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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

WALTER EDWARD FOSTER

GRAND MASTER 1980-1981



Walter Edward Foster more affectionately known as "Curly" was born at Mansfield, Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire England, June 15th 1920.

He received his education at Mansfield Woodhouse, and attended the County School of Art at Mansfield as part of his apprenticeship as Painter Decorator and Sign writer.

On enlisting in the "Royal Air Force" in 1940 and after serving in Europe, he served at Penhold, Alberta under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan and returned to England being demobilized in 1945.

After being employed in his trade as a journeyman he returned to Red Deer, Alberta in December 1948 and has continued in his trade from that time. He became a Foreman Painter with the Provincial Government in 1952 and is presently at Olds College where he has instructed courses pertaining to his trade.

Some of his activities in community life have been Scout Master, was instrumental in establishing the Senior Citizens Friendship Club in Red Deer, Past member of the Board of Gaetz United Church Red Deer and Board of Stewards of Olds United Church, Past Campaign Chairman of Olds Community Chest, Past President of Branches 14 and 10 of Civil Service Association.

Most W. Bro. Foster was initiated, passed and raised in Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 in 1950 serving as Worshipful Master in 1958. Moving to Olds in 1964 he immediately affiliated with Mountain View No. 16 and has held joint membership since that time, serving as secretary and treasurer for 8½ years in No. 16. He was appointed Grand Steward 1968, elected to District Deputy Grand Master District No. 4 in 1971, has served the Grand Lodge of Alberta on the following committees over the years, Board of General Purposes 1973-74, 1975-76, 1976-77. Member Finance Committee 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho 1972. At the annual communication in June 1977 was elected Junior Grand Warden, and in June 1980 was elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons in Alberta.

He has taken a very active and keen interest in various sports in the past, being a very ardent sportsman as his trophy collection will testify, admitting that soccer was his favorite.

Most W. Bro. Foster married Josephine Simituk of Red Deer, Alberta in 1943 and have a family of which they are very proud, Walter Edward Jr., Jacqueline Joyce, wife of Jack Swainson of Burnt Lake and two grandchildren Micheal and Carolyn.

Message From The Grand Master

M.W. Bro. W.E. Foster has been Chairman of the Seventy fifth Anniversary Year Committee and, in that capacity, has called the Brethren of the Craft in Alberta to a rededication of the principles of Freemasonry. In a New Year's message printed in the January Issue of the Grand Lodge Bulletin he urged Lodges to consider seriously this challenge. To give leadership to his wishes he commenced his term of office by planning a Rededication Service immediately following his installation. It was significant that the scripture reading for the service was St. Paul's great message to the Corinthian Church as written in First Corinthians Chapter 13 in which the virtue of charity is presented as the outstanding mark of a dedicated person. The Grand Chaplain noted that Charity means not only the giving of material possessions but also the giving of a genuine feeling of love to our fellow men. The final hymn "Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee" pointed to the basic Masonic belief that all our possessions and all our abilities come from the Most High, and includes the prayer,

"Giver of Immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
Teach us how to love each other.
Lift us to the joy divine".

It is the Grand Master's wish that such services of rededication will be held in Districts and in Lodges during the year so that,

"Ever shining, march we onward.
Victors in the midst of strife".

THE SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

If any doubts lingered in the minds of the members of Grand Lodge that the ladies should be included in the Grand Lodge Banquet they were dispelled at the banquet in June when R.W. Bro. the Hon. Donald M. Fleming delivered the banquet address. It was a Masonic address from the beginning to the end and no one present could fail to have been inspired. It set the tone for an excellent communication. This was followed later by the address of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. N. Love, who carried on in a similar vein. As the evening came to a close a true spirit of Freemasonry pervaded the gathering and this attitude was carried over into the following day. The Grand Lodge meetings concluded with a very well attended installation ceremony for the new Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. E. Foster and an inspiring Service of Thanksgiving to open the Seventy fifth year. If those who were present carry the message of the Seventy fifth Communication back to their Lodges, Freemasonry in Alberta should experience one of the outstanding years in its history.

