



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## KENNETH LORD CROCKETT

Kenneth Lord Crockett was born in Calgary on February 12, 1919. He was initiated into Masonry in Acacia Lodge No. 11 on September 23, 1948 and raised to the Master Mason's Degree on November 25, 1948. Later he became a member of the newly formed Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1956. His record of service to the Grand Lodge of Alberta is long and varied. For many years he served on the Board of General Purposes, was Grand Registrar in 1966. The Committee on the Revision of Masonic Trials and Procedures, the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, the Jurisprudence Committee all benefited from his membership. In 1973 he was General Chairman of the Banff Spring Workshop Committee. In 1974 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and has progressed through the various offices of Grand Lodge Officers to his position as Grand Master. M.W. Bro. Crockett's contributions to the various Concordant bodies is equally as extensive as is his history in the Craft Lodge.

As a family man he will celebrate his 32nd Wedding Anniversary this month. He and his wife Enid are proud of their five children, two sons and three daughters.

In his profession as a Lawyer he graduated from the University of Alberta with B.A. and LL.B. degrees, and in 1962 was appointed Queen's Counsel. He has worked in the Office of the Attorney-General and in private practice. In Community Life his record is imposing in Service Clubs and Community Organizations. During World War II he served in the R.C.A.F. and in the R.A.F.

## "LIVE FREEMASONRY - COMMUNICATE."

This is the Grand Master's theme for this year.

Freemasonry should be lived, but should not be lived in a vacuum. A giant oak falling in the deep forest where there is no living creature would make no sound as it hits the ground; for it is only when the vibrations of its crash meet the ear that they are translated into sound and can hence be "heard" and understood by the recipient.

What is Freemasonry? Amongst other things, "Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another, and above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all, Freemasonry is a way of life."

People should sense something special about us.

If we live Freemasonry, it should automatically follow that we shall unconsciously be "communicating that happiness to others."

If the recipients are not masons, how are they to know from whence the message comes? This does not mean we should enter into a program of publicizing ourselves as masons, but neither should we be ashamed to acknowledge that we are indeed masons when the opportunity properly presents itself.

Obviously the best way to spread the message of Freemasonry is by example. Let me here repeat the poem I read at my Installation:

"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;  
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely  
show the way;  
The eye is a better pupil, and more willing than  
the ear;  
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always  
clear.  
And the best of all the preachers are men who  
live their creeds,  
For to see the good in action is what everybody  
needs.  
I can soon learn how to do it, if you'll let me  
see it done;  
I can watch your hand in action, but your tongue  
too fast may run.  
And the lectures you deliver may be very wise  
and true,  
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what  
you do.  
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice  
you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act...  
and how you live."

In years gone by, many prominent citizens in the community, the province and the country, were Masons,

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**GRAND LODGE 1977**

The Seventy-Second Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta will be remembered in history as a meeting that was filled with a spirit of brotherhood and cordiality. The atmosphere was moulded, without any doubt, by the personality of the Grand Master who was completing a most successful year in office. By his constant dedication to his heavy duties and by his warm, enthusiastic spirit he brought from his brethren a genuine and cordial response. M.W. Bro. Aspeslet was greeted with affectionate applause every time he spoke. A record of over six hundred masons came to show the esteem in which they held their undoubted leader. One note of discord was that a surprisingly large number of Lodges had no representation.

The Grand Master's Address will be found in the Record of Proceedings as will the report of the Committee which studied the Address. There is no need to comment on it here except to say that the account of stewardship is quite remarkable and one wonders how a Grand Master could spend so much time in the performance of his duties.

The Grand Lodge Banquet was exceptionally well attended. Many brethren, who were planning to go home on Saturday evening, remained for the banquet and drove home afterwards. There is some argument for expanding the noon luncheon on Saturday to a more formal affair where the guest speaker could give his address. This, then, would leave the brethren free to begin their journey home immediately following the afternoon installation ceremonies. The banquet was well worth the sacrifice in time for it, in harmony with the entire Grand Lodge, was sincerely a Masonic gathering. The guest speaker, M.W. Bro. J. Calvert, P.G.M. Saskatchewan, was challenging and provoking. It will appear in the Proceedings, and will be worth much study.

One has to be concerned about the lack of general discussion on the floor of Grand Lodge. The amendments to the Constitution passed without debate. When the agenda time came for general business there was no-one prepared to raise or ask questions. The Finance Committee presented a budget forecasting a deficit of almost \$20,000.00 but no-one seemed unduly concerned despite the fact that deficit financing will lead inevitably to an increase in the per capita tax before long. While the silence of the brethren may be construed as expressing confidence in the way the affairs of Grand Lodge are being run, it must also be acknowledged that some debate would have been stimulating and helpful.

