

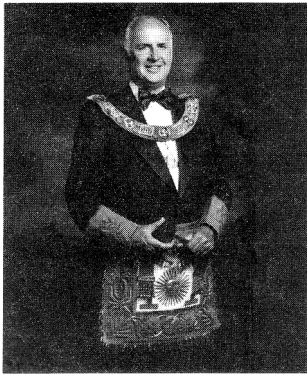


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BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM N. LOVE

William N. Love was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan 23rd January, 1922 and shortly afterward moved to Calgary at the age of three months. He took his Public School, Junior and Senior High School in Calgary and then a year at Ridley College, St. Catherines, Ontario.

He entered the army in 1942 joining as a Private soldier in Calgary and training in Sarcee, Petawawa, Three Rivers, Brockville, Brandon and Shilo, then overseas as a Lieutenant in the Artillery returning to Canada early in 1946. He then entered the University of Alberta, Edmonton in the fall of 1946 majoring in Entomology and emerging with a Science Degree in 1950.

In 1950 he married Eugenie Alston from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and is now the father of four sons, David William, Ronald Scott, Herbert Gordon and Daniel James.

He joined the news staff of CFCN Radio and Television in Calgary graduating to News Director in the days of the Wheat Pool News. During this period of time he returned to his studies at the University of Calgary to receive a second degree in European History. M.W. Bro. Love has travelled extensively as a journalist and privately.

He joined Lodge Renfrew No. 134, Calgary April 22nd, 1948, was Worshipful Master in 1962, served the Grand Lodge of Alberta on the Board of General Purposes 1972-73 and 1973-74. He was a member of the Finance Committee from 1973 to 1976. He was District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 1975-76, and was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1976-77 and proceeded through to Grand Master 1979-80.

M.W. Bro. Love is a self employed business man in Cable TV, Land and Livestock.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

In this first Bulletin of the new Masonic year, I wish first to express my sincere thanks to all those Brethren who did so much to encourage and help me as I have advanced to my present position of responsibility. It is something one cannot do alone.

In looking forward to the year ahead, it might be appropriate to suggest the direction we hope to travel together. It is not my intention to coin a slogan or rallying cry for the year. If someone were to ask me what theme I have chosen, I would reply, simply, "Freemasonry", and thereby reinforce the theme of my predecessor - "Back to the Basics".

I particularly hope to provide leadership for those Brethren who are striving so desperately to resist any tendency to change the Craft into something other than Freemasonry. It is very easy to get off track and to neglect our proper Masonic labours, while we divert ourselves with more superficial and distracting substitutes. I would like to see us give masonry back to the masons!

In the proceedings from the Grand Communication of last June one will find the REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY, which I highly recommend everyone to read. It shows that a strong revival of interest and enthusiasm in the Craft is underway. It is a report full of promise, optimism and sound encouragement and it is based on the evidence gathered by the District Deputies across the length and breadth of this jurisdiction.

At the same time, it suggests and defines some of the areas which need our particular attention. Some problems do exist and we must not blind ourselves to them. But at the same time the groundswell of enthusiasm is growing and we should lose no opportunity to keep up the momentum.

Certain measures are already underway to strengthen the training and leadership of Lodge Officers. For example:-

The Grand Master hopes to attend all District meetings and a schedule has been drawn up in such a way that the Grand Secretary may have a chance to meet with every Lodge Secretary in the jurisdiction. In this way the secretaries may be given individual assistance and guidance that, it is hoped, will make their job easier and more efficient.

— Between election and installation the three senior officers of every Lodge will be asked to submit written answers to a series of questions based on the Consti-

tution. There will be no grading and pass or fail mark, simply an effort to make Masters aware that the answers to most questions are to be found in their Constitution.

—All Lodges will be urged to be more careful in the selection of applicants, and that candidates be made more fully aware of exactly what they are entering into before they proceed. Too many of the wrong kind of applicants are being admitted and serve only to swell the ranks of the demitted and suspended.

