



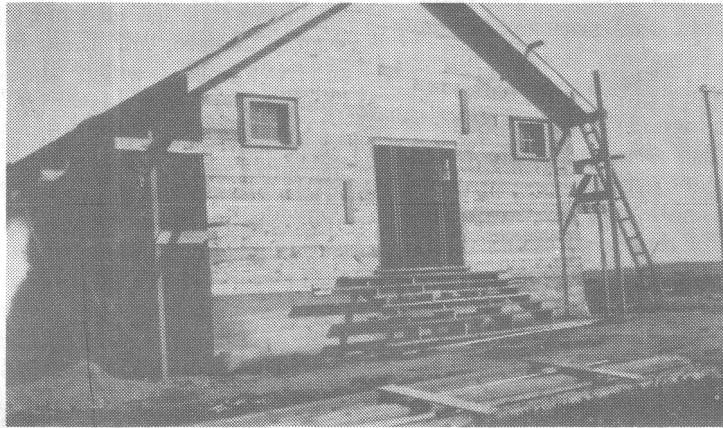
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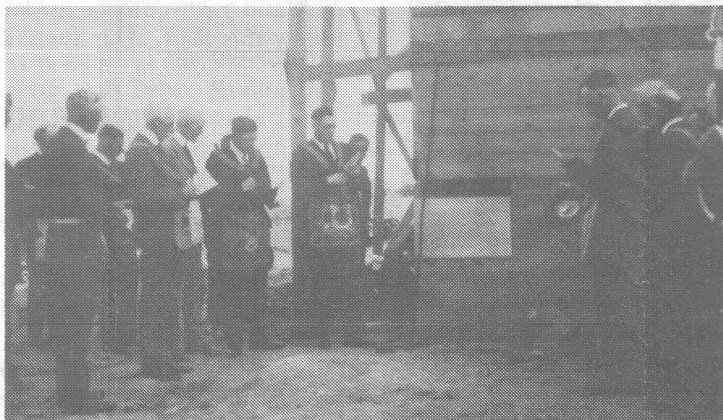
## 1928 - IRRICANA LODGE NO. 137 BUILDS A TEMPLE IN 1928



Building Irricana Masonic Temple 1928.



Brethren going to lay the cornerstone



Laying the Cornerstone

## IRRICANA LODGE NO 137 BUILDS A TEMPLE

In the year 1928 M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchel was the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton was the Deputy Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. M. Sneddon was the Senior Grand Warden, M.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. George W. Kerby was the Junior Grand Warden and R.W. Bro. W. T. H. Cripps was the Grand Chaplain. This illustrious group of prominent Masons and citizens of Alberta, now all passed to their rewards, gathered together in the town of Irricana to lay the cornerstone for Irricana Lodge No. 137. The brethren of that Lodge had laboured long with volunteer work to provide for themselves a home where they could carry on the work of Masonry that was so dear to their hearts.

The pictures on the front page of this issue tell dramatically the story of that high point in the Lodge's history. It is a story that has continued even down to the present time for Irricana remains proud of its history, dedicated to the promotion of the craft and energetic in the performance of their obligations.

The first picture shows the Lodge building that is nearing completion. The middle picture shows the procession over the prairie towards the new building. The Lodge has been opened and the Director of Ceremonies leads the brethren to the ceremonial position.

The third picture at the bottom shows the actual ceremony of laying the cornerstone. The Grand Master and his officers are reading from the ritual. You may be able to pick out a number of the distinguished brethren. Certainly one would not be able to miss the Rev. Dr. George W. Kerby who would later become Grand Master. He is on the left of the picture and second from the right.

We are pleased to be able to record this dramatic moment and to remind ourselves that this could happen just as the world was entering into the years of tragic depression. Then we must ask ourselves what is happening in Freemasonry at a time when our province is riding on a wave of unprecedented prosperity.

## OCTOBER ISSUE AGAIN

Our readers will remember that our October issue carried on its front page a picture of a Lodge Building that the Photography Centre in Edmonton asked us to identify. Later R.W. Bro. Ross Mouser sent in proof that it was the old Masonic Hall in Stavely built in 1909 with some interesting details that the Bulletin later published. The identity of the building was established without any doubt.

Recently we received a letter from W. Bro. Emory P. Wood who claims that the building was the Masonic Hall in Edmonton. His letter is reproduced below.

