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PROCLAMATION

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, ROBERT LEFLEY COSTIGAN, GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER THAT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER SHALL BE OBSERVED AMONGST THE BRETHREN OF THE FRATERNITY IN THE JURISDICTION OF ALBERTA AS HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY MONTH. AS A GREAT BELIEVER IN THIS PROJECT I FURTHER REQUEST THAT ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF ALL LODGES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION URGE UPON THEIR BRETHREN THEIR OBLIGATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND. IT IS MY WISH THAT WE SURPASS THE GOAL OF LAST YEAR AND THAT WE PROVE BY PRACTICAL ACTION THAT MASONRY IS A PROGRESSIVE SCIENCE.

DATED THIS 20th Day of September, 1978

Robert L. Costigan
Grand Master

Most Worshipful Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Mason, has decreed, November 1978 as "Higher Education Bursary Month", and requests every mason in the jurisdiction of Alberta, to contribute to this most worthy cause.

I would like to thank all those masons who helped to make 1977 a vintage year. Brethren you donated just over \$20,000, an increase of approximately 25% over 1976 contributions. To those masons who saw fit to assist, our sincere thanks.

Each year, it seems, we need more money to keep up with inflation. Each student is under more pressure due to increased fees in tuition, books and accommodation.

Most Worshipful Bro. Costigan's theme this year is "back to basics". Charity being one of the basics, this would be a commendable way for the brethren to take part in the Grand Masters theme, by supporting the "bursary fund."

Charity covers a wide range of meanings; Christian Love of Fellowmen, Kindness, Candour, Freedom from Censoriousness, imputing of good motives when possible, leniency, alms and love. However the bursary fund can only ask, and rely on one of those meanings, that is the **Donation of Money**.

The bursary fund is a double charity in effect, one when a brother decides to donate and two when your committee award bursaries to needy students.

The outstanding features is one way for us, as masons, to become known in the community, as men of Honor. Many members are pillars in their church and communities, but how many people know they are Masons?

In all parts of our ceremonies, we hear wonderful phrases and one that we hear so often is Faith, Hope and Charity. In the Junior Wardens lecture quote,

"Charity Comprehends The WHOLE".

The lecture in the N.E. Angle is part of our ceremony designed to bring forcefully to the incoming candidates, and to impress indelibly on their minds, that charity is to be a factor in their lives. How then can we forget these teachings when a request for a donation is asked?

As in previous years we are not asking for a tithe, merely a donation from each and every member. To support a fund that they themselves started a few years past.

Our request is once a year and November is "Bursary Month", but if you are unable to donate in November you may donate at any other time of the year, if it is more convenient to do so.

I would ask the members to peruse Grand Lodge preceeding of 1978. Many lodges are giving their fair share, but many lodges give very little or nothing at all. I do not know why this should be, perhaps, the District Deputy Grand Masters are not mentioning **The Bursary Fund** to the lodges in their districts. I hope you will do so this year.

Your committee has this year granted twenty-eight matriculating students, and six undergraduate bursaries of seven hundred dollars each. A list of recipients will be printed elsewhere in the bulletin.

I would now like to ask every member to put himself back to his initiation and stand in the N.E. Angle of the lodge and remember that peculiar few minutes.

Now look into your heart, open your wallet and send to the Higher Education Bursary Fund a couple of dollars, or more if you can, and no matter how small the amount it will be thankfully received.

L. D. Jeater
CHAIRMAN

**THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION
BURSARY FUND**

Twenty years ago, in 1958, the Grand Lodge of Alberta adopted guidelines for the administration of the Higher Education Bursary Fund. One of the rules set down was that the money for the fund must be raised before it was spent. That is the money raised this year will be spent in bursaries next year. Accordingly in 1959 the Bursary Committee was able to award four bursaries, two of \$500.00 and two of \$700.00. The contributions from the members of the craft amounted to \$4,432.00. This year, because of donations received last year, the Bursary Committee had at its disposal donations during 1977-78 in the amount of \$20,323.95. It was able to award twenty-eight bursaries to students entering a post secondary school for the first time and to continue to help six students who wished to continue on with their education. The amount of the bursaries was \$700.00.