The three senior Officers of Lodges will be encouraged to remain in their chairs during degree work. Their replacement by individuals and degree teams robs them of the opportunity to learn their job properly and results in the turning out of too many Past Masters who have been deprived of the chance to perfect their Masonic skills. At the same time, the full degree teams are urged to perform a particular service by visiting those Lodges that have no candidates where they may create interest by exemplifying the work with proxy candidates.

A trend is growing in the jurisdiction to slow down the degree mill by extending the waiting period between degrees, and this will also be encouraged. (In Britain and on the continent, the waiting period is up to a year between degrees.) Such a program, however, must be accompanied by a sound and well-planned program of education and/or visitations involving more Lodge members and under the guidance of active Past Masters. After a few short months of readjustment, there should be no decrease in ceremonial activity or admission of members, just a rescheduling of degrees.

Masonry is on the move in this jurisdiction and it would be folly to now rest on our laurels. Now is the time for each of us to make that little extra effort - be it ever so small - to keep the ball rolling. And if we do this, then we may rest assured that the cumulative result will be a massive upswing in our Masonic fortunes, to the ultimate benefit of ourselves as individuals and to the society in which we live.

Remember, Brethren, We have but one role to play, and one role only.....to turn our Members into Masons!

THE GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

The 1979 Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta witnessed a change in the format of the program. The Banquet was the first event. This presented some problems because the Ballroom of the Calgary Inn had to be cleared after the banquet was concluded and set up for the Opening Ceremonies of Grand Lodge. Accordingly there was a lengthy period between the conclusion of the banquet and the Opening of Grand Lodge. The changeover was done very efficiently and those who organized it should be complimented on the work they did. The recess did give the brethren time to register, vote and visit but it was a long wait.

The attendance at the banquet was very good and the idea to have a basic masonic address met

with approval. The program does need to be looked at carefully for the banquet, if it is going to be the first gathering, should be inspirational and set the tone for the coming business sessions. Many of the brethren felt that there was a real lack here. There have been some suggestions that, if the practice is to continue, the banquet should feature the Grand Master's Address which would definitely set the tone for the coming sessions. Whether this is possible before the opening of Grand Lodge would have to be investigated. Many favourable comments were heard about the introduction of the Visitors from other Jurisdictions at the banquet and the elimination of the duplication of introductions by presenting them again at the opening ceremonies.

There were many interesting parts in the actual business sections of Grand Lodge itself. The members of Grand Lodge served notice that they were not prepared to surrender their right to decide when defeated amendment to the constitution could be presented to Grand Lodge again and refused to allow Grand Lodge Fees to be exempted from the three year rule. The members of Grand Lodge served notice that they intended to control their finances. At the same time the members were aware of the financial problems facing Grand Lodge and did permit a special \$1.15 assessment per member to recover some of the past deficits. The 1979-80 Budget shows a proposed deficit of \$29,035.00. Such a situation cannot continue indefinitely and the Finance Committee faces the necessity of increasing revenue or of cutting expenditures.

Overall the Communication was well organized and efficiently conducted. The members who attended received much information and education.

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY - 1979-80

SEPTEMBER

- 6th, 7th & 8th Banff Conference, Banff
- 17th Astra Lodge No. 179, Cold Lake
- 19th, 20th,
- 21st & 22nd Grand Lodge of Idaho
- 25th Board of Benevolence, Calgary
- 29th District No. 3, Jasper

OCTOBER

- 1st Hinton Lodge No. 178, Hinton
- 9th Rocky-Summit Lodge No. 30, Frank
- 15th District No. 13, Wembley
- 20th District No. 19, Edmonton
- 23rd District No. 11, Lethbridge
- 25th District No. 8, Pincher Creek
- 26th District No. 7, Lethbridge