The picture on the front page of the October Bulletin, is the Masonic Hall in Edmonton as it existed in 1912, when I came to Edmonton.

It was located South of Jasper Ave., (West side)

and its street number was 550 Second St.

Its tenant was a Cigar Manufacturing Co., operated by Harry V. Shaw, who built a much superior building on 105 St. and moved there a year or so later. I do not recall whether he was the only tenant, but some years later, when I joined the Craft, the left hand store was used for the fourth degree, and the other side was rented. The Lodge room was up-stairs, and the entrance was at the rear, access to the stairway being through a narrow passage, which you can see between the two buildings. This building was used by several Lodges, until the present Masonic Temple was built in the early thirties. Real friendly sociability was to be found there - the premises were not elaborate - and everyone felt at home; the new temple was grander - more austere, and there never has been that feeling of friendliness, which should be the distinguishing characteristic of a Masonic Lodge.

Others have probably given you a more detailed account.

Fraternally,

Emory P. Wood, P.M.  
Strathcona No. 77

P.S. I received my E.A. and F.C. degrees in the old Richards Block on Whyte Ave. and the M.M. degree in the present Acacia Hall, under construction that year. Edmonton No. 7 conferred the second section of the M.M. degree, Jimmie Hoyle being the only one left of that team.

We are quite certain that Bro. Mouser is correct in his identification of the picture. It would be interesting if someone could produce a picture of the early Masonic Hall in Edmonton to which Bro. Wood refers. Then it would be possible to compare the two. Please send the picture to the Grand Secretary.

## MORE HISTORY

We have received a most interesting history of Masonic district No. 5 by R.W. Bro. A. W. Eastly the secretary of Harmony Tuscan Lodge No. 75. It will be of great value in the compiling of the History of Freemasonry in Alberta. Other districts may wish to follow this commendable example of interest in our past and we would be grateful if other districts would follow this lead. Our thanks to Bro. Eastly.

## "TWO BROTHERS"

A Legend from "The Newsletter" Grand Lodge of India  
(with acknowledgement to Masonry in Manitoba December 1978 issue)

On the site where the Temple stood, two brothers once lived. The elder did not marry, and was all alone in the world. The younger had a wife and three children. The brothers had no material possessions except a plot of land which they inherited from their father. They did not want to divide up the land, because they loved each other. Instead, they worked it together, and when the harvest was over they counted the sheaves and divided them equally between them,

placing them in two piles, each beside his own tent. One year, after the harvest, the elder brother lay down to sleep beside his pile. But he could not fall asleep because the thought ran through his mind: My brother has a wife and children to care for, while I am alone in the world and I work only to feed myself. It isn't right that I should take an equal share with my brother. At midnight he got up, took some sheaves from his pile, stealthily went to his brother's pile and placed them there. He then returned to his place and slept peacefully. That same night the younger brother was unable to sleep. He thought: My brother is all alone in the world. I have sons who will look after me when I am old and unable to work. What will my brother do in his old age? It isn't fair of me to take an equal share of the produce of our field! So before daybreak the younger brother got up, took a few sheaves from his pile, stealthily placed them on his brother's pile, and returned to his place and slept.

In the morning the brothers saw that their piles were as large as ever. They wondered greatly about this but they did not say a word to each other. The same happened the next night and the morning that followed. On the third night, as the brothers were carrying sheaves to each other's piles they met midway, recognized each other and wept, for they realized what had been happening. They left their sheaves on the spot where they had met and without a word returned to their respective tents. God saw what the brothers had done, and he blessed the spot where they had met. Later, Solomon, King of Israel built the Temple on that very spot — the Temple from which the message of peace, love and brotherhood went out to all the world.

## WE HAVE ARRIVED AND SAW THE LIGHT

(Editor's Note: Bro. Dirk R. G. Kalvera, Sherwood Lodge No. 183 has submitted this interesting and provocative article and states that he intends to produce more material and circulate it widely. He says it will be his contribution to our craft which he believes "is the power of light on the dark path to our own destiny". He hopes and the editor hopes that the article will cause some reaction for it has in it the seeds of much discussion).

We have arrived at a new era of human existence. And to signify it, a child has been born to this human race, a beautiful baby girl. A child developed artificially by the human race.

