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HAPPY 1979

The Gift of a New Year

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A hymn that comes to mind at the beginning of a new year is Henry Francis Lyte's "Abide with me." The second stanza is especially applicable:

"Swift to it's close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, it's glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

The ending of one year and the beginning of another emphasizes such thoughts. It is a time for serious re-examination of our lives, of our ideals and our goals. The line "change and decay in all around I see" does not satisfy me. "Change" does not have to be negative, "change" can be improvement or growth. Certainly there is "change" = whether "change" is always associated with deterioration. Nature has a way of re-cycling what is outmoded. There is the constant miracle of re-birth; there is the process of growth all about us. We may cry out, in our nostalgia, for what was known and loved in the past forgetting that place must be made for the new. I would like to see the line of Dr. Lyte's hymn read: "Change and growth in all around I see" or "change and development in all around I see." Man may have a part in creative change, certainly God is there at work. The creative power of God never ceases to amaze us. It is here that our hope for the future lies. "God is able!" God is sufficient whatever comes. We must face, unafraid, the change that surely comes, for with "change" comes opportunity. Here is our chance for creative effort. We, by our work and effort can influence the quantity and the quality of the change.

Let us examine "change" more carefully. Our intelligent, creative effort may well be the factor that transforms "change" into growth and new achievement. One thing is sure, the creative purpose of God is with us. Whatever effort we put forth to serve the needs of mankind and to glorify our Creator will have the strong support of God, "our help in ages past and our hope in years to come."

A basic concept in masonry is that of 'building.' The tools of construction are the symbols of the craft. The builder takes the pile of raw unfinished material and fashions it in accordance with some plan or ideal. He brings order and usefulness out of what was confusion and chaos. Let us never forget that we are builders - builders not only of material things but builders in the realm of moral principles and of spirit-

ual values. If our nation is to be great in the true sense of the word there must be a renewed support of moral principles and a renewed striving for spiritual values.

With eager anticipation we face the adventure of life in a new year. We treasure the tested traditions and the good of the old ways. We are ready to face the new opportunities, to come to grips with the new challenges, to launch out on the new adventure. We will do what we can to make this a year of growth = in our personal lives, in our lodge activities and in the life of all mankind.

A Happy New Year To All

M.W. Bro. Robert L. Costigan, Grand Master

By the time this New Year's message reaches the craft the several District Meetings will have been held and many of the lodges will have installed a new slate of officers.

I must pay a special tribute to my District Deputy Grand Masters and extend to them my sincere thanks for the many courtesies and kindnesses they have extended to me and my accompanying Grand Lodge Officers. I have great pleasure in reporting that the District Deputy Grand Masters are performing their duties in a most capable manner and discharging their responsibilities most enthusiastically.

My congratulations go to all new Worshipful Masters and their Officers with a special and sincere wish that they have a most successful year in masonry. But we shouldn't overlook the profound importance of the Worshipful Brethren who have just laid aside the responsibilities of the Highest Office in their lodges and have become Past Masters. We must keep them active and busy and they, in turn, will continue to attend and keep masonry alive in our jurisdiction. Most of these Immediate Past Masters will lay the gavel aside with some regret but I know that all of them will recall their year as Master of their lodge the most satisfying and fulfilling portion of their masonic careers.

To the new Worshipful Masters my sincere hope is that you will have much pleasure during your brief stay in the chair of King Solomon. May your lodge's confidence in electing you to this high office, be proven by your dedication to the Basic Principles of the Craft, and control its ultimate destiny. To maintain complete harmony in your lodge is definitely one of your pri-

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many responsibilities, for disharmony is one of the greatest evils of the craft and when detected you must deal with it, with great haste. We must have complete harmony to make it possible to carry out our masonic duties.

The Basic Principles of the Craft must be ever uppermost in our hearts and minds. Whenever we are viewing or are standing at the altar of Freemasonry, we should be mindful of the Basic tenets of our order, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and remind ourselves of the masonic way of thinking, strengthen our moral outlook on life as it is today and remember our God, who will assist us in the many tasks that lay before us.

The customary wish "A Happy New Year" is one sanctioned and indeed encouraged by our ritual. In our ceremonies we are exhorted to the "Chief Point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavour to be happy ourselves, and to communicate that happiness to others".

