



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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NOVEMBER - - - BURSARY MONTH

The most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth Lord Crockett, has proclaimed November 1977, Masonic Higher Education Bursary month and requests all Masons to donate during the month to this most worthy cause.

Another year has passed since the last appeal for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and it is again my privilege to ask all the Masons of Alberta to contribute generously to this most worthy cause.

The last paragraph of last years appeal I asked everybody to make it a Banner Year. Brethren you did just that! It was the first year since the inception of the Fund that the average figure of one dollar per member was achieved. Thank you to all those dedicated Brethren who helped us achieve this plateau.

This year the committee has decided to give twenty-nine bursaries of seven hundred dollars each, to matriculation students, and award six hundred dollars to seven undergraduates. A list of this years recipients is to be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

The Grand Master's theme this year is "Live Masonry-Communicate." How better can we carry out this theme than by living one of our Masonic teachings, by giving to the Higher Education Bursary Fund and how better to communicate than help needy students to further their education

Last year I asked members to check their Lodges donations compared to the average. I would ask each member to do the same this year. This information is to be found in the Grand Lodge proceedings between pages 116-120 and 177-180. Are you satisfied with your Lodges participation?

I would request that all the District Deputy Grand Masters during their visits to the Lodges in their District remind the members that this Fund requires their support. Masters of Lodges will you remind your members by mentioning the Bursary Fund in your Master's notes in the Lodge notice?

Earlier in this appeal for Funds I stated that we had achieved for the first time the average of one dollar per member. This is a mile stone, but Brethren are we proud that a society whose basic principles and tenets are charity can only average one dollar per member?

I believe that the members of our Great fraternity are capable of donating more than this amount. Lets all get together and try for two dollars per member this year.

I am requesting all Masons to give to the Bursary Fund, but, my request is directed especially to all those Masons who have not seen fit to donate in the past. These Brethren are the people who can really help as their donations added to the donations of those who give every year we would have little trouble getting an average of two or three dollars per member. Remember its only a matter of two or three cents a day. Thats less than a cup of coffee or a couple cigarettes.

I must of course, thank all those most generous Masons who have supported this Fund in the past. Without your donations we would not have been able to carry on.

Finally, to end this appeal for your donations to the "Higher Education Bursary Fund" I must remind every Mason in Alberta this is your Fund to maintain and support. It was started by the Brethren as a way of **Reflecting** the fact that all Masons are charitable and a wish to help in a small way the more unfortunate people surrounding them.

Brethren when we look into the mirror are we proud of our **Reflections**.

L.D. Jeater
Chairman Higher Education
Bursary Fund Committee

GLEANED FROM LODGE NOTICES

POLARIS LODGE NO. 186

Cable Tow

In early Days the length of a Mason's Cable Tow was considered to be as long as an hour's journey roughly, three miles. That was the distance a Brother was expected to travel to attend Lodge, or attend to any of the other obligations of a Mason.

When the summons came, it was expected of him that he would respond, willingly and without question, whether he wanted to or not. Mason's took their obligations very seriously in those days.

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THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY

In July, M.W. Bro. Eric Nancekevell M.D., who was concluding a two year term as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, addressed that Grand Lodge which represented 113,000 Masons (more Masons than in all the other jurisdictions in Canada put together). During his term of office M.W. Bro. Nancekevell also acted as President of the Grand Master's Conference of North America which met last February in Washington D.C. His address to his own Grand Lodge was entitled "What of the Future of Freemasonry?". We print below the concluding paragraphs of that address —

What of the future of Masonry — of our great moral and benevolent Institution? It is interesting and perhaps informative to ponder this important prognosis and speculate about it. The pessimists among us point out that we are losing members, that the members are losing interest, and that Masonry is losing its influence as well, i.e. its impact on the community. The optimists, however, point out that Masonry has always had its ups and downs, its waxing and waning, and it has persisted for centuries and will continue in the long run to progress as a great and good moral influence in the lives of men.

The past is secure — Masonry has an illustrious history with monarchs themselves exchanging the scepter for the gavel — but what of the future? Joseph Fort Newton, the great Masonic scholar, wrote fifty years ago "to go on making men Masons as we are now doing by wholesale, without giving them an intelligent and authentic knowledge of what Masonry is, or what it means, with no definite objects beyond fellowship and philanthropy — objects to which other Orders are equally devoted — is for Masonry to lose, by ignorance or neglect what has been distinctive in its history and genesis, and invite degeneration, if not disaster."