In twenty years the number of bursaries awarded has increased eight times and the amount of money donated by the craft is five times that of twenty years ago. The credit for this very gratifying increase must go first of all to the members of the craft who appreciate being able to help in a worthy cause. No small share of the credit must go to the Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee whose members have given continuing time and effort to make the project work. While handing out compliments we should not forget the Grand Masters who have been strong in their support and the District Deputy Grand Masters, The Worshipful Masters who have worked at the lodge level. With this outstanding example of cooperation over the period of its history the Higher Education Bursary fund has received in the area of a quarter of a million dollars. The Craft in Alberta does well to congratulate itself on a fine example of cooperation.

The accomplishments in the past do not leave room for complacency in the future.

The membership of fourteen Lodges made no contribution at all last year. That is about seven per cent of all our Lodges. In addition the membership of forty three of our lodges contributed less than \$50.00. That is twenty-two percent of our Lodges. From these figures it can be deduced that some Lodges are carrying a greater share of responsibility than others. If the Lodges whose contributions were small would attempt an increase then the amount received by the Bursary Committee would show a significant increase.

Let there be no doubt about the need for the bursaries. The cost of going to a Post Secondary School has increased. The possibility of Summer employment has declined. The one solution to financial troubles for a student is to seek a Government Loan on which interest starts six months after the youngster is out of University and the payments starting also. Those of us who have been through the process of paying back debts incurred while obtaining an education would not wish the burden to be placed on any more youngsters than absolutely necessary. There is no project more worthwhile than the Bursary Fund. The

Grand Master hopes that there will be contributions from every Lodge this year. May his hopes not be unfounded.

**MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION
BURSARY AWARDS - 1978**

UNDERGRADUATES

- Robert Henry FOERGER, Wainwright . U. of A.
- Wendy Marie HUTCHINS, Calgary.... U. of C.
- Aileen Celeste KINSELLA, Wainright .. U. of A.
- Betty Ann MACKIN, Claresholm ... U. of A.
- Kim Gordon SMALLWOOD, Crimshaw . U. of A.
- Larry L. TIEDEMANN, Tofield ... U. of A.

MATRICULANTS

- Heather Margaret ALLEN, Tofield.. U. of A.
- Stuart Graham ALLAN, Tofield Lakeland College

- Brendalee Elaine BOWMAN,
Edmonton U. of A.
- Catherine Elizabeth BROWN,
Edmonton U. of A.
- Garry CHAN, Lethbridge U. of A.
- Bruna Ada De PAOLI, Cayley..... U. of C.
- Barbara Jean HALL, Edmonton U. of Lethbridge

- Julie Ann HEWSON, Drumheller ... U. of C.
- Mohamad Bassam KAMEL, Calgary... U. of C.
- Christopher Andrew KUBE, Calgary .. U. of C.
- Sandra Nancy KUGYELKA,
Edmonton U. of A.
- Amar KUREISHI, Edmonton U. of A.
- Christine Anne LANGFORD,
Millarville U. of A.
- Franklin Kirby LEE, Picture Butte... U. of A.
- Darin LOWTHER, Calgary..... U. of C.
- Norma Lynn MACK, Medicine Hat... Medicine Hat Community College

- Darren Ray MARTIN,
Blueberry Mountain Grande Prairie Regional College
- Patricia Ann MELLOR, Edmonton... U. of A.
- Dawn Marie MOENCH, Camrose... Misericordia Hospital

- Melodie Maree Rose McARDLE,
Calgary U. of C.
- Wyatt Alvin PICKERING, Lethbridge.. U. of Lethbridge

- Carolyn Ellen ROMNEY, Calgary .. Mount Royal College

- Frederick Jacob SCHAUFELE,
Carmangay U. of C.
- Delores Alma SCHWARTZEN-
BERGER, Picture Butte S.A.I.T.
- Cheryl-Lynn Ann SUSHYNSKI,
Edmonton N.A.I.T.
- Joanne VAN LENT, Hill Spring..... U. of Lethbridge

- Betty WONG, Calgary..... U. of C.
- Brenda WONG, Calgary U. of C.

A MASON AND HIS WORK

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A man is as great as the truth he speaks
As great as the help he gives,
As great as the destiny he seeks
As great as the life he lives.

Most of us have jobs or else we have retired from our daily routine to a more relaxed life after years of hard work and sacrifice.

