



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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A Message From The Grand Master

Another year will have slipped inevitably into the past when Grand Lodge meets once again.

The Seventy-Third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at the Hotel MacDonald in Edmonton on Friday and Saturday, June 9th and 10th, 1978. The details appear later in this Bulletin.

As you may be aware, an arsonist attempted to upset our plans by gutting the main banquet room of the McDonald at the end of March, but special efforts on the part of the hotel will have returned things more or less to normal.

The ladies of the Masons attending are invited to the Annual Banquet to be held at the hotel Saturday evening. An exceptionally impressive speaker in the person of

M.W. Bro. Lloyd Cochran, Past Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, will deliver one of the most meaningful addresses it has ever been my privilege to hear anywhere before any audience, on a matter of great Masonic significance to us all.

Forty six lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were not represented at our Grand Communication last year in Lethbridge by either their Master, their Senior Warden or their Junior Warden. The point is made.

During my travels throughout this vast Province, I have been greatly impressed generally with the strong resurgence of Freemasonry. The vital feeling of life and enthusiasm is most apparent. Most evident too is the great extent to which the brethren and the lodges have been inter-visiting. Freemasonry is not dead, but alive and vibrant in our lodges.

The economic facts of life of taxes, utilities and insurance are causing many lodges to consider and indeed to actually sell their lodge halls. We must face the realities of life squarely. Are we selling Freemasonry too cheaply? What is the Craft really worth to us? Perhaps an answer to that question will be evident when we discuss the matter of raising Grand Lodges dues at our meeting. Think upon it, my brethren. Is the price of a pack of cigarettes or two, or of a cocktail or two, too great a price to pay in order to save our great fraternity?

At the Banff Conference held last September, the senior Grand Lodge officers of the four Western Canadian jurisdictions were unanimously of the view that greater use of the handshake should be made by all. Not only when a visitor comes to your lodge, but when you meet a brother in the lodge or elsewhere, greet him firmly by the hand with a warm sense of "welcome brother!" How much greater than a nod or a hello. "Hand to hand, I greet you as a brother."

Kindness is the kind of language the mute can speak, the deaf can hear, and the blind can see.

My theme this year has been: Live Freemasonry - Communicate. You cannot communicate unless you live Freemasonry. And you cannot live Freemasonry unless you communicate it, both inside and outside the Craft.

The two words "information" and "communication" are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out; communication is getting through.

I cannot better end my remarks than by repeating the words of that poem with which I started my year at my Installation a short year ago:

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 counselling is confusing, but example's always clear.

And the best of all the preachers are men who live by their creeds;
For to see the good is 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 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.

Kenneth L. Crockett

Grand Master



M.W. Bro. Kenneth Lord Crockett, Grand Master of Masons

GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICES

GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan - Corinthian Lodge No. 22 & Elbow River No. 180
(By Acclamation).

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. William Neil Love - Renfrew Lodge No. 134
(By Acclamation).

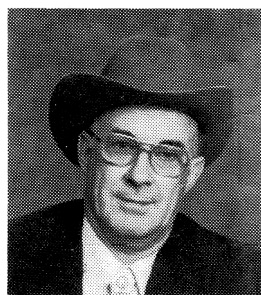
SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. Walter Edward Foster - Mountain View Lodge No. 16 & Kenilworth Lodge No. 29.
(By Acclamation).

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN: (One to be Elected)



R.W. Bro. Murdo Norman MacIver - Born, Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 14th, 1921. Initiated Northern Light No. 10, G.R.M. January 23rd, 1947. Charter Member Eastgate No. 192, June 8th, 1964. W.M. 1967-68. Senior Grand Deacon 1971-72. D.D.G.M. District No. 20, 1972-73. Board of General Purposes, 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78. Member Jurisprudence Committee, 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76. Vice-Chairman, Finance Committee 1977-78. General Chairman Banff Spring Workshop 1977. Member Edmonton Scottish Rite Bodies, Edmonton Burns Club, Canadian Progress Club and Royal Canadian Legion. Past Director Family Service Association of Edmonton, Past member Board of Stewards, Ottewill United Church. Bank Manager, Toronto Dominion Bank.



