



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## THE 15th MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP BANFF CENTRE May 2, 3 and 4 REGISTER EARLY

### THEME "BEYOND THE RITUAL"

The seventy-fifth anniversary year of the Grand Lodge of Alberta is now a reality, and Masons from all over the Province are involved in projects of celebration. This year the 'Banff Workshop' is just such a project. The Masons who have volunteered to work are busy putting the finishing touches to their presentations. From what I have seen and heard, we are heading for another outstanding Workshop.

The theme, "Beyond The Ritual", was chosen with the hope that every Mason would take time to reflect back over our seventy-five year foundation, and realize that our obligations do not stop at the door of the Lodge, or when we have accomplished a word-perfect Ritual, but goes beyond those limits and instructs us to share with the world our knowledge of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Wor. Bro. Ken Lawrence, Discussion Group Chairman, advised me that the atmosphere within the Discussion Groups at the Banff Workshop, can't help but inspire you to do bigger and better things because the whole weekend is "sharing".

A sharing of problems and solutions.

A sharing of grievances and hopes.

A sharing of feelings and fellowship.

Clearly, the Discussion Groups connected with the Workshop are not going to provide all the answers. They are intended, however, to provide a beginning, and it is hoped that we, as Masons, will continue to grow far beyond this level by carrying back a deeper understanding of our Brothers.

The Schools of Instruction, under the direction of two outstanding Masons, W. Bro. Jack Gardener and R.W. Bro. Bob Borland, will present for your contemplation, a variety of subjects tied up neatly in a package of five schools. These schools are a culmination of experienced Brethren backed up by interesting and worthwhile material. The schools have been carefully picked in an attempt to offer something to everyone in attendance. You will find a review of the fundamental principles and attitudes that should inspire you to new heights, and throughout, there will be an emphasis on your personal responsibility and involvement.

Two one-act plays, "Nathan The Wise", under the direction of W. Bro. Dale Christensen, and "The Rising Of The Moon", under the direction of W. Bro. Leon Wendt, will certainly provide you with an hour of entertainment. No expense has been spared to bring you these two outstanding, live, on-stage performances.

What more can be said? Come on. Brother! Come where the action is --

THE BANFF WORKSHOP.

S. E. Mottershead.  
General Chairman

**PROGRAM - FIFTEENTH ANNUAL  
MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP  
SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

**No.1 Wanna Learn to Talk? (Effective Public Speaking!)**

This school will include effective delivery of the Ritualistic work, public speaking, and touch briefly on the following: pronunciation, enunciation, emphasis modulation, memory aids, etc.

**No.2 Who Is The Boss? (Chain of Command)**

An examination of the duties and responsibilities of all members of the Lodge toward the creation of interesting meetings, conferring of well organized degrees, and successful social Functions.

**No.3 It's In The Book! (Within The Constitution)**

Protocol and procedure - discover the confidence which comes from knowing what to do - and when! Everthing you should want to know about the Constitution - but don't.

**No.4 Committee Party. (The Hallmark of a Mason)**

How do you interview a prospective candidate? How do you visit a patient? How do you delegate authority? How effective are you as a committee member?

This school will provide valuable instruction on the most effective ways to participate in committee work.

**No.5 The Minute Makers. (The Business of Being a Secretary)**

The computer must be fed! Lodge Secretaries will be instructed as to the quarterly, semi-annual, and year-end diet which the Grand Lodge Computer requires to avoid indigestion.

**THE RISING OF THE MOON**

A one-act play by the Irish Playwright

Lady Gregory (1852-1932)

Although the play is concerned specifically with an event in the long struggle for Irish Home Rule, the problem raised is universal:

When one is confronted with a dilemma that requires acting either strictly according to the rules and adhering to "duty" or according to the dictates of his conscience and abandoning his formal responsibilities, which is the *right* decision?

The Sergeant is Everyman faced with just such a problem. Should he arrest the gaol-breaker who had been incarcerated for his activities against the Government, and thus become eligible for a much-needed One Hundred Pound reward and probable promotion? Or should he secretly align himself with the people in their battle for self-governance by allowing the man to escape, and thus Forego and reward and the promotion?

**NATHAN THE WISE**

A parable by the eminent eighteenth century poet and dramatist,

- Gotthold Ephraim Lessing -

This presentation is taken from Act 3 Nathan The Wise, as translated from German by Patrick Maxwell, and embodies the meeting between the Sultan, Saladin,

and Nathan, a Jewish trader, who the people call 'the Wise'. Saladin seeks to know which faith, Jewish, Moslem or Christian, is the true faith, and Nathan, in his indubitable wisdom, gives him his answer through a fable which entwines doctrines of the noblest kind, teaching brotherhood, racial and religious tolerance.

