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PROCLAMATION

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MASONS IN THE GRAND JURISDICTION OF ALBERTA THAT I, MURDO NORMAN MACIVER DO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1981 TO BE KNOWN AS "HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY MONTH" AND FURTHER THAT I REQUEST ALL MASONS THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION TO UNITE IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND AND FURTHER THAT I DIRECT ALL DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AND ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS TO MAKE KNOWN THIS MY PROCLAMATION TO ALL MASONS.

Murdo Norman MacIver, Grand Master

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, M. W. Bro. Murdo Norman MacIver, has proclaimed November 1981 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month and requests all Masons to donate and support this most worthy cause.

Donations to the Higher Education Bursary Fund in 1980 amounted to approximately Twenty Four Thousand Dollars. This was the same amount as for the year 1979. On behalf of the Bursary Committee, I thank all those Masons who generously donated to the Fund. Your support is most gratifying.

Brethren, over the past eight years we have raised our collections from Sixteen Thousand Dollars to Twenty Four Thousand Dollars, which is quite an accomplishment. However, we are still only receiving approximately One Dollar and Sixty Cents per member which, for an organization such as ours, is VERY LOW.

Each year, as I write the Appeal for the Bursary Fund, the Jerry Lewis M.D. Telethon is on and it is a wonderful thing to watch part of it and see the generosity of some people. I only wish I were able to touch the heart strings of the Masons of Alberta, as Jerry does the people of North America.

As I have said in the past, we are not asking for people to give till it hurts, we are asking members who have said in the Degrees that they would give if they could, to support the Fund.

Looking through the Grand Lodge Proceedings, it is obvious that some lodges and members are not giving their support to the Bursary Fund. I request all Masters of lodges to bring this to the attention of your membership, and to remind them to make a donation to the Fund.

To the membership at large; look at the donations to the Fund on pages 120-123 of the 1981 Grand Lodge Proceedings. You will see that fifty lodges gave Fifty Dollars or less in 1980. Is this a record to be proud of? I think not. One lodge did achieve an average of Five Dollars per member. My gratitude is extended to that lodge.

To those members who have and do support the Fund, may I ask if you would please add inflation to your donation. My plea is to those Masons who **do not** or **have not** given to the Fund. Please open your wallets and let a little sunlight into the dark corners. Take out a Five, Ten, or Twenty Dollar bill and send it to the Bursary Fund and put a little sunlight into somebody's life. I ask that you do it now while it is still fresh in your mind; it is so easy to put off giving.

Brethren, make this the year for the Bursary Fund to get to the figure of Five Dollars per member average. Relying on your support, I know it can be done with a little effort on everybody's part.

Thank you one and all

L. D. Jeater
Chairman, Masonic Higher Education
Bursary Fund

**MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY AWARDS
1981 - 82**

MATRICULANTS

BODNAR, Carol Irene	Picture Butte	Lethbridge College
BRKICH, Mary-Lou Sally-Ann	Drumheller	U. of A.
ELL, Cynthia Marie	Grassy Lake	U. of L.
GAMBLE, Lorene Heather	Westlock	U. of A.
GEPPERT, Eric Carl Johannes	Calgary	U. of C.
KRAMER, Jack Simon	Grassy Lake	U. of C.
KUNDEL, David James	Medicine Hat	Med. Hat College
LEAVITT, Robert	Glenwood	U. of A.
MERKL, Brenda Lee	Brooks	U. of L.
MILLER, Rhonda Lee	Alder Flats	U. of A.
OSLAWSKY, Brenda Joyce	Calgary	S.A.I.T.
PALAMAREK, Barbara Lynn	Lacombe	U. of A.
PENKO, Mary Jane	Calgary	U. of C.
PRINCE, Dennis Allan	Cardston	U. of A.
SCHMIDT, Gregory Mark	Edmonton	U. of A.
SETTER, Monika Pearl	Edmonton	U. of A.
SPOLETINI, Valerie	Calgary	S.A.I.T.
STEIN, Andreas	Calgary	U. of C.
THORNE, James David	Claresholm	U. of L.
WILSON, Lyndsay Jeanne	Gleichen	U. of A.