It was a good Communication. It was a tribute to an outstanding Grand Master who charged his brethren to continue to follow the theme "Responsibility" and who quoted from one Lodge notice that read "You can't be a lapel Mason or a ring Mason or an apron Mason. You must be a dedicated person, a heart made man.

The Seventy-second Grand Lodge met in the city of Lethbridge. The accomodation for the meetings and for overnight were very adequate even if the meeting room was too warm. Next year the sessions return to Edmonton when the incoming Grand Master will build his year to a climax. All wished him well at the impressive installation ceremonies. With the accomodation

for such meetings being available in other cities in Alberta perhaps the time has come to ask whether the alternation of meetings between Calgary and Edmonton needs to be revised.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

The Grand Lodge passed two motions which brought about changes in the Constitution. They are:

1. Section 737 was added to grant permission to Lodges who wish to do so the right to present a lapel pin to members who have twenty-five years continuous membership in Freemasonry from the date when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred. The pins must be purchased from the Grand Lodge Office. A congratulatory letter is to accompany the presentation of the pin.
2. Section 17 was amended to provide for the appointing of a Grand Nominating Committee whose duty it would be to ensure that there be, each year, an election for the office of Junior Grand Warden. Following the close of nominations on the last day of February the Nominating Committee may make additional nominations. It must satisfy itself that at least two qualified members of the Craft will be on the ballot for the office of the Junior Grand Warden.

**GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY**

September - December 1977 (As of July 15th, 1977)

**September:**

2	Lodge of Perfection, S.R.	Edmonton
8-9	Banff Conference	Banff
10	Avon Glen 170 - 25th Anniversary	Edmonton
21	Balmoral Lodge 185	St. Albert
22	Camrose 37 - 70th Anniversary	Camrose
24	Wetaskiwin 15 - 75th Anniversary	Wetaskiwin
26	St. Mark's 118	Calgary
27	Benevolence Comm., G.L.	Calgary

**October:**

1	District #10 Meeting	Edmonton
2	Co-ordinating Committee	Edmonton
5	West Edmonton 101 - 60th Anniversary	Edmonton
7	Edmonton Shrine Club	Edmonton
8	"Hands across the Border"	Lloydminster
9-14	Grand Lodge of California	San Francisco
18	Unity 51	Edmonton
19	Redwood 193	Edmonton
20	District #8 Meeting	Frank
21	District #7 Meeting	Lethbridge
22	District #2 Meeting	Medicine Hat
24	District #13 Meeting	High Prairie
27	Consistory, S.R.	Edmonton
28	District #6 Meeting	Okotoks
29	District #1 Meeting	Calgary

**November:**

1	Vulcan 74 - Wild Game Dinner	Vulcan
3	District #9 Meeting	Coronation
4	District #14 Meeting	Oyen
10	St. Andrews 66	Trochu
11	Temple 167 - 25th Anniversary	Edmonton
12	District #20 Meeting	Edmonton
18	Rose Croix, S.R.	Edmonton
19	District #4 Meeting	Red Deer
23	Board of General Purposes	Red Deer
24	Acacia 11	Edmonton
26	Royal Order of Scotland	Calgary

**December:**

7	Avon Glen 170 - Installation	Edmonton
8	Saskatchewan 92 - Installation	Edmonton
10	Commercial 81 - Installation	Edmonton
19	Empire 63 - Installation	Edmonton

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS - 1977 - 1978**

- M.W. Bro. K.L. Crockett, (170) ..... Grand Master  
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- R.W. Bro. R.L. Costigan, (180 & 22) ..... Deputy Grand Master  
1701 - 31st Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 1N2
- R.W. Bro. W.N. Love, (134) ..... Senior Grand Warden  
340 Scarboro Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2H5
- R.W. Bro. W.E. Foster (16) ..... Junior Grand Warden  
Box 1386, Olds, Alberta T0M 1P0
- R.W. Bro. W.E. Bright (134) ..... Grand Treasurer  
43 Windsor Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2V 1V5
- R.W. Bro. F.C.K. Tye, (192) ..... Grand Registrar  
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- R.W. Bro. M.P. Dunford, (30) ..... Grand Secretary  
330 - 12th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2R 0H2
- Bro. Rabbi L.N. Ginsberg, (124) ..... V.W. Grand Chaplain  
Ste. 102, 915 - 13th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2R 0L3

