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THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Walter E. Foster, Grand Master

My Brethren I welcome this privilege as your Grand Master to convey once again a message to you through our Grand Lodge Bulletin.

It has been my privilege to meet so many of you during my term of office and I am so much richer for it.

My sincere thanks to you my Brethren for making my Theme come alive this past Anniversary Year, "Fraternal Rededication", or the simple dogma of Freemasonry "The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

Your Grand Lodge Officers have indeed been busy with visitations and other duties incumbent to their Office.

Each member of your committees has had a special area of responsibility and the enthusiasm with which they have responded to their duties is heartwarming indeed.

I'm sure that if the same enthusiastic spirit that has been so much in evidence in the past year, and that enthusiasm becomes even more contagious and all our lodges become infected by it, we can all look forward with faith and hope that "something good" that is happening in Freemasonry now, will continue in the years ahead.

Brethren great opportunities lie before us. It has been said that Freemasonry can best be described as a "Way of life" but the gradual changes in the standards and values of our society is an ever increasing challenge to that "way of life". It is incumbent upon every member of this craft that we hold so dear to preserve that "way of life" we love and value so very much.

I am reminded of the advice which St. Paul gave to the Philippians (Chap. 4 verse 8). "Finally, brethren, Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if their be any virtue, and if their be any praise, think on these things".

Brethren if we are to project within our sphere of influence our "way of life" it must be right thinking, productive and progressive ideas and attitudes, and above all with the help of the G.A.O.T.U.

To this end brethren the Annual Grand Lodge Communication will be held on June 12th and 13th, 1981 at the Hotel Macdonald in the City of Edmonton.

I request that each Master, each senior officer and all past Masters of every lodge be in attendance, and all Master Masons will be most welcome on this important occasion and may the G.A.O.T.U. prosper all our endeavours.

Walter E. Foster
Grand Master

**NOMINATIONS FOR
GRAND LODGE OFFICES**

GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. Murdo Norman MacIver
Eastgate Lodge No. 192
(By Acclamation)

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin
Redwood Lodge No. 193
(By Acclamation)

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:

R.W. Bro. John Franklin Rogers
Mizpah Lodge No. 35
(By Acclamation)

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN:

(One to be Elected)

W. Bro. Larry Knudsen - Born, Hokelbyerg, Denmark, November 22nd, 1903. Initiated, Lochearn No. 151, May 18th, 1937. Affiliated, Kenilworth No. 29, December 6th, 1938. Affiliated Lochearn No. 151, February 20th, 1940. Affiliated, Cavell No. 125, December 19th, 1966. W.M. 1971, 1972 and 1978-79. Town Councillor of Eckville for seven years, 1951 to 1957. Mayor for one term. President, Red Cross 1955. Retired farmer and mechanic. (No picture available)



R.W. Bro. Lloyd George Milligan - Born, Mannville, Alberta, January 27th, 1917. Married and has one son, one daughter and four grandchildren. Initiated, Temple No. 167, September 27th, 1957. W.M. 1972. Chairman Sick & Visiting Committee, Chairman Research and Education Committee of Temple No. 167. D.D.G.M. District No. 3, 1976-77. Elected a member of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee in 1978 for a three year term. Vestryman, St. Faiths Anglican Church. Chairman-President Masonic Curling League. Served in the Canadian Army Active - NWE 1939 to 1945 R.C.A. Canadian Army Regular - Europe and Canada 1951 to 1966. President Corporal's Club 1957-58. Canadian Forces Decoration. Administration and Equipment Officer, Provincial Supervisor of Warehousing, Alberta Forest Service.



R.W. Bro. Gordon Denchfield Thompson - Born, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, May 28th, 1921. Married January 14th, 1943. Initiated, West Edmonton No. 101, August 3rd, 1950. W.M. 1969-70. D.D.G.M. District No. 12, 1975-76. 2nd Lt. Commander, Alberta Consistory A. & A.S.R. 1980-81. Member Finance Committee Joint Bodies A. & A.S.R. 1979 to present time. Member Board of General Purposes 1980-81. Vestry member and Choir member St. Mary's Anglican Church for over 25 years. Worked with Boy Scouts. Served in the R.C.A.F. 1941-45 as Navigator and Instructor. Chief of Field Audit, Department of National Revenue.