**MR. AND MRS. FRANK MILLING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
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UNDERGRADUATES

ALLAN, Heather Margaret	Tofield	U. of A.
BRENNNEIS, Albert	Alcomdale	U. of A.
CASS, Janice Ina	Calgary	U. of A.
HARWARDT, Cheryl Doreen	Medley	U. of A.
IVERSON, Brian Neil	Wainwright	U. of A.
MALCOLM, John	Claresholm	U. of L.
MULLANEY, Karen Jean	Red Deer	U. of C.
McRAE, Robert	Calgary	U. of C.
ROGERS, Shannon Patricia	Edmonton	U. of A.
SEREDA, Irene	Shaughnessy	U. of L.
TIEDEMANN, Larry L.	Edmonton	U. of A.

MASONIC CHARITIES

A portion of the address delivered by H.R.H., the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of England, delivered at the Annual Investiture in April 1981.

All of you assembled here contribute a great deal to the aims and purposes of Freemasonry through various capacities as Grand Lodge Officers and in your own Provinces, Districts and Lodges. You are as it were the senior management of the Craft who bear a large part of the responsibility for its orderly and efficient operation.

This is therefore a good opportunity for me to thank you all for the work you do for the Craft and the support you give to me. I should never like it to be thought that that work is taken for granted and in particular I do want to express my very real appreciation for the remarkable results which continue to be achieved year after year in the Festivals. It has become a cliché to refer to these hard economic times, but we are all too well aware that the last ten years have seen severe inflation coupled with, for many people, a sharp fall in living standards. In spite of these very adverse circumstances, brethren throughout our constitution have never failed to respond magnificently to what I know to be the increasingly heavy demands made upon them.

I regard it as very heartening that the Craft gave, last year, a total of some 6¾ million £ towards the masonic charities. This is certainly an indication that individual freemasons are ready to meet their obligations but at the same time there can be no possible cause for complacency. On the contrary, the figures are frighten-

ingly large and I believe that the very scale of support from the Craft that is now required to sustain our charitable activities imposes a heavy responsibility upon all those charged with the administration of the charities. It must be their paramount concern to see that the very extensive masonic charitable institutions, of which we are all so proud, are as efficiently and economically operated as possible — an aim by no means inconsistent with the provision of a high standard.

High standards, though, do not or should not imply extravagance and I would remind Grand Lodge that there is a need to be on guard against waste — to ask ourselves constantly whether a particular plan or project can genuinely be justified. If we neglect this principle we shall, I fear, run the risk of having to curtail our charitable activities in the future — a prospect, brethren, which I am sure none of us would like to contemplate.

AFTER-PROCEEDINGS

This leads me to mention another point, also concerned with economics; I have for some time been worried about the costs, other than lodge and charitable subscriptions, which the individual mason has to bear in his regular attendance. The social side of lodge meetings has always formed an important part of the occasion and I should not want to see this disappear, but hospitality these days does not come cheaply and there is no absolute necessity for lavish wining and dining after every meeting.

Clearly this is a matter for each Lodge to decide, but I am anxious that brethren who may well be of limited means should not feel obliged to strain their family budgets in order to keep up an unnecessarily high level of conviviality. I therefore ask that Lodges should consider whether they are striking the right balance, always remembering that the first duty of a brother, after he has met the needs of his family, is to maintain his charitable obligations.

CHARITY

Charity pre-supposes Justice. He who truly loves his brother, respects the rights of his brother, but he does more — he forgets his own.

Egoism sells or takes. Love delights in giving. In God, love is what it is in us, but in an infinite degree.

God is inexhaustible in His charity, as He is inexhaustible in His essence. That infinite omnipotence and infinite charity which, by an admirable good-will, draws from the bosom of its immense love the favors which it incessantly bestows upon the world and on humanity, teaches us that the more we give, the more we possess.

W.Bro. Fred Such
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

‘Small service is true service while it lasts,
Of friends however humble, scorn not one.
The daisy by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dew-drop from the sun.’

— Wordsworth
from Asllar Lodge No. 28

CHARITY

(A portion of a paper delivered by M.W.Bro. C.D. Dickson then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the Eighth Biennial Conference of the Grand and District Grand Lodges A.F. and A.M. in Canada.)

