Bro. Frank Clayton Kenneth Tye (192)

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE (three to be elected)

W. Bro. Lloyd Chester Barnes (4)
R.W. Bro. David Cumming (124)
W. Bro. Robert Davidson (125)
W. Bro. Ernest Warren Dunlop (173)
R.W. Bro. Walter Permann (107)

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE (two to be elected)

W. Bro. William Alexander Campbell (118)
W. Bro. Keith Leland Evans (87)
W. Bro. Ivan Burdette Mallett (192)

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (Eight to be Elected)

V.W. Bro. Beverley Vincent Apperley (9)
R.W. Bro. Robert James L. Borland (83)
W. Bro. David Alexander Bruce (87)
W. Bro. John Hamilton Burch (118)
W. Bro. Sailendra Kumer Chakravorty (28)
W. Bro. Kenneth Harry Harris (166)
W. Bro. Cecil Douglas Holmes (12)
W. Bro. Larry Knudsen (125)
W. Bro. Laurence Edwards Larcombe (67)
R.W. Bro. Ralph Ofeigor McKinnon (48)
R.W. Bro. Donald Ryan Millar (167)
W. Bro. George William Millen (28)
R.W. Bro. Fritho Rudger Erick Mulder (22)
W. Bro. Alexander Roy Munro (134)
V. W. Bro. Russell Gary Phillips (16)
W. Bro. William Charles Pritchard (184)
W. Bro. Harold J. Robbins (9)
W. Bro. James Ross (17 & 19)
W. Bro. Norman John Senn (176)
W. Bro. Cleo Harlan Sharp (76)
W. Bro. Frederick Charles Sterling (183)
R.W. Bro. Thomas Stratton Walker (134)
W. Bro. Orlan John Weber (170)
R.W. Bro. Charles Young (178)

'EVERY COUNTRY, SECT, OPINION'

The classic statement of the Rev. Thomas Sherrard Roy, D.D., on the right of an initiate to be obligated on the Volume of the Sacred Law of his own particular faith should never be forgotten.

As Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts in 1951, Dr. Roy had good counsel for Lodge Chaplains and others who insist on the use of Christian phraseology in prayers offered at Masonic gatherings. The following paragraphs point to the crux of the problem as it pertains to the universality of Free-masonry:

"No man is barred from using that name by which God comes nearest to him. However, there is always the matter of good taste, of courtesy. Therefore, we are well advised if in our prayers we use the terminology that is common to all of our religions.

"In my duties as Chaplain in a Lodge I have found the prayers suggested in our ritual to have such spiritual meaning and such dignity of expression as to make them completely satisfying to me.

"I am quite sure that as Brethren we shall strengthen the bonds that unite us as we find a common expression in prayer rather than assert our right to use each his own distinctive phraseology."