R.W. Bro. John Franklin Rogers - Born, Empress, Alberta, October 12th, 1924. Initiated, Empress No. 161, April 29th, 1948. W.M. 1954-55 and 1965-66. D.D.G.M. District No. 14, 1967-68. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge Do Para (Brazil), 1970. Attended Agricultural Course at Olds College, Committee member Alberta Wheat Pool. President Jones Rogers Realty Ltd. specializing in Farm and Ranch Properties.

GRAND TREASURER (One to be Elected)

R.W. Bro. Walter Elmer Bright (134)
W. Bro. Jack Brown (81)
R.W. Bro. Douglas Alfred Kenny (185)

GRAND REGISTRAR (By Acclamation)

W. Bro. Sailendra Kumer Chakravorty (28)

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE (Three to be Elected)

V.W. Bro. Ernest Warren Dunlop (173)
W. Bro. James Scott Forsythe (48)
R.W. Bro. Sebastian Fuller (123)
R.W. Bro. John Halliday Hare (37)
W. Bro. Elmer Winston Paul (165)

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE (Two to be Elected)

W. Bro. Carl Thormod Farvolden (128)
W. Bro. Leslie Donald Jeater (1)
W. Bro. Paul Eugene Lee Jones (151)
W. Bro. Ivan Burdette Mallett (192)
R.W. Bro. Herman John Miller (20)
R.W. Bro. Lloyd George Milligan (167)
W. Bro. Denton Clyde O'Connell (35)
W. Bro. Stanley Elgin Pogue (22)
R.W. Bro. Percival Melville Quance (27)
W. Bro. Donald Thomas Rigby (124)
R.W. Bro. John Leonard Sanders (90)

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES (Eight to be Elected)

V.W. Bro. Beverley Vincent Apperley (9)
V.W. Bro. Thomas William Sefton Band (39)
W. Bro. Evan Robert Blencowe (173)
R.W. Bro. David Herbert Cooke (87)
R.W. Bro. Terrance Armitage Drolet (15)
R.W. Bro. Reginald Price Evans (19)
R.W. Bro. William Frederick Ewing (49)
W. Bro. Kenneth Percy Ferguson (124)
W. Bro. Edward Henry Ficht (166)
W. Bro. Lowry Frank Forgay (190)
W. Bro. Richard Delway Gage (2)
R.W. Bro. William Douglas Gordon (177)
R.W. Bro. William Charles Graves (2)
R.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin (193)
W. Bro. Ronald Charles Thomas Hayes (192)
R.W. Bro. William Maguire Ireland (12)
R.W. Bro. Robert Eugene Juthner (81)
W. Bro. Larry Knudsen (125)
W. Bro. Myron Lusk (166)
W. Bro. Harry C. Mekitiak (165)
R.W. Bro. Donald Ryan Millar (167)
V.W. Bro. Alexander Frederick McIntosh (124)
R.W. Bro. William Frederick Newman (188)
V.W. Bro. Russell Gary Phillips (16)
W. Bro. Herberto Carlos Enrique Prager (101)
W. Bro. Dennis Osborne Ryan (83)
W. Bro. Norman John Senn (176)
R.W. Bro. George E. Smith (27)
W. Bro. Stanley Kennedy Sproul (119)
W. Bro. Thomas Bert Stevenson (35)
R.W. Bro. Thomas Stratton Walker (134)
W. Bro. Harold Oliver Watt (101)
W. Bro. Orlan John Weber (170)

"AGE TO AGE"

You are as young as your faith,
As old as your doubt,
As young as your courage,
As old as your fear,
As young as your dreams,
As old as your despair.

THE MASON AND GRAND LODGE

by Bro. W. J. Matheson - Crescent Lodge No. 87

Masonry is said to be, "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols". It is not a religion nor yet a religious society. But only those who believe in a Creator and profess a religion can be Masons. Because so many of the concepts in Masonic science are based on the Volume of the Sacred Law, it is necessary to possess an extensive knowledge of the Holy Book to fully comprehend the constant referral to events, characters and symbols alluded to in our ritual. Masonry is not and should not be a substitute for a religion. Masons believe that the explicit form of both a man's religion and politics are his own business and concern. Thus neither is permitted as a topic for discussion in Lodge.