It is, therefore, important that in our Lodges and in Grand Lodge we stress proper, efficient and knowledgeable Masonic Education so that our time is devoted, to a greater extent, to teaching the great moral precepts of Masonry and not just to the usual and sometimes only activity of Initiating, Passing and Raising. Entire meetings could and should be devoted to Masonic teachings, as indeed they are already in certain lodges.

In order to persist and progress, I feel that Masonry must change in its relationship to society in general. By this, I do not mean that we as Masons should change our basic principles and high moral tenets to conform to modern society with its marked relaxation of the moral code, its denial of the sanctity of marriage, its ready acceptance of common-law relationships, its tolerance of the use of alcohol and mood-altering drugs. Rather, we should work and strive to have society change to our high ideals.

What is the present image of Masonry in the eye of a non-mason? If you converse with members of the so-called younger generation, there is no image — many of them have either never heard of Masons, or, if they have, consider us all Shriners, whom they have seen or at least know about. They know little or nothing about Craft Masonry.

It is in our relationship to the community that we must change and, to a considerable extent, on this our future depends. In days past, even within the knowledge of some of our older brethren present, the most active

men in any community were always known to be Masons. These men were prominent in local charitable drives, regional projects, church and civic government. Without blatantly advertising our Craft, it is incumbent upon us to be more extroverted in our outlook, not as introverted as we have become, so that it can truthfully be said that we are applying our great moral principles in a practical way to the life of our community.

It is my firm belief that Masonry, with its rich heritage of history and philanthropy founded on lofty principles of morality and with the proviso that we continue to adhere to these excellent precepts, will continue to flourish, to prosper and to progress in the years ahead, but only if we can turn our sights more to the community and its needs and each of us take a more active part, as Masons, in the worthwhile activities of society in this modern world.

A TRUE STORY

A distinguished brother whom we shall call George received a telephone call from a recently raised brother whom we shall call Harold. It was a Sunday afternoon and George, after a very busy week, was looking forward to a time of relaxation. Harold was perturbed and so urgently requested Harold to come over to his house that he, after a little hesitation, consented.

It so happened that Harold's wife had been talking to a neighbour who belonged to a very narrow fundamentalist sect and had told her that Harold was a Mason. The neighbour was deeply shocked and brought to the wife a copy of a well known church publication in which Masonry was denounced and the penalties of each degree correctly printed. A heated argument had ensued between Harold and his wife over the penalties and she demanded to know if he had consented to these things. Harold remembered his obligations and refused to answer. The wife assumed that he had, called the penalties outlandish and barbaric. She demanded that he give up his Lodge membership. The entire family was disrupted and it looked as though the family would be broken up if Harold persisted in being loyal to his Lodge. On this particular Sunday afternoon the crisis had reached such a peak that Harold called for help. His choice of a counsellor was wise for George is a well read and perceptive person.

After hearing the emotional recital of the situation and a demand by the wife to know about the penalties, George relieved Harold by saying that yes, indeed, these were the penalties. The wife near to tears scolded George and said that she would never believe that he, a well known and respected citizen, would subscribe to such barbarous things. Very quietly George went on to give the traditions behind the obligations and penalties and to explain their real meaning. His Masonic background, he told friends afterwards, was stretched to an absolute limit.

After a while some rational thinking was possible George said, "Now let us forget the ritual and secret work and let us think over the past year. Harold has been admitted to the three degrees of Freemasonry, he has received instruction from his Lodge and he has been to a workshop. Tell me now if you have seen

any tiny little bit of change in his attitudes and behaviour". There followed a long session of discussion in which a multitude of subjects were discussed but George kept the talk away from Lodge and its meetings. After a while some things emerged:-

1. Harold some years before had stopped going to church and his wife and family went without him. Then he started to attend intermittently. Now he is a regular attender and is ready to accept a position on a Church Board.
2. Communication in the home had improved until this recent explosion. Harold was more interested in his wife and her doings and in his family. In fact meal-times now were relaxed and lively discussions went on about a number of subjects.
3. Harold had become interested in his neighbours especially an older couple down the street. Before he didn't know the names of the people next door.
4. Harold had begun to participate in his children's activities and had stopped grumbling about all the driving he was asked to do.

There were other things but finally George said, "Now where do you think Harold got the inspiration to make some of these changes."

The wife said, "Well, I don't know. I never really thought about it. Now don't tell me he got it from the Lodge."

George said, "That is exactly what I am telling you for that is Masonry."

His wife said, "Why didn't he or somebody else tell me?"

