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PROCLAMATION

I, William Edward Foster, Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of Alberta do hereby proclaim the month of November 1980 as Higher Education Bursary Month throughout this Jurisdiction and direct all District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters to appeal to their brethren to contribute to this worthy undertaking of the Grand Lodge. Further I request that the brethren be generous in their contributions to the fund during this Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Year. It is my desire that donations to the Higher Education Bursary Fund this year establish a record not reached heretofore.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Most Worshipful Bro. Walter Edward Foster, has proclaimed November 1980 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month and requests all Masons to donate and support this most worthy cause.

The year 1979 was a vintage year in regards to donations received for the Bursary Fund. The Masons of Alberta generously gave Twenty Four Thousand Dollars to the fund. On behalf of the committee, I express heartfelt thanks to all those who took the time and effort to send their donations.

I would like, before starting this year's appeal for funds, to advise the brethren that the Bursary Fund has, in the past, had to reject some applications submitted because of late filing. To be considered, applications must be postmarked not later than Midnight April 30th in each year.

It is my privilege to again be able to appeal to all the great Masons of Alberta to support the Higher Education Bursary Fund with financial aid. Once each year, we ask the members of the fraternity to put their hands in their pockets, extract a few dollars and send it to the Bursary Fund to support the giving of Bursaries for the coming year.

The Grand Master's theme for this year is "Rededication to the Principles of Freemasonry". One of the basic principles of Masonry is Charity. At the dedication service at Grand Lodge, the scripture reading was St. Paul's great message to the Corinthian Church as written in first Corinthians chapter 13, in which Virtue of Charity is presented as the outstanding mark of a dedicated person. Let us as Masons be truly dedicated persons.

Also, R.W. Bro. The Honourable Donald M. Fleming P.C., Q.C. (Ontario) in his speech at the Grand

Lodge banquet said quote "Charity, the glory of the Craft, pre-eminent among virtues which we exalt. We repeat, the thanks of the widow and the orphan are the Mason's most acceptable offering unto God, but times have changed. Public welfare programs have helped to provide for the widows and the orphans and social conditions continue to change. How shall we adapt Masonic charity to a changing environment? The answer must be that we are not relieved of our supreme duty to practise charity. There is still plenty of need in our midst. We must devote our charity widely to help others, not merely ourselves, and not merely our fellow Masons. Masonry was never intended to be a mutual benefit society. I should like to offer you my congratulations and commendations on the work you are doing through bursaries for higher education. This is surely a most worthy demonstration of Masonic charity".

It is a great tribute to the members of this Grand Lodge, when people outside of Alberta think so highly of the support we give to students through the Bursary Fund.

Brethren, this is the "75 Year" of this great Grand Lodge and what better way to help celebrate the occasion and to mark this milestone in our history than a donation to the Higher Education Bursary Fund. To those who have supported the fund each year, we beg your continuing donations. To those Masons who have not given in the past to this fund please make this the year to start Your support of the Higher Education Bursary Fund.

Please Brethren **DON'T DELAY DO IT TODAY!**

L. D. JEATER
CHAIRMAN
MASONIC HIGHER
EDUCATION BURSARY
FUND COMMITTEE

FRATERNAL REDEDICATION

Fraternity like everything else human, needs favourable conditions in which to grow, and Freemasonry seeks to furnish those conditions.

It gathers and binds together by solemn obligations like-minded men. We meet often and always under the same conditions, we are obligated to do the same tasks, and to live up to that glorious tradition handed down to us from the past, and which we must transmit unimpaired to the future.

The preservation and transmission of these ancient traditions of the craft is one of the most important means by which Freemasonry achieves its end and objective. Its vital force is perceived in its strong grip by which men of every country, sect and opinion are united on the five points of fellowship.

Freemasonry has always been reckoned among the deep quiet beautiful forces of life and is ever labouring to fulfill its destiny.

Wherever in the world there is a lodge of Freemasons, there should be a centre of the idea of fraternity, making for the peace and harmony that should prevail in this great lodge of the world.

That Freemason who best understands the real meanings of our gentle philosophy is best equipped to further the highest ideals of brotherly love, relief and truth. For each individual brother, freemasonry is only what he makes it.

To many of us, the most practical example of the spirit of Brotherhood or Fraternity existing today is expressed in the Masonic Order.

You and I my brethren have been accepted into this society of friends and brothers, which through the centuries has continued to exemplify the highest ideals centred upon human relationship.