GRAND TREASURER:

R.W. Bro. Walter Elmer Bright (134)
(By Acclamation)

GRAND REGISTRAR:

(One to be Elected)

W. Bro. William Winning Lowrie, Sr., (185); W. Bro. Myron Lusk, (166); W. Bro. George Mah, (192); W. Bro. Henry Newton Mills, (7).

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE:

(Three to be Elected)

W. Bro. Robert Davidson (125); V.W. Bro. Ernest Warren Dunlop, (173); V.W. Bro. Alexander Frederick McIntosh, (124); R.W. Bro. Benjamin William Arthur Summerton, (181).

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY

COMMITTEE:

(By Acclamation)

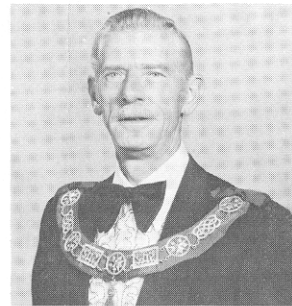
W. Bro. Hugh John Robinson, (16); R.W. Bro. John Leonard Sanders, (90).

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES:

(Eight to be Elected)

W. Bro. Albert Earle Bible, (7); W. Bro. James Manson Bremner, (168); W. Bro. Dale Arthur Christensen, (92); W. Bro. David Charles Cleveley, (183); R.W. Bro. David Herbert Cooke, (87); R.W. Bro. Edward Albert Demers, (170); R.W. Bro. Terrance Armitage Drolet, (15); W. Bro. Francis Dean English, (10); R.W. Bro. William Charles Graves, (2); W. Bro. Arnold Hendrickson, (190); R.W. Bro. Douglas Alfred Kenny, (185); W. Bro. Laurence Edwards Larcombe, (67); R.W. Bro. James Andrew Lore, (60); R.W. Bro. Ralph Ofeigor McKinnon, (48); R.W. Bro. George William Neis, (45); R.W. Bro. Guy Henry Pelsma, (166); W. Bro. William Herbert Pollard, (36); R.W. Bro. Herberito Carlos Enrique Prager, (101); R.W. Bro. Charles Edward Simmons, (22); R.W. Bro. Benjamin William Arthur Summerton, (181); R.W. Bro. Charles Edwin Tuckey, (1); W. Bro. John Tupper Wild, (81).

GUEST SPEAKER



M.W. Bro. G.M. Davies, from Manitoba, will be the Guest Speaker at the 76th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Born and educated in Winnipeg he won the Governor-General's medal at St. John's High School and graduated in Arts from St. John's College. He has a master's degree from the University of Manitoba and at the Faculty of Education won the Dr. Fletcher and University gold medals. After teaching high school for seven years he served as secretary of the province's Royal Commission on Education and the School Division Boundaries Commission and is now Associate Deputy Minister of the Department of Continuing Education and Manpower.

A licensed Anglican lay reader, he has an impressive record of service in the parishes of St. John's Cathedral, Good Shepherd and St. John's College Chapel, having been vestryman, synod delegate, organist and choirmaster. During World War II he saw active service with the Canadian Army in Sicily, Italy and Western Europe, returning with the rank of Major. Married in 1947, he and his wife Mildred have two daughters training as teachers, Pam in Edmonton and Judi in Winnipeg.

Initiated in Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg, in 1941, he was Master in 1961 and D.D.G.M. in 1965 and was appointed the J.R.C. Evans Memorial Lecturer for 1972-73. His family has a long association with Ionic Lodge, his father having been Master in 1937 and the Grand Master installed his brother Ronald as Master in 1974.

THE MASONIC ORDER IN THE NEWS

On February 28, 1981 the Calgary Herald carried a news item from the Canadian Press in Seaforth, Ontario. The story was about two women who were asked to leave a "service club banquet" because it was for men only.

The banquet was "billed as brotherhood night for eight area service clubs, Lions, Oddfellows, Masonic Lodge, Knights of Columbus, Optimists, Legion, Foresters and Orange Lodge.

The ladies were quite upset and said that they plan to write "to the eight service clubs to protest their policy."

Editor's note — While the ladies have a point The Masonic Order should be even more concerned about being classed as an area service club. Letters of protest would not be as effective in this matter as would be a re-examination of basic tenets and principles.