**FIFTEENTH ALBERTA MASONIC  
SPRING WORKSHOP  
BANFF CENTRE  
BANFF, ALBERTA**

**MAY 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 1980.**

**THE AGENDA FOR THE WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, MAY 2nd, 1980**

- 3:00 P.M. Onwards - Registration, locate Discussion Rooms  
Books Sales in the Eric Harvie Theatre
- 6:30 P.M. - Supper (Cafeteria Style)
- 8:45 P.M. - Announcements - Eric Harvie Theatre
- 9:00 P.M. - Theme Address - Eric Harvie Theatre  
(R.W. Bro. James A. Lore)
- 9:30 - 10:00 P.M. - Discussion Groups (Get Acquainted)
- 10:15 P.M. - Bookstore - Eric Harvie Theatre.  
Discussion Group Leaders and Chairman Meet.  
Schools of Instruction Leaders and Chairman.  
COFFEE WILL BE SERVED.

**SATURDAY, MAY 3rd, 1980**

- 7:00 A.M. - Breakfast - (Cafeteria Style)
- 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. - Discussion Groups
- 10:15 - 12 Noon - Schools of Instruction
- 12:15 P.M. - Lunch
- 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Schools of Instruction
- 4:15 - 5:15 P.M. - Masonic Plays, Eric Harvie Theatre
- 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. - Theme Address - Eric Harvie Theatre  
(R.W. Bro. James A. Lore)
- 8:00 - 9:30 P.M. - Discussion Groups
- 9:45 P.M. Onwards - Bookstore - Eric Harvie Theatre  
COFFEE WILL BE SERVED.

**SUNDAY, MAY 4th, 1980**

- 7:45 A.M. - Coffee in Eric Harvie Theatre
- 8:15 A.M. - Chairman's Remarks
- 8:30 A.M. - Devotional Service  
(V.W. Bro. James W. Roberts, Past Grand Chaplain)
- 9:30 A.M. - Breakfast

**REGISTER EARLY FOR THE FIFTEENTH MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 500. THE FEE OF \$58.00 MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REGISTRATION. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LODGE SECRETARY.**

**THE MASONS OF THE EMPIRE MOURN  
THEIR KING**

King George V died on January 20, 1936  
This tribute was in the Grand Lodge Bulletin, February 1936

The citizens of every country regret the end of a great and good man, but none mourn his loss more sincerely than the Freemasons of the Empire.

Not a Mason himself, the late King came of a notably Masonic family. His Father, King Edward VII, his Uncle the Duke of Connaught and three of his sons have all held exalted positions in the Fraternity.

King George never hesitated to show his interest in the Craft. In the first year of his reign he became Grand Patron of the three Masonic institutions and

Queen Mary the Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

On repeated occasions he addressed the Fraternity in glowing terms and on every occasion showed his appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons throughout the Empire.

On June 23rd, 1917, the occasion of the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, his message to the assembled brethren was brief but full of his own splendid qualities:

"The traditional loyalty of British Freemasons is a force upon which the Sovereign of this country has ever reckoned, and has been to me a proud memory during the anxious years through which we are passing."

Again in 1933 when he opened the Royal Masonic Hospital he left no doubt as to his feelings for the Craft:

"I am deeply moved by the further proofs I have received of Masonic loyalty and affection towards my Throne and myself. It gives both the Queen and myself great pleasure to come here and thus show our continued interest in the Craft of which many of our family are members.

Perhaps no more fitting tribute could be paid the late King George than to reverently mark him as the model of that part of the ceremony of installing the officers of a Lodge when the ideal of a Freemason is portrayed.

"If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who without blemish fulfils his duties as a man, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellow men without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger."

Such a man was his Gracious Majesty King George V. He has crossed to the undiscovered country and the Masons of his Empire mourn.

## LODGE INTEREST

This article appeared in the Grand Lodge Bulletin - February 1936

In the smaller Lodges there are often evenings when there is little business on the Notice, no Degree work, and no visitors to enliven the evening. If such evenings occur too often, there is a danger of ennui and disinterest setting in. It is the duty, and should be the decided ambition of every Master to have something of interest on every Notice.

Kilwinning Lodge #110, at Innisfree spent a very pleasant and unusual evening a few months ago. The Third Degree was exemplified, but instead of the usual officers taking part, it was decided that no P.M.'s, no Wardens and no experienced Masons should have any portion of the work. An exception was made in the case of the brother who acted as the C. For this onerous position, the brethren selected, with great glee, a Past Master upon whom it was thought it would be a delight to practice. The glee lasted only sixty seconds, as the Past Master proved so efficient that the brethren considered they could not have found a C. who was

more dumb, more obstreperous, and more difficult to handle, if they had combed the ranks of outsiders.

The work was divided equally among 9 brethren, and the whole ceremony flowed smoothly and efficiently from start to finish. The most surprising outcome, even to the 9 workers themselves, was the large amount of interest and enjoyment derived by these 9, as well as by the onlookers, which latter, by reason of their greater skill, came first in the guise of critics, and ended as an enthusiastic audience.

Which merely adds a further proof to the oft repeated statement, that the more work one has to do in Masonry, the greater becomes one's interest and liking.