On this anniversary we should have regard of the fact that what the future holds for Freemasonry depends upon the work we do today, we are indeed responsible for tomorrow. What kind of a Temple are you building my brother?

I honestly believe, that deep in the hearts of the average member of our lodges, there is an urge to practice the principles of Freemasonry and live in the spirit of Fraternity.

Let us therefore follow the dedicated lead of those who have gone before, and let us reach for more opportunities to serve humanity, to advance the great work of our craft, and meet the demands of the Great Architect of the Universe. Let us on this 75th Anniversary rededicate ourselves to this glorious Fraternity of which we are all a part.

Walter E. (Curly) Foster
Grand Master

A DOUBLE "UNIQUITY"!

(from the Year Book of the Grand Lodge of Scotland 1977)

The reponement of Lodge Masjid-i-Suleman (No. 1324) in May 1974 in the historic rooms of Lodge Congonate Kilwinning, No. 2, was unique in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry. It was the first transfer reponement of an overseas lodge and an occasion enhanced by the fact that during the ceremony the original charter, regalia, paraphernalia and record books were used — thanks to the devoted and courageous work of the secretary at the time of the sudden dormancy of the Lodge, Brother R. L. Cunningham.

Little was it expected that a second unique ceremony would take place in April 1976. It happened in this way:—

After the 1939-45 war the relationship between the state of Persia and the Craft had become so strained and difficult that, immediately after the meeting of the Lodge Masjid-i-Suleman in March 1951, masonic activities were abandoned. That last meeting was the occasion of the initiation of Mr. Sidney McCoy into Freemasonry but his progress was cut short very dramatically after taking his first steps. The Master and Secretary, however, supplied Brother Sidney McCoy with a letter which ran as follows:—

Abadan

14th June 1951

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Brother Sidney McCoy, Engineer, was initiated into Freemasonry at the 211th Regular Meeting of the above Lodge held on Thursday, 1st March 1951.

Owing to circumstances beyond our control no Meetings have been held since that time.

Should any request be received from this Brother for Passing and Raising we would be obliged if it were treated sympathetically and all assistance afforded to him.

Any further information required can be obtained from Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, 96 George Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Signed E. Brabbs, R.W.M.

Signed R. L. Cunningham, Secretary

Eventually Brother McCoy found himself in Milton, New Zealand, where, through the good offices of Lodge St. John, No. 461, he was, on presentation of the letter already mentioned, passed and raised.

However, Brother McCoy's troubles were not over because fortune directed his steps away from Milton. Conditions for travelling were difficult — so difficult, in fact, that his Master Mason's Diploma was not presented to him in New Zealand.

Now for the second unique ceremony which took place in Canongate Kilwinning Lodge-room in May 1976 when, twenty-five years after his initiation, a Master Mason Diploma was handed over. There, in his mother lodge consecrated (17th April 1926) in Persia and reponed in Edinburgh (2nd May 1974) Brother Sidney McCoy, in the presence of the original warrant and surrounded by the original paraphernalia and regalia of Masjid-i-Suleman and supported by numerous brethren who had been present at his initiation, received his Master Mason Diploma.

It was fitting that the first Master of the reponed Lodge, Brother Wilfred Pate, who was in Persia when Brother McCoy was initiated, should make the presentation. In doing so he used words which had been heard

on many former occasions in Abadan. He said:—

“In my hand is this small piece of paper — a little ornate and decorative perhaps — yet still a piece of paper only. It has no monetary value for it is not a bond to be handed to a dealer in exchange for money — neither is it a cheque to be cashed in a Bank — or even a credit note stating that on presentation on a given date it will be honoured with cash.

“Yet, when I pass it into your hands it will become to you a priceless possession, for it is your Membership Card in this Masonic Lodge. It is your Passport into Universal Freemasonry. It tells you that you have been received into the spiritual and material kinship of those in this room who practise Charity. It tells you that those nearest and dearest to you are under the protection of every member of the Fraternity. It also tells you that, should adversity overtake you, the hands of many will be stretched out to assist you.

“And finally, it tells you that when you make your last exit from this earthly sojourn, your friends and brothers will assemble in this Lodge-room to mourn your passing. They will recall your virtues, no matter how small, forgive and forget your faults which could be many, and pray that you may be received into the peace and sanctuary of the Grand Lodge Above.”

Brother McCoy suitably and briefly replied.