It's great to work and great to retire but it is greater still to know that as we worked and built that we did not build in vain.

Each day of our work a day life we are faced with decisions, opinions, or suggestions, but by what code or standard do we use to provide the proper answers? We need a guideline or a legend to follow.

It is so evident to me as I talk with business men who not only make decisions but make so many right ones, that they do use a moral standard or code and moreso if a man is a mason, then should we not expect the best and fairest judgement for all.

So many men who are Masons and rarely attend Lodge but pay their dues, who claim Masonry is one thing they don't have time or care for, these brethren still pay their dues because they know and respect the principles for which it stands but are reluctant to stand for its principles.

Masonry in a man's work used as a base for building a better friendship or better vocation brings the results we desire.

Freemasonry is meaningless unless we incarnate those ideals in actual life and work. Only then will it and our work become real and effective.

The heart of the message of Freemasonry must be in our hearts and its ideals of brotherhood must be in the living practise of our work and lives in whatever form it takes.

We hear in our work these words, that the Freemason "will not cease until he has accomplished his work, but who then without pretension will retire into the multitude, because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good".

A true Mason in his work inspires others, understands others, motivates others, reasons with others, helps others, appreciates others and yet may even disagree without being disagreeable.

A true Mason in his work also recognizes others and knows that a thank you now and then strengthens the bond of goodwill among men.

Our topic "A Mason and His Work" really is a Mason and his life, for when we live a life based on the principles of the most high it automatically penetrates our work and those around us.

In our ritual we are again reminded of the two major factors, two qualities, which each Brother must at sometime or the other develop. These qualities are tolerance and brotherly love. Each Mason represents a brick in the building of his Lodge or vocation and any time we fail to have that brick in place we weaken our Lodge or daily work. Remember here our work is our daily living, home, man on the street, church and vocation.

If a Mason at his job is to be a moving force he must bring to it a sincere understanding heart and see each man's need as a challenge to service and to get the best out of our work or life we must put the very best into it. The art of true living includes the power of seeing good in others, in all our fellow men.

To be successful in our work we must remember those basic fundamentals, tolerance and brotherly love.

Masonry may be pushed aside at times for our job, t.v., sports, service clubs, etc. but to be successful in whatever work we do we can't push its principles aside, they must be a part of us.

We cannot ride the fence, we must take a stand and we all know Masonry holds the key for a successful vocation. A quotation from FLORENT TORIAC would seem to indicate our solution more realistically "Between the little things that we scorn and the great things that we long to do, lies the great danger of doing nothing". By constantly chipping away with the chisel of planning, example, meaningful activities, we will find a reason or be able to exemplify the effectiveness of a moral way of life.

A Mason and his work is this. We may make no noteworthy contribution to human need, receive no recognition for efforts of service or sacrifice; he seeks no praise for helpfulness to a brother or a neighbor. Yet, simply to be faithful to the ideals learned around the altar and to have lived sincerely these truths will identify us as a true Craftsman.

That best portion of a good mans life.

His little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

These are the marks of a Mason.

Are you a Mason in YOUR WORK?

VISUAL AIDS

Last Spring R.W. Bro. R.E. Juthner, P.D.D.G.M. District No. 20 was responsible for organizing a Lodge of Instruction in Edmonton and his efforts were widely acknowledged. For that event he prepared a number of transparencies for an overhead projector. He later gave the transparencies to the Committee on the Work and they are now in the Grand Lodge Office. Lodges wishing to use these for Masonic Education may request them from the Grand Secretary. The set consists of the following: -

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| 1. Collecting P. G. and P.W. | Canadian Rite |
| 2. ditto | York Rite |
| 3. Opening and Closing (IPM & SD) | Canadian rite |
| 4. Reception of a Grand Officer (List) | Both |
| 5. ditto (Diagram) | Both |
| 6. Reception of Cand., E.A. Degree | Canadian Rite |
| 7. ditto | York Rite |
| 8. Receiving C.S.'s, T's and W's
in 3rd Deg. | Canadian Rite |
| 9. Balloting | York Rite |
| 10. ditto | Canadian rite |
| 11. Spelling and Pronunciation of
some tricky words | |
| 12. ditto (continuation) | |

THE MAGIC FLUTE

The Research and Education Committee of District No. 18 has under consideration the presenting of the Magic Flute by Mozart as a part of the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary. This is a musical which contains a number of Masonic references written by Mozart, who was a Mason. It was made into a very attractive and inspiring movie a few years ago. The Research and Education Committee would be interested to know how much support it could expect for such an undertaking.