**DISTRICT MEETINGS - 1977**

- | Dist. No. |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1         | Saturday, October 29th, Calgary      |
| 2         | Saturday, October 22nd, Medicine Hat |
| 3         | Saturday, November 5th, Stony Plain  |
| 4         | Saturday, November 19th, Red Deer    |
| 5         | Thursday, November 10th, Hardisty    |
| 6         | Friday, October 28th, Okotoks        |
| 7         | Friday, October 21st, Lethbridge     |
| 8         | Thursday, October 20th, Frank        |
| 9         | Thursday, November 3rd, Coronation   |
| 10        | Saturday, October 1st, Edmonton      |
| 11        | Saturday, October 15th, Lethbridge   |
| 12        | Saturday, October 22nd, Edmonton     |
| 13        | Monday, October 24th, High Prairie   |
| 14        | Friday, November 4th, Oyen           |
| 15        | Wednesday, October 26th, Irricana    |
| 16        | Saturday, October 22nd, Brooks       |
| 17        | Wednesday, November 16th, Chauvin    |
| 18        | Friday, November 18th, Calgary       |
| 19        | Saturday, October 15th, Edmonton     |
| 20        | Saturday, November 12th, Edmonton    |

**DID YOU KNOW?.....**

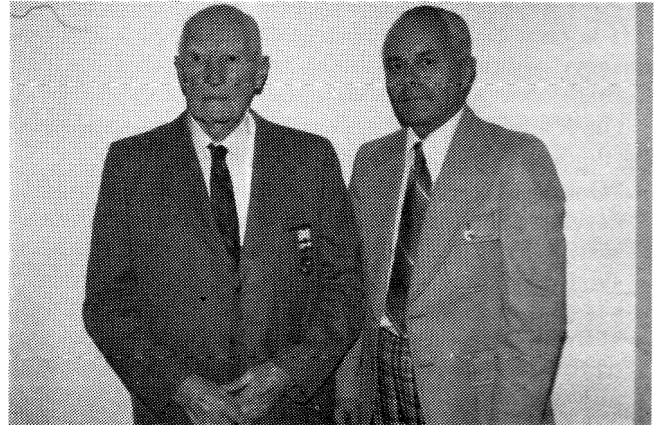
**Bro. Charles Archibald Sequeira** was raised in **Strathcona Lodge No. 77** in May when his **Lodge Tawatinaw No. 71** visited there..... The **Masonic Spring Workshop** has been exceeding a registration of 500 for several years and will likely be forced to limit registration in the Spring of 1978. **Plan early to attend** ..... The **Higher Education Bursary Fund** finally made the total amount contributed equal to \$1.00 per member. The **Committee** has selected **Bursary Candidates** for the 1977-78 year..... **Bro. Roy Lazzarotto**, who is a member of **Sentinel Lodge No. 26** had the Fellowcraft Degree conferred on him by **Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30** at the request of his Mother Lodge..... **Bro. Colin MacKenzie** received a **Fifty Year Jewel** at the regular meeting of **Ashlar Lodge No. 28** in May.... **R.W. Bro. Peter Fox P.D.D.G.M.** was presented with an **Honourary Life Membership** by **Ashlar Lodge** at its June meeting..... **R.W. Bro. H. Wiggzell P.D.D.G.M.**, **W. Bro. A. Boon**, **W. Bro. E. Ross**, **W. Bro. A. Houston** all have been granted **Honourary Life Memberships** by **St. Mark's Lodge No. 118**..... **Bro. S.G. Wilson** received a **Fifty Year Jewel** at the June Festival Meeting of **Britannia Lodge No. 18**..... **R.W. Bro. T. Pruett** was presented with a **Ten Year Secretary's Jewel** by **Mosaic Lodge No. 176**.

**LOST...CALGARY LODGE No. 23**

**TRAVELLING SQUARE**

Any Secretary or Worshipful Master who has knowledge of its whereabouts please contact **Wor. Bro. W.J. Fairhurst Sec-Treas.** of **Calgary Lodge No. 23** at 201 - 323 - 5th Ave. N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 0K9. **Calgary Lodge** would appreciate receiving any knowledge of its whereabouts or better please have the **Travelling Square** returned to the above address, so that the **Lodge** may start it again on its way to promote visiting between the various **Lodges**.

**SIXTY YEAR BAR**



**W. Bro. John Albert Gow** was presented with a sixty year bar to his **Fifty Year Jewel** by **M.W. Bro. A.O. Aspeslet** when the then **Grand Master** visited **Brother Gow** in the **Southland Nursing Home** in **Lethbridge**. **M.W. Bro. Aspeslet** paid a second visit on **April 21** to congratulate **Brother Gow** on the celebration of his one hundredth birthday. On that occasion the **Lethbridge Herald** wrote a story about him and said he looked twenty years younger than his age. **W. Bro. Gow** was initiated in **Robert Burns Lodge No. 49**, **Carmangay** in 1916 and later transferred to become a charter member of **Creset Lodge No. 136** at **Barons** and was its first **Senior Warden**. He was **Worshipful Master** in 1926 and then held the position of **Secretary** for twenty years.