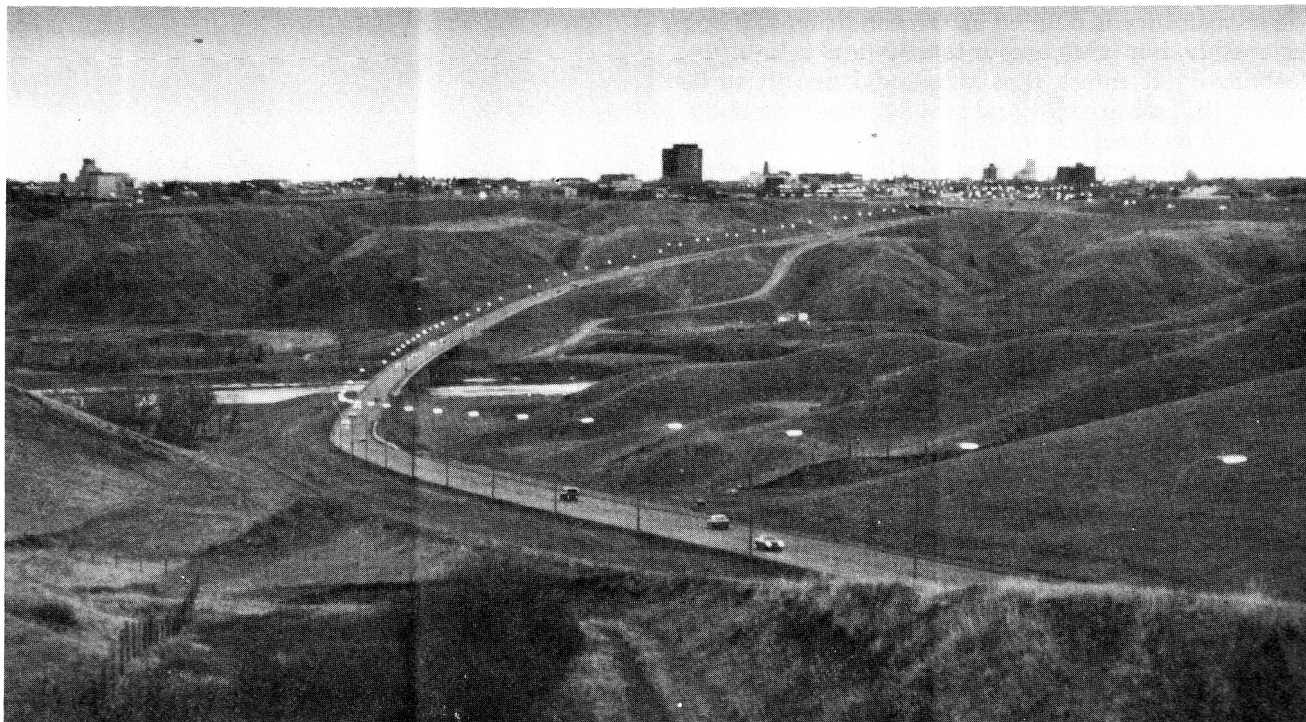
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A ROAST

Zetland Lodge No. 83 engaged in the latest fad in having a Roast for two of its most respected members. V.W. Bro. J. E. H. Tidswell and V.W. Bro. Archdeacon C. C. Swanson were the objects of this event.

WELCOME TO LETHBRIDGE

R.W. Bro. N. H. Noss P.D.D.G.M.



The Grand Lodge Communication is being held in the Convention Centre of the El Rancho Motor Hotel, Lethbridge and suitable accommodation for those from out of town is within walking distance.

The HOLIDAY INN, just across the street, lists 140 rooms and the LODGE MOTEL a block south along Mayor Magrath Drive, 94 rooms.

CAIRO LODGE NO. 32

On Tuesday, February 15th, Cairo Lodge No. 32 A.F. & A.M. honored five of its members with jewels commemorating 50 or more years of continuous activity in the Masonic Lodge.

Dean of the recipients was Bro. Harold Fairbairn who received his initiation at Nanton in October 1917. The next oldest, masonically speaking, was Bro. Charles Strangways who was received into the Order in March of 1922.

He was followed by Bro. Fred Fairbairn who entered in December of 1922; and Worshipful Bro. Deibert Reynolds who was initiated in April, 1925. Worshipful Bro. Reynolds was also Master of the Lodge for the 1932-33 season.

Youngest of the five was Bro. John Amundsen who became a member in May of 1925. Due to illness in the family, Bro. Amundsen, now living at Penticton, British Columbia, was unable to be present. His jewel will be sent to him at an early date.

Most Worshipful Bro. A. O. Aspeslet, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was on hand to make the presentations with appropriate remarks to each candidate.

There are six more Motels south along Mayor Magrath Drive within eight blocks and are listed in order of proximity.

PARK PLAZA (70 units) CREST MOTEL (23)
GOLDEN WEST (24) BRIDGE TOWN HOUSE (37)
FLAGSTONE MOTEL (23) HEIDELBERG INN (88)

MASONIC ORDER

So many times we hear the remark: I want a demit from Masonry. I can't attend meetings. My business is such that I cannot be active. Why should I remain a member?

There are some good answers to that question. First of all, being a Mason is not just attending meetings, although they are important. Being a Mason is LIVING a certain kind of life based on Masonic principles, and undergirded by some very vital vows taken during our degrees. It is BELIEVING and PRACTICING those beliefs. You could be a Mason in Timbuktu where there are no Masonic Lodges.

When a member of the Masonic Order pays his annual dues, he is supporting a CAUSE that he believes in. He is helping the growth of that organization, that fraternity of free men who believe in moral character, love for country, and the building of a temple in the life of a man and in the life of a nation. This is important to remember; a Mason builds a heritage for those who come after him, and the yearly payment of dues is a small contribution to so great a cause.