It was a moving, emotional and historic occasion and one which brought home to one and all the fact that Freemasonry is a Noble Art on which the sun never sets.

BANFF CONFERENCE 1980
RIMROCK HOTEL, BANFF
SEPT. 4, 5, 6



The Forty-first Meeting of the Annual Inter Provincial Conference of the Grand Officers of the Four Western Jurisdictions was held in Banff on September 4, 5 and 6. Cascade Lodge No. 5 was host to the opening session following which the above picture was taken. The remainder of the Conference was held in the Rimrock Hotel, Banff. The following brethren attended the conference—

DELEGATES:

Grand Lodge of Alberta

M.W.Bro. Walter E. Foster, G.M. - Vice-President
R.W.Bro. M.N. MacIvor, D.G.M.
R.W.Bro. Stanley Harbin, S.G.W.
R.W.Bro. J.F. Rogers, J.G.W.
R.W.Bro. M.P. Dunford, G.Sec.
M.W.Bro. R.L. Costigan, P.G.M.
M.W.Bro. W. Love, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia

M.W.Bro. E.A. Clarke, G.M.
R.W.Bro. D.J. MacLaurin, D.G.M.

R.W.Bro. D. Philips, G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. R.A. Ketchen, G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. Chas. Lorimer, G.Sec.
R.W.Bro. John Murie

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

M.W.Bro. Harold W. Harris, G.M.
R.W.Bro. J. Lewis Beckstead, D.G.M.
R.W.Bro. F.W. Clayton Gault, G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Leslie Iles, G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. J.E. Reesor Bingeman, G.Sec.
M.W.Bro. Clarence L. Chamberlain, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

M.W.Bro. Bruce Saunders, P.G.M. - President
M.W.Bro. P.H.S. Campbell, G.M.
R.W.Bro. Harold H. Astbury, D.G.M.
R.W.Bro. G.K. Halldorson, G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. E.A. Snell, G.Sec. - Secretary
M.W.Bro. John Melymick, P.G.M.
M.W.Bro. Jack Calvert, P.G.M.
M.W.Bro. James Nixon, P.G.M.
M.W.Bro. John Morland, P.G.M.
R.W.Bro. Bob Matthewson, P.D.D.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota

M.W.Bro. Samuel K. Dickinson Jr., G.M.
R.W.Bro. John P. Peterson, D.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Montana

R.W.Bro. Ludvik H. Jun, G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Donald W. Schenck, G.Sec.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota

M.W.Bro. H.G. Paulson, G.M.
R.W.Bro. Dr. Arne J. Springan, D.G.M.

THE IMAGE OF FREEMASONRY

Many of our readers have requested an explanation of the initials that appeared at the end of an article under the above title that appeared in the April Issue of the Bulletin. After many attempts to decipher those letters we requested our Grand Secretary to write to R.W.Bro. Ralph S. Nealy, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont so that we could be positive of the exact meaning. R.W.Bro. Nealy was gracious enough to reply to R.W.Bro. Dunford and he has passed a copy of the letter to the editor. Since the initials come from the secret work in the Entered Apprentice Degree in the Ancient York Rite we cannot reproduce it here. It is a part of the instructions given to the candidate in the Entered Apprentice Degree and varies slightly from the work used in this Jurisdiction.

Bro. Nealy says, “The above (i.e. the initials) comes from our ritual and is a part of the instructions to the candidate in the Entered Apprentice Degree. It is not pure ritual in as much as it contains four additional words (“The Worshipful Master”, see the second sentence) that are not included in the pure ritualistic work”.

We hope that those interested will now be able to decipher the initials. If not the Grand Secretary can supply the details orally.

Our thanks go to R.W.Bro. Nealy for his help.

THE MAILBAG

It was a pleasure to receive a letter from Bro. J. Lawrence Runnalls who was Editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario from 1964 to 1975. He reports that he has been receiving the Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Alber-

ta for many years and has been binding them every four years. He says that these bound volumes are in great demand for resource materials for short addresses. At the present time four of his volumes are out on loan. Bro. Runnalls lives in St. Catherine's, Ontario and he plans that his Masonic Library will go to a special section in the Library of Brock University which is located in that city.

TWIN TOWNS GATHER AT MEETING

A Perdue — Sedgewick event was held to "Twin" the two towns to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and to renew the fraternal relationship of two Lodges from different jurisdictions.