On Saturday, March 7, 1981, in the Religious Section of the Calgary Herald there was a story headlined "Vatican Reaffirms Ban on Masons". The story says that the Vatican's Sacred Congregation on the Doctrine of faith has reaffirmed its 258 year ban against Roman Catholics joining the Masonic Order and stated that those who do, face the severe penalty of excommunication from the church.

This body, which is the church's chief guardian of religious discipline said that it wished to clear up "mistaken and tendentious interpretations" of a 1974 statement it had made about Roman Catholic membership in Masonic Organizations.

The ban on Roman Catholics becoming members of the Masonic Order dates back to an act by Pope Clement XII in 1738. The 1918 Canon Law of the church states "Persons who have themselves enrolled in the Masonic Sect or in other associations of the same kind which plot against the church or the legitimate civil powers incur by this fact excommunication".

The article concludes "Free Masonry, whose formal origins, date from 1717 in Britain describes itself as non-sectarian, non-political and devoted to universal brotherhood but the Roman Catholic Church holds its beliefs and secret rituals are paganistic."

Beginning with Clement XII eight popes have condemned Free Masonry as unacceptable to the Roman Catholic Church.

Editor's note — First the Masonic Order is called a Service Club and next it is described as pagan. It appears that we have been doing rather a poor job in following the hope of the words in the General Charge in showing the world what Free Masonry is all about. Perhaps we haven't made up our minds ourselves.

"Do not be troubled because you have not great virtues. God made a million spears of grass where He made one tree. The earth is fringed and carpeted, not with forests, but with grasses. Only have enough of little virtues and common fidelities and you need not mourn because you are neither a hero nor a saint."

Henry Ward Beecher

THE MAILBAG

The M.W.Bro. W.E. Foster, Grand Master, has received both from the Calgary Public Library and also from the Library of the Glenbow Foundation letters of thanks for the donation of a copy of the History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta written by M.W.Bro. W.J. Collett. Mr. John E. Dutton, the Director of Public Libraries in Calgary says that the book will be placed in the W.R. Castell Central Library Canadiana Collection for the use of the General Public. Leonard Gottselig, the Chief Librarian of the Glenbow Foundation, says that the book will be a useful addition to their collections.

W.Bro. B. Sedgwick, Past Master of West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, writes in appreciation of the recent publication of "The Mother Lodge" by Rudyard Kipling. He wonders why the Editor does not put his own address with his name on the Grand Lodge Bulletin. This is omitted because of the Editor's hopeless filing system. Sending materials to the Grand Lodge Office assures that they will reach the Bulletin File. The address of the Editor is in the Record of Proceedings if anyone wishes to know it.

OUR MISTAKE

If you think the words above concerning the Editor's filing system just look at the horrendous error on page four of the April Bulletin headed West Edmonton Lodge. The picture is of some well known brethren of Jubilee Lodge No. 173 and the article is concerning West Edmonton. We have been unable to discover what the brethren of Jubilee Lodge were doing nor have we been able to find the picture with W.Bro. J.W. Bate in it. For this error we apologize.

UNITY LODGE NO. 51

At an Emergent Meeting of Unity Lodge No. 51, on St. Patrick's Day, our Past Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. E.H. Rivers, was honoured when the Lodge presented him with a Fifty Year Jewel. The presentation was made by W.Bro. John Kask, now a resident of Calgary. R.W.Bro. Rivers is an affiliated Past Master of Unity Lodge.

ZETLAND LODGE NO. 83

Bro. W.T. Knights received a Sixty Year Bar to his Fifty Year Jewel at the March meeting of Zetland Lodge. W.Bro. R.E. Hull, the Worshipful Master, points out that another such award will not be made until 1983 and following that there will be a gap of several years.

"You don't live in a world all alone,
Your brothers are here too."

— Albert Schweitzer



CRESCENT LODGE NO. 87



V.W.Bro. C.G. Duthie (on the right) was presented with his sixty year bar by W.Bro. J. Daniels. Bro. Duthie joined Crescent Lodge in May of 1920. He served as W. Master in 1932, became life member in 1965 and in 1968 he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon and received his 50 year jewel in 1970. The occasion was made more memorable for Bro. Duthie since his son travelled from Ottawa to take part in the presentation.