Let us remember, my brethren, that no man can be truly happy if he endeavors to confine his happiness to himself alone. We are truly happy in proportion to the contribution we make to the happiness of others. We may, then, at this season resolve that, in the coming year, we will enlarge and intensify our efforts toward promoting the happiness of others, not so fortunately situated as ourselves, particularly the ones in our nursing homes, senior citizens homes and hospitals. We will be amply rewarded by the satisfaction and delight we will experience in so doing.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Brethren everywhere.

Grand Master's Itinerary 1979

January 2 - Corinthian Lodge No. 22 Installation - Okotoks
 January 5 - Meeting of Finance Committee - Calgary
 January 9 - Gleichen Lodge No. 36
 Rockyford Lodge No. 123 - Joint Installation - Gleichen
 January 11 - Carstairs Lodge No. 20 - Carstairs
 January 13 - Reserved
 January 15 - Cavell Lodge No. 125 - Delburne
 January 16 - Elbow River Lodge No. 180 - Bowness Lodge Hall Calgary
 January 17 - Hand Hills Lodge No. 98 - Joint Installation - Craigmyle
 Craigmyle Lodge No. 132
 January 22 - St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 - Burns Night, St. Mark's hall Calgary
 January 23 - Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 54 - Calgary
 January 24 - Jordan Lodge No. 177 - Initiation - Calgary
 January 25 - Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 - Edmonton.

February 1 - Foothills Lodge No. 174 - Calgary
 February 3 - Reserved
 February 5 - Strathmore Lodge No. 53 - Strathmore
 February 6 - Board of Benevolence - Calgary
 - Eastgate Lodge No. 192 - Edmonton
 February 7 - Meeting of Research and Education Committee
 February 8 - Symbol Lodge No. 93 - Drumheller
 February 13 - Crossfield Lodge No. 48 - Crossfield
 February 15 and 16 - All Canada Conference - St. John, N.B.
 February 19 and 20 - Grand Masters of North America - Colorado Springs, Colorado
 February 23 - King George Lodge No. 59 - King George Lodge Hall Calgary
 February 26 to March 20 - Australian Masonic Festival

March 21 - Bow River Lodge No. 1 - Calgary
 March 22 - International Order of Job's Daughters General Session - Edmonton
 March 27 to 30 - Grand Lodge of Minnesota Annual Communication

April 2 - Pembina Lodge No. 126 - Sangudo
 April 3 - Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 - Red Deer
 April 7 - Reserved
 April 9 - North Star Lodge No. 4 - Lethbridge
 April 16 - Reserved
 April 17 - Mosaic Lodge no. 176 - Calgary
 April 18 - Alberta Lodge No. 3 - Fort MacLeod
 April 19 - Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 - Lethbridge
 April 25 - Forestburg Lodge No. 128 - Forestburg
 April 27, 28, 29 - Masonic Spring Workshop - Banff

May 2 - Meeting of Research and Education Committee
 May 7 - Stavelly Lodge No. 33 - Stavelly

May 8 - Meeting of the Board of Benevolence
 - King Hiram Lodge No. 21 Didsbury
 May 15 - Norwood Lodge No. 90 - Edmonton
 May 16 - Meeting of the Board of General Purposes - Red Deer
 May 26 - Centennial Lodge No. 194 - Edmonton
 May 29 - Acadia - Crocus Lodge No. 82 - Chinook

June 2 - Grand Session of the Order of the Eastern Star - Red Deer
 June 5 - Reserved
 June 8 and 9 - Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta - Calgary

The Grand Master would welcome the support of as many masons as possible at any of the meetings that he plans to attend.

"Pillars In A Free Masons Lodge"

Bro. C. A. Barrs
 Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182

On looking back through the years in past Grand Lodge Bulletins on articles with the theme - "Pillars" one can see the masons who wrote these articles spent a considerable amount of time going back to research this subject. I can only bring you my feelings and thoughts on this and maybe elaborate on the past brethren who have so skillfully given their time and efforts to write about "Pillars".