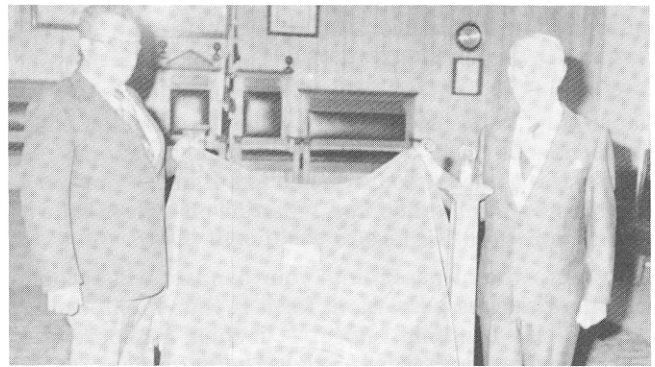
Members from Harmony Lodge No. 75 of Perdue, Saskatchewan visited Harmony Lodge No. 75 of Sedgewick (twinned in name and number) of the Masonic Order. Not only was the meeting one of fraternal greetings, but also one which afforded the opportunity to witness a degree team carry out a Third Degree of the Ancient York Rite.

Members from Camrose, Daysland, Forestburg, Alliance, Loughheed and Hardisty brought fraternal greeting from their Lodges, bringing the attendance to over 40.

Following the ritualistic proceedings of the meeting, all present gathered around the festive board in the upper hall for lunch and exchange of fraternal greetings.



Perfection Lodge No. 9 presented a Sixty Year Bar to Brother C. W. Woolley at a regular communication of that Lodge. The Presentation was made by Most Worshipful Brother F. Glenn Fox, P.G.M. Standing on his left is M.W.Bro. F. Glenn Fox and on his right is D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 16 R.W.Bro. Harry C. Mekitiak. Bro. C. W. Woolley was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was initiated into Royal Standard Lodge No. 398 E.C. on March 19, 1919. In 1935 he was transferred to Calgary, Alberta, while serving in the Armed Forces from which he retired here in 1947. In 1963 he moved to Ottawa, Ontario where he affiliated with Dalhousie Lodge No. 53 G.R.C. In 1974 he returned to Calgary, where he presently resides, and affiliated with Perfection Lodge No. 9 G.R.A. In 1975 he was presented with his Fifty Year Jewel and on February 19, 1980 Perfection No. 9 presented him with the Sixty Year Bar.



Now a resident of Winnipeg, Bro. Jack McIver has always prized his membership in his mother lodge, Camrose No. 37 G.R.A. Even though transferred by the bank he worked for, he managed to make regular, if not frequent, visits back 'home', and to keep his friendships and associations in good repair.

As he passed the thirty-year membership mark, it occurred to Bro. McIver that he wanted to do something for his lodge, as he said to the brethren, 'other than simply paying a little bit of money each year'.

Attending the regular convocation on May 8, he expressed deep pleasure in the privilege of presenting to the lodge a beautifully crafted blue altar cloth, in memory of the late W. Bro. Frank Bailey, who, said Bro. McIver, had been of tremendous assistance to him personally as a very young Mason.

The altar cloth is faced with a handsomely embroidered pair of pillars flanking a group of wild roses for the Rose City, surrounding the square and compass, while the ornamentation is completed by banners above denoting Camrose Lodge, and below, No. 37, AF & AM, G.R.A. The altar cloth is completed with a similarly colored cushion on which to rest The Great Light.

The cloth was presented by Bro. McIver, right, to W. Bro. Walter Byers, as W.M.

ZETLAND LODGE NO. 83

The October meeting of Zetland Lodge was a Festival Meeting celebrating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Year of the Grand Lodge. The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. W.E. Foster was in attendance and spoke to the meeting. The theme of the meeting was to commemorate the links of the Grand Lodge of Alberta with other jurisdictions. Grand Representatives of Jurisdictions with a special relationship to the Grand Lodge of Alberta were invited to the Banquet and to the Festival Meeting.

EDMONTON LODGE NO. 7

In September Edmonton Lodge No. 7 presented to one of our most respected Past Grand Masters, M.W.Bro. David Little, his Fifty Year Jewel. The Lodge made the meeting a special "Little Night". Two of M.W.Bro. Little's grandsons received their first degree. Two of his sons took part in the degree and the Past Grand Master gave the charge in the Entered Apprentice Degree. M.W.Bro. Little was initiated on Tuesday, September 23, 1930 which was fifty years to the day that the fourth generation of Littles entered the craft.