- 27th District No. 2, Foremost
- 29th District No. 6, Calgary
- 30th District Deputy Grand Master's meeting
- 31st District No. 4, Bowden

NOVEMBER

- 1st District No. 9, Castor
- 2nd District No. 5, Daysland
- 3rd District No. 12, Whitecourt
- 5th District No. 17, Holden
- 6th Edgerton Lodge No. 102, Edgerton
- 8th District No. 15, Acme
- 9th District No. 14, Craigmyle
- 10th District No. 16, Calgary
- 15th Innisfail Lodge No. 8, Innisfail
- 17th District No. 10, Vegreville
- 21st Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 21st District No. 20, Edmonton
- 28th District No.1, Calgary
- 28th Board of Benevolence, Calgary
- 30th District No. 18, Crossfield

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary is planning to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta by organizing an evening on Saturday October 26, 1980 in the Calgary Inn.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM:

- Dinner
- Movie: Mozart's Magic Flute (Director Ingmar Bergman)
- Dance

Representatives of the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association will visit all Calgary Lodges in September to draw more attention to this event, which will be open to all Masons and their wives.

For more information please write to: Bro. B.G.T. van Helden, 1404-108 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2W 0C5 Ph. 252-6560.

ALBERTA LODGE OF RESEARCH

The committee presently attempting to form a Research Lodge in Alberta will be holding meetings for those interested in becoming charter members in Calgary at the Masonic Temple on October fourth 1979 at 8:00 P.M. and in Edmonton at the Central Masonic Temple on October twelfth, 1979 at 8:00 P.M.

Those Masons wishing to become charter members should attend one of these meetings. The Char-

ter fee has been set at \$200.00. Annual dues will be decided at a further meeting.

In Edmonton contact R.W. Bro. R. Juthner and W. Bro. R. Aberdeen. In Calgary contact V.W. Bro. R.H. Jones and W. Bro. A.C. Nielson.

A meeting of Charter members will be held in the Red Deer Masonic Temple, Red Deer, October 30th, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.

THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY IN ALBERTA

(Excerpts from the Report. The full report will be in the Proceedings)

The rumors that a fresh wave of enthusiasm is sweeping through the Craft seem to be well founded. The problems that do exist are becoming more clearly defined and in most cases programs are even now underway to overcome them.

A soft spot in the records lies with the Historical Registers or the diaries of the Lodges which, too often, are neglected. But the shortcomings in some Registers are more than matched by others which are right up to date and packed with informative notes letters, clippings, cards and photographs.

Here and there a Lodge has a particular problem relating to its real estate and taxes, or rising cost of operation but for the first time in years the general hand - wringing has ceased.

Another sign of the times is the possibility of a Research Lodge appearing in this Jurisdiction. This, now in the formative stages, is for more serious-minded Masonic Scholars. But it's all grist for the mill.

One cannot fail to hear in the background some fainter, plaintive calls for help from serious minded Brethren who recognize the value of education in re-awakening enthusiasm and interest, but who just don't know how to get started. These are people whose careers have been remote from those specialized fields of communication. Both the Research and Education Committee of Grand Lodge and the Banff Workshop Committee might pay close heed to these specific calls for help.

The District Deputies have always kept a critical eye on the ritualistic Work and this year has been no exception. An immediate drop in the quality of work becomes evident . . . followed later by a drop in attendance.

It is difficult to know every Brother in a Lodge with some two or three hundred members, especially if they don't attend. And a study of last year's returns reveals that, generally speaking, the percentage of members attending is inversely proportional to the number of members . . . In many jurisdictions Lodge Membership is limited to 100.

There seems to be little point in bringing more members into the Order if we can't even retain the interest of those we already have.

THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE IS SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF EVERY LODGE. IT IS FULL OF INTERESTING INFORMATION. EACH MEMBER SHOULD TAKE TIME TO READ SOME OF THE REPORTS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE REPORT ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Bro. D.F.G. Kalverla, Commercial Lodge No. 81

Visiting a distinguished well known brother, I noticed on his wall in his study the saying: "If you are a leader, lead. If you are a follower, follow. If you are none of both, get the hell out of my way." It sounds kind of abrupt, doesn't it. But isn't it where we as masons have to focus our minds and deeds? We are aware that we cannot be all leaders, neither all followers. But if we want to become what we profess to be, we have to become either one. To lead is carrying the burden of all, to follow is to participate in carrying part of the burden of the leader. When we don't do either we cruise under a false flag. We carry the flag in which we do not believe with our soul and the whole of our being. Masonry is not a privilege alone, it is a way of life which only can be lived to its fullest responsibility. It is unnecessary to seek out more members, but to reinforce our own individual strength. In the multitude of members and administrative rulings we drown our individual most sublime strength. We the individual have the privilege to develop ourselves, on a personal basis to become better. Better in our private professions and together better in seeking of the true light of Masonry. When we cannot and are not able to perform those duties which are layed open to us by Masonry in our daily lives. We truly are not fit to belong, nor participate in this brotherhood of man. But are glorious disciples of Madison Avenue advertised way of North America life, which does not request more than sit comfortably and watch the tube in color. You don't have to strain yourself and are allowed to sleep when the eyes cannot stand the strain of staring. For those who have more surge in them, try to read 10 minutes a day in the Work. Try to comprehend what is written, memorize a charge or part of the work for your own upgrading, in your own private surge for the light, to better yourself. And let the Master know, you know and can teach that part, for that degree. Enjoy the feeling to declare yourself to the entered apprentice or fellow. Speak your part loud and clear, so everyone can enjoy your performance. Bring out your view of what you understand it to be, with the meaning you understand it to exist of.

We aren't the same, therefore we do not read the same meaning out of an individual part. But just that will enrich others to be able to hear your

view. And all of them enjoy to enrich themselves with your view, which they never before have seen. They heard the same words thousands of times but your intonation and therefore your meaning was never viewed to them because it is your way and your soul which speaks. Grow up and show them that you are able to follow at least as well as everyone else. It enlightens your life and deepens the life of others on the same path of the door of transgression, through which each of us once shall pass. That is our privilege to pass and our responsibility to do so with a deep glow of knowledge of the eternal beauty of masonic truth.

THE "ENTERED" APPRENTICE

The word goes back to operative days. The Freemasons of the middle ages were a select group; they were the highest class of artisans of their time. It required sound health, moral character, high intelligence, to be a good operative Freemason, permitted to work on the great Houses of God which were the Freemason's work. They were proud of their abilities and of their reputation and strict in their rules.

To become a Freemason a young lad was required to serve a seven year apprenticeship before he might ask to be permitted to make and submit to his superiors his "Master's Piece" and be admitted as a "Fellow of the Craft". Before he could serve his time he had to prove himself; therefore he served a period of time as an Apprentice. If at the end of that period he had shown himself possessed of the necessary qualifications of industry, character, decency and probity, he was "entered" on the books of the Craft and became an "Entered Apprentice".

Originally an Apprentice was not a member of the Masonic Craft, even after being entered on the books of the lodge; not until he had passed his apprenticeship and been accepted as a Fellow was he a Craftsman. This practice gradually gave way to the modern idea and after 1717, Apprentices initiated in lodge formed the bulk of the Craft. Ritual teaches that the Apprentice is a symbol of youth, the Fellowcraft of manhood, and the Master of old age; probably this concept is derived from the fact that learners, beginners, are young, experts are men, and the wise and learned the elder group.



M.W. Bro. R. L. Costigan attended the annual Canada Night and Past Masters Night at Zetland Lodge, No. 83 and presented Bro. Sam G. Coultis with a 70 year bar to his Fifty Year Jewel. Bro. Coultis is 92 years of age being born on March 9, 1887.