M. W. Bro. W. N. Love crafted a set of working tools for each distinguished guest and enclosed them in a suitable box. They are miniature tools and are exquisitely done. At the suggestion of some members he presented a set to the Grand Lodge in memory of his late father Bro. G.H. Love. There were several offers to build a pedestal to hold this gift so that they could lie open when Grand Lodge is in Session.

The History of Masonry in Alberta over the past seventy five years was the voluntary contribution of M. W. Bro. W. J. Collett. It was on sale during the Grand Lodge Session and many copies were sold and autographed by the author. Copies of the history will be contributed to the Lodges.

The attendance at Grand Lodge was 696 with 12 Master Masons present. The voting strength was 781. There were 132 Lodges represented with 35 Lodges not having members present. This number of absent Lodges was down from the fifty that were not present last year.

Altogether the Alberta Brethren should have a very warm feeling about the vitality of Freemasonry in Alberta. It is to be hoped that the individual Lodges will now take up the challenge and celebrate this Seventy fifth year in a true Masonic manner that will further strengthen the Craft and its influence on the life of this province.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

M.W. Bro. S.H. Hardin, P.G.M. presented his usual detailed report of the condition of Freemasonry throughout the world at the Annual Communication. In the interest of time he did not read his entire report. It is however worthy of study and should be read and carefully studied by Lodges. In the report he points out that a belief in God is basic to the recognition of any Grand Lodge that is to be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He noted that the Grand Lodge of Belgium no longer requires a belief in God as a condition of membership and recommended that the Grand Lodge of Alberta

withdraw recognition of that Grand Lodge. His recommendation was accepted. This means that Masonic Fraternal relations have been discontinued and that Alberta Masons may no longer visit Lodges that are members of the Grand Lodge of Belgium. It is important that the membership in Alberta take note of this action for to visit a Lodge that is not recognized is regarded as a Masonic Offence.

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

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| Grand Lodge of B.C. Kamloops..... | June 18-21 |
| Joint Installation Red Deer #12, Beacon #190 | June 23 |
| All Canada Conclave Order of Demolay | June 27 |
| District #13 Fairview | July 8 |
| Invest D.D.G.M. Dist. #14 Pollockville | July 23 |
| Banff Conference..... | Sept. 4-6 |
| Cornerstone #19 High River (75th)..... | Sept. 13 |
| Grand Lodge of Idaho..... | Sept. 17-20 |
| Consecration of Fiat Lux Calgary | Sept. 27 |
| Amalgamation Monitor and Beaver Lodges Castor | Sept. 30 |
| Zetland Lodge #83 (75th) Calgary | Oct. 2 |
| Avon Glenn Edmonton (75th)..... | Oct. 4 |
| Dist. #7 Cardston..... | Oct. 17 |
| Dist. #4 Rocky Mt. House..... | Oct. 18 |
| Dist. #14 Pollockville | Oct. 22 |
| Dist. #15 Carbon | Oct. 24 |
| Dist. #2 Medicine Hat..... | Oct. 25 |
| Dist. #6 Okotoks..... | Oct. 28 |
| Dist. #8 Fort Macleod | Oct. 30 |
| Dist. #16 Husser..... | Nov. 1 |
| Vulcan Wild Game Supper | Nov. 4 |
| Dist. #9 Bashaw | Nov. 6 |
| Dist. #12 Edmonton..... | Nov. 8 |
| Dist. #1 Calgary | Nov. 17 |
| Board of General Purposes | Nov. 19 |
| Dist #18 Calgary..... | Nov. 21 |
| Dist. #20 Edmonton | Nov. 22 |
| Dist. #3 Edson | Nov. 29 |
| Moose Supper Kenilworth #29 | Dec. 2 |

75th ANNIVERSARY GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

The MASTERS, WARDENS, AND DEACONS ASSOCIATION OF CALGARY will be honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta with a banquet and ball for the Brethren and their wives on:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1980
CALGARY INN, CALGARY

Social: 5:15 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Movie "THE MAGIC FLUTE" (Mozart),

Director: Ingmar Bergman

Dancing: 9:30 p.m.

Dress: Formal

Price: \$25.00 per person

(Guests Welcome)

Any profits will be donated to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

Tickets can now be obtained through the Junior Wardens of the Calgary Lodges, or are available from the Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Association of Calgary. Contact B.G.T. van Helden, 1404 - 108 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Phone 252-6560.