George said, "That, too, is Freemasonry. We don't proclaim ourselves from the housetops we let people learn about it from our lives."

The wife said, "I still don't like those awful penalties but I think I am beginning to get the idea."

George rose to go. Harold and his wife shook hands with him and thanked him for coming. They walked outside towards his car. The wife said, "I didn't even offer you a cup of tea." George replied "I'll have one when I come over again." Together they waved to him as he drove away.

As he drove home to his wife and family George felt a great weariness come over him. His home welcomed him although his family sensed his weariness and asked no questions. As he stretched out on the chesterfield and was dropping off for a nap he thought, "I guess this afternoon was really Masonry in action in the community, silently and effectively. We need to communicate masonry a little more by doing things that nobody hears about." —Fortunately we did learn about this episode but there are many more that we do not hear about. That, too, is Masonry in action.

COMMUNICATE TO THE COMMUNITY

The Higher Education Bursary Fund is one way in which the Mason can communicate to the Community that the Mason cares about youth and its education. There are many other ways as the Mason goes quietly about his daily life putting into practice while living as a citizen in his community those great and eternal precepts which we are taught. This silent and continual

practice of the craft brings to it respect and honour. There came to hand recently a letter written to an Edmonton Lodge and forwarded by the Grand Master. The names are deleted to save embarrassment to the individuals concerned and because the greatest works of love and kindness are done in secret. This letter, in the words of M.W. Bro. Crockett, "points out what Freemasonry is all about"—

Dear Sir:

We write to express our appreciation to one of your members, (name). We have known him for the past two years in which time he acted as our landlord. In Edmonton's present rental crisis we found ourselves with a constant rent at the lowest possible rate. To young men fresh out of school and starting to build a financial future, this has meant a great deal.

Outside of our rental situation, (name) has favoured us with something else - his own person. Having no living grandfather of our own, it is almost as if (name) had taken over as our grandfather. For us it has meant the chance to receive values that only an older, wiser man could have acquired through long years of experience.

A situation was never so serious that a joke couldn't be made about it. We learned to take a teasing and eventually to return it in kind. Quickly arrived at emotional conclusions found themselves tempered by (name's) thoughts on man and the circumstances that surround his condition. In business he taught us that a sense of ethics was every bit as important as a sense for numbers. These and other lessons were a very important part of our relationship with (name).

The lessons are not lost on us. We wish to incorporate these positive values (name) has shown us. It is hoped that one day we may pass them on to others, as bright and clear as we have received them.

With thanks,

(Names)



About a year ago Bro. Wilmer H. Gold of Youbou, B.C. was on a hunting expedition in the Edmonton area and took time off from this to attend the Regular Meeting of his Mother Lodge, Strathcona, No. 77. The Lodge was then afforded an opportunity to present him with a Fifty Year Jewel. The D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm.A. Irwin, made the presentation. Bro. Gold will be well known in Alberta because he has been a faithful attender at the Masonic Spring Workshop. The picture shows Bro. Gold with R.W. Bro. Irwin on his right and the Worshipful Master of Strathcona Lodge, W. Bro. Mervin Korth on his left.

**MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION
BURSARY AWARDS - 1977**

UNDERGRADUATES

Robert Henry FOERGER, Wainwright..... U. of A.
Wendy Marie HUTCHINS, Calgary..... U. of C.
Roy David JEFFERSON, Edmonton..... U. of A.
Betty Ann MACKIN, Claresholm..... U. of A.
Kim Gordon SMALLWOOD, Grimshaw..... U. of A.
Kimbell Robert SOLAR, Fairview..... U. of C.
Beverly Jean WALTER, Edmonton..... U. of A.

MATRICULANTS

Anne Marie BAKKER, Sherwood Park..... U. of C.
Shauna Kathleen BEDINGFIELD, Alix..... Red Deer College
Sybil Arleene BISSELL, Drumheller..... U. of A.
Brian Edward Joseph BRAUSEN, Daysland..... U. of A.
David Joseph CICHY, Taber..... U. of A.
Kenneth Alan CLARK, Hinton..... U. of A.
Wendy Lee DAVIDUCK, Grimshaw..... Grande Prairie
Regional College
Kathy Annjee DER, Calgary..... U. of C.
Constance Christina DeWOLFE, Red Deer..... U. of C.
Victor John DORMA, Claresholm..... U. of Lethbridge
Gwendolyn Martha FALD, Spirit River..... Grande Prairie
Regional College