One of the objectives of Masonry through the use of ideals expressed in the Volume of the Sacred Law is to help good men become better. Subsequently it is hoped that these men can be a positive influence upon their community - and unitedly a better world. For this reason it is felt that no man should be invited to become a Mason. It remains incumbent upon each individual to express a desire to join the Brotherhood. Thus his application would most likely be based upon a personal esteem of Masonry and of Masons as individuals. Masons of all ranks have risen from this common beginning - "an application and the election by the membership to accept it."

Each Mason has the responsibility of putting forth every effort to live up to the ideals expressed in our rituals and the lectures. The "Public" forms their opinion of our Craft by the conduct and behavior of individuals they know to be Masons. It is even more essential that the conduct and behavior of our Lodge officers epitomize the highest of standards. The expectations from all Masons for exemplary conduct by all Grand Lodge officers places great pleasure on these persons. Through the election and or appointment of these Grand Lodge officers the Brethren feel they have selected the best representatives from the Lodge or District to work on their behalf. The vast majority of our Grand Lodge officers, both past and present, accept this trust and put forth every effort to be worthy of it. As a result, our Grand Lodge and its officers are held in high esteem.

Visitations by Grand Lodge representatives should be an occasion the Brethren can look forward to with anticipation. The participation of the members in the giving of Grand Honors makes them feel a part of the whole proceedings. To newly raised Masons it adds an added perspective to the workings of the Craft. They are respectful yet curious as to what functions these visiting dignitaries play in the Masonic structure. In order to maintain the respect accorded, an onus is placed on each officer to truly represent his Grand Lodge office. His expressions of greetings, and any talk or paper presented should be well thought through and carefully prepared. A paper must contain a theme to challenge all Masons and provide additional information about Masonry. In almost every Lodge are Past Grand Lodge officers, Past Masters, Masters and Master Masons who are very knowledgeable persons. Many Master Masons of their own volition have chosen not to assume office, yet they are Masonic scholars in their own right. They appreciate a message that adds to their

own Masonic lore, and so their expectations add to the pressure of representing Grand Lodge.

There are topics and suggestions for change frequently forthcoming from the membership. One of the responsibilities of Grand Lodge is to give consideration to these recommendations. The opinions of the representatives from the various Lodges must be weighed in making a decision that will be in the best interests of all Masons. Masonry through the ages has changed, the degree structure and the ritual altered but never our ancient landmarks.

One question that has been asked of the writer by at least three candidates is - "Why do Masons insist upon such dire punishments as outlined in the penalties of the obligations?" Although you explain to them that these are not to be taken too literally some persons still find them offensive. They reason that although such acts may have transpired in the 1300's through to the 1600's such punishment would not be acceptable in today's society. These penalties have been devised and revised down through Masonic history - and are not part of our ancient landmarks. Maybe their revision into a more civilized format is worthy of consideration. Two of the three candidates mentioned above did not continue beyond the first degree - both were well educated and lived by Masonic standards. They both still retain a high regard for Masonry per se and for Masons individually but they could not accept the wording and connotations to them of the penalties.

Grand Lodge and its officers have made great strides in explaining Masonry through the efforts of the Banff Workshop and Education Nights in the Lodges etc. Too frequently however Lodges have been guilty of mouthing the lectures. Insufficient explanation of their meanings have left many Masons frustrated and unhappy - they feel they have been left in the dark. Maybe Masonry is veiled in allegory but the beauty of its system of morality becomes apparent as the veil is lifted. This done by meaningful explanations by knowledgeable Masons, then can be added to by research on the part of the individual. Some Lodges have found it beneficial to have an Education Night following each degree. They report that the candidate and the membership alike are showing an increased interest. Long standing Master Masons, Past Masters and Grand Lodge officers are enjoying participating in the discussions arising from the topics introduced - additional research is an added bonus.