All our lodge regalia and furniture were at one time used in some way or another by operative Masons. We have an explanation in our Sacred Writings as to what they were used for and usually at the end we say, "but as we are not operative but rather free and accepted masons we apply these tools to our morals." And the Pillars in a free masons lodge have the same meaning. Many Masons years ago used pillars to support structures or support some kind of roof etc. These pillars were dedicated or possibly the better word would be in memory of certain events that happened many years ago. For example the lecture given by the Senior Warden in the Fellowcraft degree states - these pillars were placed at the porch way or entrance of the temple as a memorial to the children of Israel of the miraculous pillars of fire and cloud which we understand in history helped them to escape. In the entered apprentice degree the three great pillars are described as supported by Wisdom, Strength and Beauty and these are also broken down further and states Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support and Beauty to adorn referring also to the three divine attributes which were present at the building of the Temple. King Solomon for his wisdom, King Hiram for his strength and giving the man power to help build it. And finally H. A. with his beauty. It seems to me there are many different usages and customs pertaining to these Pillars. I guess one could say just about any great man or whatever could be classified as a Pillar. They mentioned in the lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree the three pillars are referred to as the Ionic, Doric and Corinthian. The Ionic Pillar-Great Beauty and a little lighter than the Doric. The Doric-the most massive and dignified of the three. The Corinthian-still lighter than the Ionic adorned with carved deep foliage.

The three great Pillars in a masons lodge can be explained further as The Master representing the Sun, with Wisdom coming from the East, The Senior Warden represents the Strength or Soul. The Junior Warden represents Beauty or the Body of Man. There are also the five noble orders of Architecture Pillars namely - Tuscon, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite. These were completed by the Romans. They took the three Greek orders, the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian

and very slightly modified them without adding to their refinement. They mingled the ornaments of the Ionic and Corinthian by replacing with small scrolls a part of the foliage carved on the Corinthian cap, and in this way formed the Composite. So now we have the Doric, dignified and simple with tapered, fluted shafts; the Ionic, with its scrolls on the capital; the Corinthian, with its carved deep foliage; the Tuscan, hardly to be distinguished from the Doric, except by its thicker shaft; and the Composite, combining the scrolls of the Ionic with the foliage of the Corinthian. There are other differences but these are the outstanding ones. Its interesting to know that most of these Pillars are adorned with some kind of decorative materials at the cap or top. Once again all this decorative material has a meaning as stated in the Sacred Writings. I don't think you would find anything pertaining to Masonry that hasn't a meaning of something or someone in particular. We all must strive to live up to what the meaning of these are. This is really what a true Mason is. A man who lives up to his Masonic teachings and background. One can read about what happened many years ago and what the different meanings of the various items in a lodge are, but isn't it really the present inward man that we must strive to improve? We must all be Pillars in our respective jobs and communities. To be just a Mason for the title and prestige is not being a True Mason. We must practice what we read in our ritual. To be a Pillar in society a man and a Mason require many things - Quality, Courage, Self-Discipline, Enthusiasm and Energy.

These are just a few of the requirements. There are many more pertaining to being a Pillar in society. Most of our great men in history have been Masons and I'm sure have contributed a great deal to the Masonic order and I'm sure have been promoters of our art. With this in mind and before I end this paper on "Pillars in a Freemasons Lodge" I would like to mention to all Masons to let your minds reflect to our Sacred Writings which we are charged and bound to consider. Keep in mind and practise your duties to God, your neighbour and above all to yourself.

If we all strive to do these essential things I'm sure the inward reward one would get would be unlimited. To be a Mason just to be a Mason is not enough. To be a Mason and practice our Sacred Writings in all our worldly affairs would be the ultimate goal. You would find my brethren you would have arrived at the summit of Freemasonry.

Sherwood Lodge No. 183

On September 11, 1978, Sherwood Lodge was fortunate to be visited by M.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Accompanying the Grand Master was R. W. Bro. W. N. Love, Deputy Grand Master, V.W. Bro. D. Simmonds Grand D. of C., and Immediate Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett.

It was a very memorable night on a number of accounts: Bro. Neil MacKay proved up in the Master Mason Degree and was presented with his Master Mason Apron and Certificate by the Grand Master,

M.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan. Also on hand was Bro. MacKay's father, Bro. Jack MacKay, who made a special trip from Southern Alberta to be present.

Worshipful Master Bro. D. Cleveley presented on behalf of the officers and members of Sherwood Lodge, an Honourary Life Membership to M.W. Bro. Ken Crockett, to thank him for his work in Freemasonry and particular the assistance and encouragement he has given the officers and members of Sherwood Lodge.

Being the first night in Highlands Temple, a number of members of Redwood and Highland Lodges turned out to welcome Sherwood to its new home.

Fidelity Lodge No. 76 Mirror



Left to Right: R.W. Bro. Jim Murdoch after presenting Bro. Harry Scott with 60 year bar at his home in Campbell River, B.C.



Bro. Glen Humphrey at home in Vernon after being presented with 50 year jewel by R.W. Bro. Jim Murdoch.