Contributed by the Lodge Secretary.

## THE MEANING AND MESSAGE OF MASONRY

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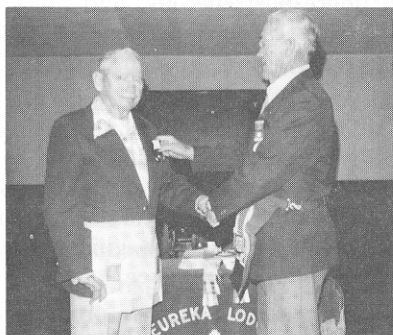
Freemasonry is neither an investment in finance nor an insurance against pecuniary need; it is not a refuge for the improvident; the unsuccessful or the incompetent; it makes no promise of world preferment or social advantage. But it is an investment in self-betterment, social service and good fellowship; also an insurance against lack of friends and isolation.

The symbolism of Freemasonry shows clearly that the Craft is more than a Brotherhood, that it is a republic of the entire world. It has its votaries among all tongues, nations and creeds. Its motto is: Liberty, equality and fraternity. Its government is purely democratic. It enjoins obedience to law, order, discipline and subordination to legitimate authority. It is a fraternity where Brethren are pledged to each other's defense and support. Whilst holding itself aloof from creeds, Freemasonry maintains a principle broader than any creed, and that principle is that man is sovereign of his own mind and not subject to the dictation of another, but yet he always deals charitably with the opinions and judgment of others.

Its message is that all members of the Craft should more and more make themselves familiar with the inner meaning of Masonry, acquaint themselves with the teaching of its symbols, and thus seek to translate that teaching into every phase of life.



W. Bro. Earl W. Jenner, Past Master of Hinton Lodge No. 178 receives his Fifty Year Jewel from R.W. Bro. David L. Rand, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 3.



Bro. Ellis Riley of Eureka Lodge No. 10 is presented a Fifty Year Jewel from R.W. Bro. W. Jackson, P.D.D.G.M.



Exactly 50 years from the day of his initiation in Nanton in 1929 Bro. Charles Phillips receives his Jewel from W. Bro. Alan Baker. In attendance at the ceremony was his son Bro. Ken Phillips. Interestingly Bro. Charles Phillips was the Best Man when W. Bro. Baker's parents were married.



W. Bro. Harry Richardson (left) 50 Year and Life Member of King Hiram Lodge No. 21, R.W. Bro. E. Jones P.D.D.G.M. District No. 18, W. Bro. J. H. Hosegood, W. Bro. J. M. Lynas, W.M. of King Hiram Lodge. The occasion was the presentation of a 50 Year Jewel to W. Bro. Hosegood by R.W. Bro. Jones. W. Bro. Hosegood was initiated into King Hiram Lodge No. 21 in 1929 and served as Worshipful Master in 1938.

### PROVOST LODGE NO. 61

It was a gala night in Provost Lodge No. 61 last November when four candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree. W. Bro. G. S. Holmes of Medicine Hat returned to his Mother Lodge to take part in the ceremony in which his son Bro. Richard Holmes and his son-in-law Bro. Alfred Symington were candidates.

The Worshipful Master W. Bro. G. A. Twa raised his son Bro. Grant Twa. Bro. Aubrey Drynan was the fourth candidate. Present to support him were his father and his brother from Temple Lodge No. 167, Bro. Gordon Drynan and Bro. Jim Drynan. Also present was Bro. Gilbert Drynan of Natalie Lake Lodge No. 177 G.R.M. There were nineteen visitors present representing six Alberta Lodges, one Saskatchewan Lodge and one Manitoba Lodge.

### WORDS AND IDEAS

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is part of the main," wrote John Donne, the English divine and poet. "If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or thine own were. Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

### V.S.L.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold." Proverbs 3, 13;14.

"Be not afraid of life," advised the American philosopher William James. "Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact."

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth," Sir Winston Churchill once said, "but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."

"Only the wise possess ideas; the greater part of mankind are possessed by them," wrote Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the English poet and philosopher.

### WHERE TO FIND THE TIME YOU NEED

Time is the inexplicable raw material of everything. With it, all if possible; without it, nothing. The supply of time is truly a daily miracle, an affair genuinely astonishing when one examines it.

You wake up in the morning, and lo! your purse is magically filled with twenty-four hours of the un-manufactured tissue of the universe of your life. It is yours . . . No one can take it from you . . . And no one receives more or less than you receive.

You have to live on this twenty-four hours of daily time. Out of it you have to spin health, pleasure, money, content, respect and the evolution of your immortal soul. Its right use, its most effective use, is a matter of the highest urgency and the most thrilling actuality. All depends on that. Your Happiness — The elusive prize that we are all clutching for, My Friends! — Depends on that.

We never shall have any more time, we have, and we have always had, all the time there is.

W. Bro. Doug Troock.  
(Saskatchewan No. 92)