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

We have received a very interesting program of the Installation of R. W. Bro. Shlomo L. Gross as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel which was held on June 20, 1978. Also installed were Grand Lodge Officers consisting of a substitute Grand Master and a long list of other officers. Among these were the Senior Grand Chaplain and nine Grand Chaplains. The program is printed in both English and Hebrew. The event took place in the Masonic Temple in Tel-Aviv.

THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was installed as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England on April 26, 1978. We received recently an account of that installation and a copy of the address made by the newly installed Grand Master. The following is a passage from his address dealing with relations with other Grand Lodges. He reports that he visits Freemasons overseas whenever his duties will allow and that he frequently commissioned a Grand Lodge Officer to visit on his behalf. Then he goes on to say:

There is, however, more to our overseas relations than this: ours is the Mother Grand Lodge from whose example or whose Lodges every other Grand Lodge has sprung. And even if this country is no longer the world power in political terms that it used to be, Grand Lodge still commands the respect of its daughter Grand Lodges, a respect only very occasionally tempered by irritation when newer and in their eyes more progressive Grand Lodges think that we are dragging our feet. The whole system and science of Masonic foreign relations is a complicated business at which over the years the Board of General Purposes has become most adept: their long experience has taught them to beware of pitfalls and to be cautious about taking precipitate action.

I am not infrequently asked why we do not recognize such and such a Grand Lodge when the whole of the North American Continent does, and I am able to reply with confidence that the Board is not influenced by such considerations and is taking the case on its merits: that it has the advantage too in many cases of having advice available from expert members of our own Constitution on the spot. I be-

lieve that Grand Lodge's reputation stands high with all Grand Lodges that are determined to maintain the standards that we and they have inherited, and correspondingly low with those— and unhappily they do exist — that are all for "moving with the times" and under cover of so doing abandoning the principles for which we have stood, and are standing and, God willing, will continue to stand.

INSTALLATIONS

With many installations now being planned for December we thought that you may be interested in the message that W. Bro. R.J. Dunn included in the notice of Eastgate Lodge No. 192 following his installation in June.

Having recently celebrated our Annual Installation Festival, some historical notes relating to this auspicious occasion are in order.

In the whole recorded history of Masory, going back more than 600 years, there is not the slightest trace of even the most elementary ceremony of Installation until after the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717. Old Scottish Lodge minutes record the election of the Principal Officer but never a word to indicate this was followed by a ceremony of installation.

The earliest description of the ceremony appeared in the Wharton Installation Ceremony 1722 - 23 (Duke of Wharton — Grand Master and was used solely in the constitution of the New Lodge. There is some evidence that a form of installation existed in 1760 but generally speaking, Masters were elected and took their Chair accordingly, with no ceremony. Minutes of Lodge of Antiquity No. 1 mention the Master as being placed in the Chair 9 Jan., 1753 and in 1792 the Installed Masters withdrew from the Lodge with the Master Elect to another room which became a regular feature of the ceremony from that date. It was resolved by the Lodge of Promulgation 1810 that the Ceremony of Installation of Masters of Lodges is one of the two Landmarks of the Craft and ought to be observed. Lodges of Instruction were warranted to bring about a uniformity of practice and conformity with the then established Rites and Ceremonies of Installation.

Our recent Installation followed that straight and undeviating line laid down for our conduct by our ancient Brethren.

COMMONWEALTH NIGHT

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R.L. Costigan, accompanied by many Grand Lodge Officers visited Acacia Lodge No. 11 on August 10 when that Lodge held a Commonwealth Night. The Commonwealth Games were in progress in Edmonton and masons from all over the Commonwealth were in Edmonton. The Edmonton Lodges put on the Third Degree and welcomed a host of visitors from all parts of Canada and of the Commonwealth. The Grand Master reports that it was an outstanding night and that he had every cause to be proud of Masonry in Alberta. He congratulates Acacia Lodge for the originality it displayed.