Left to Right: W. Bro. Richard Cramm, Bro. Ed Kimmelman, W. Bro. A. C. (Dode) McFadyen, Bro. Ham. Munroe, M. W. Bro. Ken Crockett after the presentation of 60 year bars.

Last April Fidelity Lodge No. 76 had four sixty year bars and one fifty year Jewel to present. they made a special occasion of this event and had M.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett, then Grand Maser, present. There was a banquet at which over seventy were present and this was followed by a Lodge Meeting. W. Bro. Norman Holt gave the masonic history of those who were to be honored. M.W. Bro. Crockett presented sixty year bars to W. Bro. A. C. McFadyen, and Bros. Hamilton, Munroe and Kimmelman. Absent from the meeting were Bro. Harry Scott, who lives in Campbell River, B.C., (60 year bar), Bro. Glen Humphrey of Vernon B.C. (fifty year jewel). The Lodge felt that these senior brethren should be presented with their awards personally and R.W. Bro. J. Murdoch undertook to do this while he was on a holiday trip in British Columbia. He visited their homes and made the presentations. Bro. Murdoch reports that the time he took was very worthwhile and the brethren were very moved to think that their home Lodge would take the time to make sure that they received the honours. Bro. Murdoch says that this was a highlight in his masonic career for the appreciation shown by these brethren was well worth the time he had to take from his holiday.

Comet Efficiency Lodge No. 50



Left to right are Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Butcher, Wor. Bro. Carl Baker, and Wor. Bro. Earnest L. Peddicord.

At the regular meeting of Comet-Efficiency Lodge No. 50 on May 11, 1978, three members were presented with 50 year jewels in recognition of their long years of service in Masonry.

Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Butcher joined Comet Lodge in 1925, was W.M. in 1929, D.D.G.M. for District No. 5 in 1953-54, and is still the official organist.

Wor. Bro. Carl Baker joined Comet Lodge in 1928, was W.M. in 1940 and again in 1944.

Wor. Bro. E. L. Peddicord joined Efficiency 141 in 1928, was W.M. in 1936.

The jewel presentations were made by Rt. Wor. Bro. Chris Rud D.D.G.M. for District No. 5.

The Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau

Bro. J. T. Freeman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau, Room 101, The Freemason's Hall, 1495 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver

B.C. V6H 1C9, telephone 604-732-5414 has written to our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. M. P. Dunford to remind him that the Bureau would be delighted to hear from Lodges in Alberta who have members in hospitals in Vancouver and who would appreciate a visit from some of the Vancouver brethren. This is a service that has been offered for a number of years and the Service Bureau attends to requests with great efficiency. The reason for the letter was that the masonic visitors to Shaughnessy Hospital visited recently Bro. Walter Jewett of Perfection Lodge No. 9 and found him in poor condition but greatly helped to receive a visit from some masons. This prompted Bro. Freeman to request that the Alberta Lodges feel free to contact him to request visits. The Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau performs a valuable Masonic Service and merits all the information and support that can be given to it.

King Solomon Lodge No. 41

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert L. Costigan visited King Solomon Lodge No. 41 at Cochrane when it celebrated its Seventieth Anniversary on November 16. He was accompanied by the V.W. the Grand Chaplain, Bro. David J. H. Cook who conducted a Service of Thanksgiving. This historic Lodge was instituted on December 4, 1908 and constituted on June 18, 1909 by the D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Sam Blair. The program for the evening was very well printed and included a verse from the writings of Bro. Rudyard Kipling which follows -

"Once in so often", King Solomon said,
Watching his quarrymen drill the stone,
We will club our garlic and wine and bread,
And banquet together beneath my Throne.
And all the brethren shall come to that mess
- As FELLOW CRAFTSMEN - no more, no less"

Unity Lodge No. 51

In the November notice of Unity Lodge No. 51, the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Isaiah Melech, has this very intriguing statement, "There is a scripture saying: "Let others praise you -- do not do it yourself . . . ". Therefore I did not dare mention our Jewish Night success in September, until I visited other Lodges recently and was told that our night was something to be remembered. Now I can add that our success was due to dedicated brethren from all over Alberta, some who had never done their parts before, and some who did it many years ago. Their will to perform made our evening the success that it was".

Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188

SECRETARY'S SATIRE — A little mud spread on each brick helps to build a strong and lasting wall or building, but a little mud on a person's character can destroy him for life, be careful you do not spread any from your mortar board.