FIAT LUX - LET THERE BE LIGHT

(Grand Lodge Bulletin September 1980)

On the 14th June, 1980, The Grand Lodge of Alberta at its Annual Communication approved the granting of a charter to a new Lodge in Alberta. This was no ordinary Lodge for it will never be able to 'make a Mason', but it will, we hope, contribute in some way to the Masonic growth of all Masons in the Jurisdiction. This Special Lodge will be named 'FIAT LUX Lodge of Research', and to commemorate its year of Constitution and Consecration it will be numbered '1980' on the Register of Grand Lodge. It is one of the major activities of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to celebrate 75 years of Masonry as an independent Grand Jurisdiction.

The strong support and dedication of a large number of Alberta Masons of all ranks has led to the formation of this research Lodge to the great satisfaction of all. There has always been, in the Mason's heart, the desire to know more about the mysteries which are the foundation of our teachings-consequently the research Lodge has been an important component of the Craft in all parts of the world. Our fledgling Lodge hopes to contribute primarily to the benefit of the brethren in this jurisdiction but the results of its study may add to the greater pool of Masonic knowledge generated by all the Lodges operating for this special purpose. It is hoped that all those who have any level of interest in adding to their Masonic knowledge will join with us and we especially seek those who can contribute in the investigations of our Craft.

The Lodge, having operated for the approved time, completed all the necessary activities and produced bylaws and policies for operation is now ready to start on its way, but firstly it must pass through the ceremonies associated with the formation of all new Lodges. Many Masons will not have seen these ceremonies and for the purpose of fraternal affection and to enlarge your Masonic knowledge, you are invited to join with us on the 27th September, 1980. The ceremony will be held in the Masonic Temple at 330 - 12 Avenue, S.W., Calgary at 2:00 p.m. and is open to all Alberta Masons who can possibly attend. The Constitution and Consecration will be followed by the Installation of the Worshipful Master and the Investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year. After the Installation of the Master he will deliver his inaugural paper on "Why Two Rituals?"

The meeting will be followed by a Banquet at approximately 6:30 p.m. Due to the limited resources of the Lodge, the banquet must be paid for in advance by sending a cheque for \$10.00 to the Secretary-Treasurer, no later than the 17th September. An invitation is in the hands of each Lodge's Secretary in the Jurisdiction with full information. There is no need to send information if you wish to only attend the meeting.

Those who will be travelling long distances may wish to organize car pools or bus sized groups...those in the south of the province should contact our Worshipful Master, Bro. Tony Aspeslet, at 327-1492 and those in the Edmonton area contact Bro. Eddie Yonkers Bus: 459-4451, Res: 477-5535. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Information on Membership of the Lodge:

There are two forms of membership of the Lodge available to Masons in good standing:-

Affiliated Membership- this is not considered 'Dual Membership' in Alberta. An Affiliated Member is a full Member of the Lodge and has all privileges of membership in any Lodge. The fee to affiliate is \$90.00, plus the Grand Lodge assessment, which includes the dues for the first year. In subsequent years the current dues are \$45.00 plus the Grand Lodge Assessment (a 10% discount on the \$45.00 is allowed if paid before February 1st of each year).

Subscribing Membership- this Member can attend all meetings as a visitor but cannot vote. They will receive all published papers subject to a fee prescribed by the Worshipful Master. The fee to become a Subscribing Member is \$23.00 which includes the dues for the first year. In subsequent years the current dues are \$15.00 and payable on November 1st of the preceding year. It should be noted that papers are only available through membership. More information and application forms are available through the Secretary-Treasurer.

Your membership in FIAT LUX Lodge of Research could be a personal contribution to your recognition of this, our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, and ensure the sound start of a Lodge aimed directly at the enrichment of the Craft in Alberta for future years.

Please direct all correspondence to Norman Senn, Secretary-Treasurer, FIAT LUX Lodge of Research, Box 102, Stn. G, Calgary, Alberta T3A 2G1.