In conclusion may we, my fellow Masons, express our gratitude to the personnel of Grand Lodge for their unselfish giving of their time and effort in providing leadership for Masonry. In this day and age ideals are constantly under attack. It is sometimes easier to submit to change, even change for its own sake. Our Grand Lodge has been able to resist this pressure and has maintained a high standard of performance by its representatives. This has enabled us to maintain a sincere respect for our Grand Lodge.

A closing thought for all Masons—

"Perseverance"

If a task is once begun
Never leave it till its done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well or not at all.

Anonymous.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE NO. 132



Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 presented its first Fifty Year Jewel in February to W. Bro. D.G. Innes who now resides in the James Shouldice Senior Citizens Lodge in Calgary. A number of the Craigmyle brethren motored to Calgary for the presentation that was made by R.W. Bro. G. Thompson. In addition to W. Bro's. Blore, Aasurud, Bro. D. Rees from Craigmyle, there were present from Calgary V.W. Bro. P.X. Howard and W. Bro. F. Farwell of Northmount Lodge. W. Bro. Innes is in his 91st year and enjoys good health. The Matron of the Senior Citizens home cooperated to make the event memorable by preparing an excellent tea. The picture shows W. Bro. Innes in the centre with R.W. Bro. G. Thompson on his left and V.W. Bro. W. Smith on his right.

ALBERTA LODGE NO. 3

M.W. Bro. R. Patterson was Grand Master of Masons in 1912 and was a member of the historic Lodge in Fort Macleod, Alberta No. 3, his son, who has been a stalwart of that Lodge for many years, R.W. Bro. R. Patterson celebrates his 90th birthday this month. Alberta Lodge plans to mark this occasion with a celebration. Undoubtedly many stories of the exciting early history of the Lodge will be recounted. Our best wishes to R.W. Bro. Patterson.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE

It costs nothing, but creates much.
 It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give.
 It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
 None are so rich that they can get along without it and none are so poor but are richer for its benefits.
 It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business and is the countersign of friends.
 It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and nature's best antidote for trouble.
 Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away.
 And if it ever happens that some of our brethren should be too tired to give you a smile may we ask you to leave one of yours?
 For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

FIFTY YEAR JEWEL

M.W. Bro. George Sterling received his Fifty Year Jewel from the M.W. the Grand Master, K.L. Crockett, at a joint meeting of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 and Beacon Lodge No. 190 held on April 4th especially to honour the well known Past Grand Master. Present at the meeting were the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. M.P. Dunford and a number of present and past Grand Officers.

KENYA, EAST AFRICA

Bro. F.C. Snood has been kind enough to forward to the Bulletin the Golden Jubilee Issue of the booklet celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Lake Lodge No. 5022 E.C. which was consecrated on February 24, 1928 and is under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Lodge of East Africa. Lake Lodge, Kenya, South Africa is Bro. Snood's Mother Lodge and we thank him for this thoughtfulness. There are several items of interest in the Brochure which we hope will appear in the Bulletin in the near future.

NORTHERN VISIT

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. K.L. Crockett accompanied by the Grand Secretary and the Deputy Grand Master paid official visits to our farthest Northern Lodges on April 6 and 7. The brethren of Polaris Lodge No. 186 at Fort Smith and of Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 gave the distinguished visitors the hearty and fraternal welcomes for which the north has established an enviable reputation.

BROTHER: The term which Freemasons apply to EACH OTHER. Freemasons are Brethren, not only by common participation of the human nature, but as professing the same Faith, as being jointly engaged in the same Labours, and as being united by a mutual covenant or Tie, whence they are also emphatically called:

"BRETHREN OF THE MYSTIC TIE."

BROOKS LODGE NO. 73



When W. Bro. Ron Smith was elected Worshipful Master of Brooks Lodge in December he had the pleasure of having both his father and grandfather in attendance. The Grandfather, was initiated into Provost Lodge No. 61 in 1916, was its Worshipful Master in 1923. He is now an honorary member of Provost Lodge and is the oldest living member of that Lodge. The Father Bro. Dale Smith was raised in Brooks Lodge in 1962. The picture shows W. Bro. R.S. Winter in the centre, Bro. D. Smith on his right and W. Bro. R. Smith on his left.