Bro. H.B. Christie joined Lodge Wemys 777 Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1920 and affiliated Crescent Lodge in 1948. He received his 50 year jewel in 1970 and became a life member in 1976. Bro. Christie was presented with a 60 year bar by W.Bro. A. Dunlop.

All members of Crescent Lodge join in wishing both of these brethren many more happy years in the craft.

CARBON LODGE NO. 107



At its festival meeting in December, Carbon Lodge No. 107 installed and invested its new officers. This was a landmark occasion for a father and three of his sons were installed in office. The picture above shows: R.W.Bro. Walter Permann, Secretary; Bro. Bob Permann, Junior Warden; W.Bro. James Permann, Worshipful Master and Bro. Wm. Permann, Senior Warden.

BEAVER MONITOR LODGE NO. 56



R. W. Bro. George Darichuk is shown above presenting to W. Bro. John Chester Reid his fifty year jewel while the Worshipful Master of Beaver Monitor Lodge No. 56, W. Bro. Joseph Hauck, holds the Life Membership Certificate that was presented on the same evening. Bro. Chester, who was born in Brantford, Ontario in 1906, moved with his parents into the Castor area in 1910 where the family farmed for many years. He was initiated into Beaver Lodge No. 56 in June 1929 and raised to the sublime degree on September 4, 1929. He became Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1939. Not only has Bro. Chester been a bulwark of this Lodge for many years he has also quietly carried his masonry into the work of the community with the support of his wife Margaret.

EDMONTON'S HISTORIC LODGE ROOM

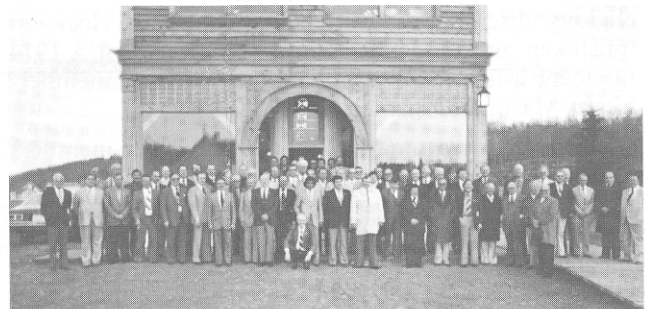
Edmonton Lodge No. 7 held the first lodge meeting in the new building on Tuesday, March 10th, 1981, as was only fitting, seeing that Edmonton Lodge No. 53 (G.R.M.) constructed the original building in 1903. W. Bro. Ray M. E. Nyroos presided as Worshipful Master.

Acacia Lodge No. 11's altar and pedestals, on loan to Heritage Park for several years, were returned and in place.

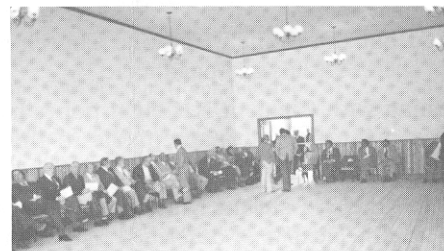
It is interesting to note that many artifacts are now coming out of the woodwork. The Grand Master's apron, collar and jewel of Most Worshipful Dr. A.E. Braithwaite, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1903, while a member of Acacia Lodge, has surfaced. As has the Past Master's jewel of M.W. Bro. H.C. Taylor, the second Master of Edmonton Lodge, and Grand Master of Alberta in 1907.

The Ionic Club has agreed to erect the extension to the original building. This portion will contain a museum. It is hoped that the main lodge room will be used extensively by lodges and members. Several bookings have already been made.

M.W. Bro. Kenneth L. Crockett, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Gordon Heron, P.D.D.G.M.; Bro. Kenneth Kobyłka, in charge of Fort Edmonton Foundation. V.W. Bro. James Hoyle, charter member of the Ionic Club which raised the money for the project cutting the ribbon.



Group photograph of those attending the opening of the reconstructed Masonic Hall building. The lodge room is on the second floor.



Interior of the lodge room itself indicating the size of the room.



V.W. Bro. James Hoyle (Charter member of the Ionic Club which raised the money for the project) placing the original door knocker from the original building. (M.W. Bro. Kenneth Crockett, P.G.M. in the background.)