EUREKA LODGE NO. 10

At a recent meeting of Eureka Lodge No. 10 R. W. Bro. H.J.P. West was presented with a life membership in Eureka Lodge No. 10 by R. W. Bro. Wes Jackson. R. W. Bro. West was born at Wespert, Co. Mayo, Ireland April 26th 1902. He was initiated into Masonry in Eureka Lodge No. 10 September 5th 1934, passed October 3rd 1934 and raised November 7th 1934. He was Worshipful Master of Eureka in 1945 and D.D.G.M. District #4 in 1958.



STRATHMORE LODGE NO. 53

It was a memorable evening for the Brethren of the Strathmore Masonic Lodge No. 53 and the Strathmore Knights of Columbus, Father Gibbons Council, No. 3807, when they, and their ladies, met for dining and dancing at the Wheatland County Inn.

Master of Ceremonies, R. Wor. Bro. John Scheer, P.D.D.G.M., very capably directed the evening with introductions of the W. Master, Bro. George Risdon and the Worthy Grand Knight, Bro. Paul Stefan. Each officer in turn introduced their slate of officers for 1980, and proposed toasts each to the other fraternity.

A toast to the ladies present was proposed by Bro. Tony Heuver, Deputy Grand Knight, and very capably responded to by Sister Florence Wathen, O.E.S., wife of Bro. Len Wathen, Sr. Deacon.

Bro. Archie Blais, Past Grand Knight, presented a very interesting history of the Strathmore Knights of Columbus, followed by a history of the Strathmore Masonic Lodge by R. W. Bro. John Scheer in the absence of R. W. Bro. P.W. Slater, P.D.D.G.M.

The Masons and their guests outnumbered the Knights and their guests by a slight majority with the total attendance being 125.

KENILWORTH LODGE NO. 29



Worshipful Brother J.B. (Doc.) Long was honored at a meeting of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, when he was presented with his 60 year Bar. W. Bro. Byers presented the Bar on behalf of the Lodge, W. Bro. Long is the oldest Past Master of Kenilworth. He was raised in 1920 and became Master in 1926. Mrs. Long is in a Nursing Home, and Doc visits her every day.

Doc Long will be 90 years young in December of this year. He came to Red Deer in 1918 and practiced dentistry until 1976, when the building that housed his office was torn down. He has two daughters.

In accepting the Bar, Doc Long thanked the Lodge for the honor, and mentioned that he still enjoyed the fellowship, whenever he could attend, by someone picking him up. He thanked the Brethren most sincerely for their thoughts and friendliness.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia writes that Lodge Hindmarsh Lodge No. 170 will hold a special meeting in the Way Room, Freemason's Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide on Tuesday, September 23 to mark the Centenary Convention of the Salvation Army which will be held in Adelaide from September 18-23 to mark one hundred years of the commencement of the Salvation Army in the Southern Hemisphere at Adelaide. He says that there may be some Masons who are members of the Salvation Army from Canada who will be attending the convention and they would be very welcome to attend the special meeting of Hindmarsh Lodge.

PROVOST LODGE NO. 61



Seven Brothers proved up for their Third Degree and were presented with M.M. Certificates and M.M. aprons at March meeting of Provost Lodge No. 61.

Front row left to right, Brothers Alfred Symington, Richard Holmes, Grant Twa, Rodney Larson, Rodney Syverson, Mac Imeson, and Aubrey Drynan. Back row left to right, W. Bro. G.S. Holmes, W. Master W. Bro. G.E. Twa, W. Bro. W.A. England, W. Bro. C.E. Fulmore, and R.W. Bro. Stan Fisher.

W. Bro. Holmes presented his son-in-law Bro. Symington with the M.M. apron of the late W. Bro. Bert Baldrige, courtesy of Jean Baldrige. W. Bro. Holmes also presented his M.M. apron to his son Bro. Richard Holmes. The W. Master, W. Bro. G.E. Twa presented his son Bro. Grant Twa with his M.M. apron.

W. Bro. J.F. Larson presented his son Bro. Rodney Larson with his M.M. apron. Rodney is the third generation of the Larson family raised in Provost Lodge. W. Bro. W.A. England presented his son-in-law Bro. Rodney Syverson with his M.M. apron.

W. Bro. C.E. Fulmore presented Bro. Mac Imeson with a M.M. apron. R.W. Bro. Stan Fisher presented Bro. Drydan father's M.M. apron to Bro. Drydan.