RESPONSIBILITY

by R.W. Bro. Gordon D. Thompson
West Edmonton No. 101, P.D.D.G.M.

Responsibility is defined as the condition of being responsible, implying accountability and reliability. Masonically it infers that you and I are fit to be trusted, that we are able and ready to meet our obligations. By its very derivation the word requires from you and I, an answer or reply, it requires some reaction from us; But to what? It is the answer, reply or reaction we must make to the sacred promises we gave in accepting our status as Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons.

There has been a great deal published regarding the responsibility of Freemasonry to today's society, but the time is long overdue for us to face facts and admit that you and I are Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, that you and I must reply and react. In the past we have all put forward various excuses for not responding, for not attending lodge, for failing to stand up and be counted when the occasion required it, for simply failing to be Masons. The Volume of the Sacred Law teaches us that excuses are not acceptable. We are told that God gave Moses the responsibility of leading the children of Israel out of Egypt and when Moses put forth various excuses he found that they did not relieve him of a God given responsibility. We are also told not to hear the message only but to put it into practise; otherwise we are merely deluding ourselves. The man who simply hears and does nothing about it is like a man catching the reflection of his own face in a mirror. He sees himself it is true, but he goes on with whatever he was doing without the slightest recollection of what sort of a person he saw in the mirror. But the man who looks into the perfect mirror of God's law, and makes the habit of doing so, is not the man who sees and forgets. He puts the law into practise, he responds, and he wins true happiness.

Today we need Masons who will honor their obligations, who are men of courage, energy, vision and unassailable character. They will provide the example, the light, and the leadership which is so urgently required. Humanity is built in the influence of one man over another and none of us realize the degree of our own influence; our most casual contact may have far reaching effects of which we are never aware. As Masons we are duty bound to provide this example, this light, on a permanent and continuing basis. While displaying light to those in need we should also be diligent in our search for the means of strengthening that light. The candle is used to symbolize this theme in many of our lodges today. It should be stressed however that the light is not in the wick or in the candle, but in the burning. It is the reaction which provides the light and likewise it is the response which provides the responsibility.

Our Grand Master has selected "Responsibility" as the theme for this Masonic year. If we will each study and accept the duties implied and imposed upon us by this simple word, Freemasonry will burst upon Alberta like the rising sun.

IVANHOE LODGE NO. 142



An event of historical significance occurred in Ivanhoe Lodge on December 16th, 1976, when R.W. Bro. Fred J. Kavanagh, who is 92 years of age, received a 70 year Bar to add to his 50 Year Jewel and 60 Year Bar. The presentation was made by R.W. Ben L. Robinson, who will shortly celebrate 50 years as a Mason. Pictured left to right are R.W. Bro. Kavanagh, R.W. Bro. Robinson and Ivanhoe's Patriarch W. Bro. A. Paul Limrick, who is 97 years of age and has been an active Mason for almost 60 years. The three brethren pictured have a combined age of 262 years, with 180 of them in active Masonry.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

A number of Lodge Notices recently have recorded notices of motions for the conferring of Life Memberships on brethren who qualify under the Lodge Bylaws for this honour. Recently Bro. Ivan C. Bird-sall who was a charter member of Exemplar Lodge No. 175 when that Lodge received its charter in 1956 was presented with a Life Membership. Evergreen Lodge No. 166 presented Life Memberships to W. Bro. G. H. Pelsma and W. Bro. E. H. Ficht, the presentations being made by W. Bro. L. M. Campbell and W. Bro. M. Lusk.

ANCIENT HEBREW QUOTATIONS

1. Man is a holy temple and his heart is the Holy of Holies.
2. The heart can ennoble any calling: A kind jailer may exceed the saintly in true merit, and a jester may be the first in the Kingdom of Heaven if they have diminished the sadness of human lives.
3. To help a fellow man may be to tip the scales of God's reckoning for the entire world.
4. A man should remember three things: that he has only one day to live, that he has only the page before him to study and that he is the only one on whom the survival of Truth, Peace and Justice depends.

COURTESY DEGREE

Lodge Renfrew No. 134, as a courtesy to Erleci Lodge No. 7436 England, conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. Mervyn Frederick Wood.