1978 years before this, another child had been created, a boy. His significance was the end of a major polytheistic philosophy of life, spreading itself from the east to the west. He signified the overwhelming power of one creator, one true light, guiding his followers. A light born in the depth of our souls. And far before that the Word had been lost, although one still could see the light. The light of good hope, goodwill, and true craftsmanship, as far as we were able to comprehend.

Now we arrive at a new era. We do not see the light only, we are part of that light. We created the great destined embryo of our own future and that of the further development of the human race. We created a new freedom, but do we understand, do we comprehend it? We are part of the light and because of this we are enabled to see deeper into the depth of

our own soul.

We do see a word, we know it is the lost word, but it is not a word of any of our known tongues. Therefore we cannot pronounce it, neither comprehend its true meaning. Without the word, can we be true rulers of our own destiny? Whatever your answer is, the fact remains that we as humans have arrived at a point of no return. We do have the tools of artificial human reproduction.

Through human history we have made it a rule to manipulate the worst out of man and exploit it, beyond its tensile strength. Are we going to see an exception NOW?

Pray on your knees and with your soul, to your creator, whatever you may call Him, so he will allow us one chance, one possibility, to overlive our own destruction of truth and brotherhood on an equal level.

The possibility to create a philosophical counterbalance verses the technological advances of NOW. Today, at this moment, lies our raft of hope. If we have time to develop that far, it lies in nobody's hands, then our own. Are we as an ancient and accepted craft able to muster the power of the light verses the powers of our historical degeneration.

The answer YOU only are capable to supply. YES or NO, you will not be able to sit on the fence any longer. You do have to decide now, for light or darkness.

Life in our known freedom or a DNA directed super race controlled by who ever will conquer the power we just created our selves. Look deep in your soul and try to remember what was good and what was once forbidden. We passed through the valley of transgression and are entering an other phase in our cycle.

Are we as craftsmen of our own operative philosophy of that which we seem to socialize in, rather than live by?



During his term of office M.W. Bro. K. L. Crockett covenanted a meeting of Grand Lodge to lay the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple at Medicine Hat. He reported, our readers will remember that it was a very windy day. We have now received a picture of the corner of the Medicine Hat Temple and note that the cornerstone is in its correct place. Our

Past Grand Master rightly declared that it was well and properly laid.

### THE MAILBAG

We were very pleased to receive a note from R.W. Bro. R. B. Burgman, Blairmore indicating that he was impressed with the recent paper on "What to Tell Your Wife". He plans to make copies of the article for distribution. He commented also on the picture of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Mark's Lodge. The original stone which was relaid was first set in place by Bro. Burgman's father in law the late M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank in 1928.



Recently the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, accompanied by W. Bro. Frank McJunkin, visited the Turner Valley Hospital to present a Fifty Year Jewel from Crescent Lodge No. 87 to W. Bro. Roy Roberts. Happily Bro. Roberts has since been discharged from hospital and we wish him continued good health.



The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan and W. Bro. Dennis McKay of Corinthian Lodge No. 22 paid a visit to the home of Bro. Peter Dorsch to present him with a Fifty Year Jewel. Bro. Dorsch lives in Calgary and expressed his great appreciation of the fact that his Lodge had not forgotten him.

### YORK LODGE NO. 119

At the regular business meeting of York Lodge No. 119 in January Bro. Leighton W. Moore received congratulations from his brethren and was presented with a Sixty Year Bar to his Fifty Year Jewel.



King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane recently celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary, a report of which appeared in a previous issue. The above picture shows one part of the Lodge Room. It is evident that it was a gala night well attended by the members of King Solomon Lodge and brethren who were visitors.

### MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP

By the time this issue gets into the hands of the Brethren it is quite possible that the Masonic Spring Workshop which is scheduled for the Banff Centre on the weekend of April 27, 28 and 29 will have over its complement of 500 masons registered. Early registrations have been arriving at the Grand Lodge Office in greater numbers than ever before. Brethren planning to attend should send in registrations promptly and, if there is not room, may be placed on the waiting list.

### HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND

At this point we do not have an exact report of the amount subscribed to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund for this year. It does appear that the contributions have been encouraging. Should any brethren have forgotten to send in a donation this may yet be done before the books are closed.



When the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan, made an official visit to Ashlar Lodge No. 28 he was pleased to present to Bro. Tomas W. Rodley a Fifty Year Jewel.