Gail Irene GRAHAM, Rocky Mountain House.. U. of A.
Lynn Marie GRATZ, Olds..... U. of C.
Mark Stuart KIDDELL, Clyde..... U. of A.
Aileen Celeste KINSELLA, Wainwright..... Camrose Lutheran
College

Eldon John KLEMCHUK, Fairview..... N.A.I.T.
Lorraine Pearl LEIER, Lloydminster..... U. of A.
William James LEONARD, Calgary..... U. of C.
Ian Harland MacKINNON, Calgary..... U. of C.
Shelley Ruth McGARVEY, Calgary..... U. of C.
Gary Maynard SOENEN, Coalhurst..... U. of Lethbridge
Larry Lewis TIEDEMANN, Tofield..... U. of A.
Yvonne TRAINER, Manyberries..... U. of Lethbridge
Linda Jean TRIMBLE, Bowden..... U. of C.
Bruce George VEIDT, Grimshaw..... Grande Prairie
Regional College

Maria Christin WALKER, High River..... U. of Lethbridge
Carol Isabel WHITEHOUSE, Bashaw..... Red Deer College
Barbara Jo WILSON, Carolina..... Red Deer College
Judy Siu Kwan WONG, Calgary..... U. of A.

60 YEAR BAR



In early April of this year, 12 members of King George Lodge, No. 59, of Calgary turned out to honor Very Worshipful Brother H.F. Whittred with the presentation of a 60 year bar for his 50 year jewel. The presentation was made by Right Worshipful Brother James Bailey, Past D.D.G.M. who expressed the kindest regards and well wishes of the members of the Lodge.

V. Wor. Brother Whittred was initiated into Athole Lodge No. 15, Halifax in December, 1916. He was later passed and raised in King George Lodge, Calgary after serving with the Canadian forces overseas during World War I. V. Wor. Brother Whittred was elected Secretary in 1939, a position which he held until 1966, with the exception of 3 years, during which he occupied the chairs of Junior and Senior Warden and of Worshipful Master in 1952. His service to the Lodge and frequent words of kindly advice bespeak well of his high regard for Freemasonry and his Brother Masons. V. Wor. Brother Whittred was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1961-62.

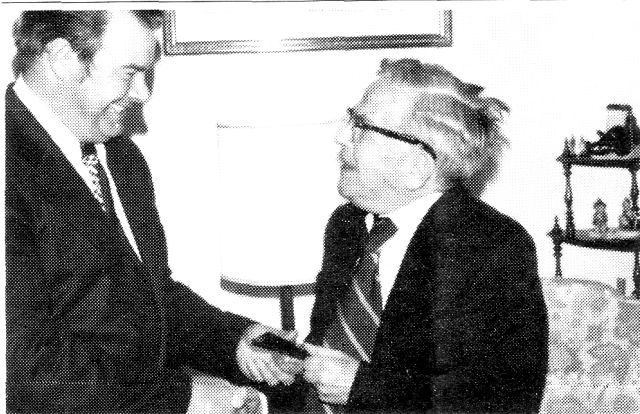
The brethren of his Lodge and indeed, all Masons whose life he has touched wish to tender their heartfelt thanks and to express the hope that he will be long spared to receive Masonic wages in terms of the high regard and deep affection of us all.

ROCKYFORD LODGE NO. 123

Wor. Bro. Walter Hymas was presented with his 50 Year Jewel at the Sarcee Nursing home on Aug. 21st. Wor. Bro. Hymas was Initiated at Rosebud Lodge #149, July 27, 1927. Affiliated with Rockyford Lodge #123, April 7th, 1960.



W. Bro. W. Spence Morrison receives a Fifty Year Jewel from W. Bro. Karl Christofferson at a meeting of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 held in May.



W. Bro. A.S. Morgan was Initiated in Goose Lake Lodge No. 99 G.R.S. located in Delilse Sask. on November 30, 1914. He became the Worshipful Master of Goose Lake Lodge in 1923 and moved to Calgary and affiliated with Crescent Lodge in September 1944. He served as Secretary of Crescent Lodge from 1949 to 1952 and then as Treasurer from 1953 to 1967. He was elected a life member of Crescent in October 1967, was presented with a Fifty Year Jewel in February 1968 and then presented with a Fifty Year Past Master's Jewel in December 1974.

In December the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. W.D. McLaren and the D.D.G.M. of District No. 18 R.W. Bro. R. McKinnon visited W. Bro. Morgan at his home and presented him with a Sixty Year Bar.

W. Bro. Morgan is still quite healthy but does not get out very often.