**THESE LODGES.....**

**Centennial No. 194** held a **Garage Sale** in May which was well patronized..... **Concord No. 124** was visited by eight **Calgary** and **District Lodges** at its **May Emergent meeting**.....**Lethbridge No. 39** conferred the **Master Mason's Degree** at that meeting..... **North Star No. 4** held a **Roll Call Night** by sending information forms to all non-resident members. Twenty eight brethren replied and these were all read to the **Lodge** when the roll was called..... **Temple No. 167** celebrated a **Twenty-fifth Anniversary** over two days. On **May 27**, **M.W. Bro. E.J. Thompson P.G.M.** conducted a service of **Redecication** and on **May 28** there was an **Anniversary Barbecue**..... **Wetaskiwin No. 15** has commenced an extensive repair program on its **Lodge Hall** and is attempting to do most of the work by volunteer labour..... **Granite No. 127** held a **Family Campout** at **Dinton Provincial Park** in June to which it invited a number of **Lodges**..... **Lodges in District 19** did the same thing at **Baptiste Lake**..... **Crossfield No. 48** held one at the **Dogpound Stampede Grounds**..... **Redwood No. 193** is now meeting in the newly renovated **Highlands Masonic Hall** which is a change from **Ritchie United Church**..... **The Calgary Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association** held a first **Annual Stampede Breakfast** at the **South Calgary Community Centre** on **July 16**.

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and were known to be such. Freemasonry enjoyed a proud place in our society. Yet it is not uncommon today to go to a town or city for a meeting and ask where the Masonic Hall is located, only to be met with vacant stares as the non-Mason often does not know that Freemasonry exists, let alone know where Masons meet or what they are or what they stand for.

Is Freemasonry a secret society; or is it a society with secrets as we profess it to be?

It is only by communicating the principles of Freemasonry within and without the Craft that we can really discharge our true obligation.

The following words appear in the brochure describing the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis:

"Goethe, a great Mason, said that talent may develop in solitude, but character is developed in society. It is the fruit of fellowship. Genius may shine aloof and alone, like a star, but goodness is social, and it takes two men and God to make a Brother. We are tied together, seeking that truth which none may learn for another, and none may learn alone. No one of us is strong enough not to need the companionship of good men and the consecrations of great ideals. Here lies, perhaps, the deepest meaning and value of Freemasonry; it is a fellowship of men seeking goodness, and to yield ourselves to its influence, to be drawn into its spirit and quest, is to be made better than ourselves."

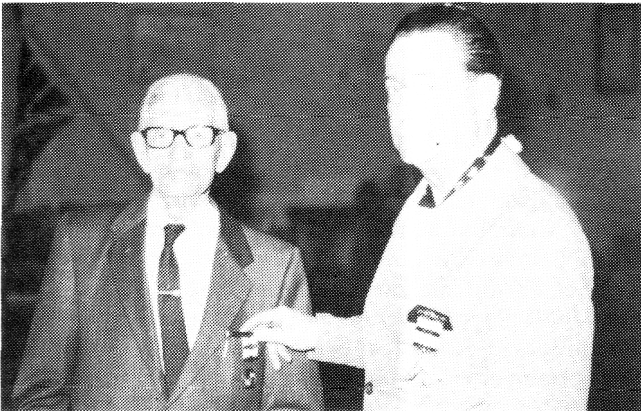
It has been my experience that co-operation is usually readily available wherever you go. When you find a problem, you generally find that the root-cause of the problem to be a lack of communication.

We should be tearing down walls rather than building and re-inforcing them, at all levels of society and Freemasonry.

Thus my brethren, for the next year and always, may we strive to **LIVE FREEMASONRY** and learn to **COMMUNICATE**.

Kenneth L. Crockett  
Grand Master

SIXTY YEAR BAR



Mosaic Lodge No. 176 held a special evening on April 5th to honour W. Bro. Fred Pring who received a Sixty Year Bar to his Fifty Year Jewel. The presentation was made by W. Bro. J. McMichael.

FIFTY YEAR JEWEL



Bro. J. Clappison received a Fifty Year Jewel and an Honorary Life Membership when Symbol Lodge No. 93 held an evening in his honour. W. Bro. G. Derbyshire made the presentation and is pictured with the Worshipful Master of Symbol Lodge, W. Bro. S. Russell and R.W. Bro. A.K. Burrell D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

THE MASTER'S CHAIR



W. Bro. A. Nichol was a great craftsman and made for Symbol Lodge a Master's Chair. This chair was presented in 1937 and has been used ever since. Several years ago Bro. Nichol passed to the Grand lodge above. In his memory in a special ceremony R.W. Bro. A.K. Burrell D.D.G.M. and W. Bro. S. Russell W.M. attached a memorial plaque to the chair.