Charity as applied to Freemasonry is different from the usual and accepted meaning. All true Masons meet upon the same level, regardless of wealth or station. In giving assistance we strive to avoid the too common error of considering charity only as that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor and unfortunate with pecuniary donations. Its Masonic application is more noble and more extensive. We are taught not only to relieve a brother's material wants, the cry of hunger, etc., but to fellowship with him upon our own level, stripped of worldly titles and honors. When we thus appeal to him, giving spiritual advice, lifting him up morally and spiritually with no sense of humiliation to him, we set him free from his passion and wants. To such charity there is a reciprocity rich in brotherly love and sincere appreciation.

The true Freemason must be and must have a right to be content with himself; and he can be so only when he lives not for himself alone, but for others also, who need his assistance and have a claim upon his sympathy.

It is a common error to regard charity as that sentiment which prompts us to extend assistance to the unfortunate. Charity in a Masonic sense has a much broader meaning, and embraces affection and good will towards all mankind, but more especially our brethren in Freemasonry. It is this sentiment which prompts a Freemason to suffer long and be kind, to control his temper, forgive the erring reach forth his hand to stay a falling brother, to warn him of his error and whisper in his ear that correction which his fault may demand, to close his ear to slander and his lips to reproach; in short, to do unto others as he would be done by.

Charity — or friendship, as it may well be called — is just the habit of giving our life to others; when we give our life away we possess more of it: the more we give, the more we receive.

To serve and do good to as many as possible — there is nothing greater in your fortune than that you should be able, and nothing finer in your nature than that you should be desirous to do this.

The power of gentleness is too little seen in the world: the subduing influence of pity, the might of love, the control of mildness over passion, the commanding majesty of that perfect character which mingles grave displeasure with grief and pity for the offender. So it is that a Freemason should treat his brethren who go astray, not with bitterness; nor yet with good natured easiness, nor with worldly indifference, not with philosophic coldness, nor with laxity of conscience, that accounts everything well that passes under the seal of public opinion; but with charity, with pitying loving-kindness.

Charity and loving-kindness are two words that comprehend the whole political and religious creed of Freemasonry. The law of charity cannot have been enacted by, nor the spirit of loving-kindness cannot have emanated from, a cruel or ferocious God. It is the expression of Divine Will, because it is of the Divine Nature.

Divinity has wisely divided the act of charity into many branches, and has taught us many paths to goodness. As many ways as we may do good, so many ways we may be charitable. There are infirmities not only of body, but of soul, which require the merciful hand of our abilities. We cannot condemn a man for ignorance, but must behold him with pity. It is no greater charity to clothe his body than to apparel the nakedness of his soul. The real Freemason is the man in whose everyday life one sees an exemplification of true Freemasonry. The real Mason may be as poor as a church mouse, or he may be the richest man on earth. But poor or rich, destitute or otherwise, the real Freemason demonstrates the teachings of

the fraternity in his daily life, in his business and social dealings with his fellow-men in his religion and in his politics. The real Mason does not lose his interest in Freemasonry or his interest in the brethren. Age position, wealth — these do not deaden his Masonic ardor. The real Freemason never says "I lost my brotherly feelings: I have gone to seed."

Unless a man has the right kind of a heart you cannot make him the right kind of a Freemason. You can fill his brain full of obligations and teach him by symbols, and send him forth from the Lodge room loaded to the guards with good intentions, and if his heart is not right he will walk a block out of his way to keep from giving a poor beggar a nickel, and then hasten back again to circulate a scandal or to interfere in matters that do not concern him. Charity, that God-given part of man and the foundation of Freemasonry, is lacking in his composition, and therefore he can be a Freemason only in name.

WHAT MASONRY MEANS TO ME

(Written by a Mason initiated in our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Year)

I think myself very fortunate to join a group of friends known as "Masons". After leaving my homeland and my friends behind nine years ago, I felt myself very lonely without good friends, in a strange country. I had a desire to join the company of good men as good friends.

According to an old saying, "Where there is a will there is a way". I had heard about Masons as a group of good men, I knew a friend who happened to be a Mason. One day, while visiting him, I expressed to him my desire to join the Lodge and he became my sponsor. I found another friend who seconded my application. Everything went well and I was initiated in October, 1980, passed in December 1980 and raised to the Degree of M.M. in February 1981.

After joining the Lodge No. 73 in Brooks, I had the opportunity to visit three lodges in our district. I have a tremendous experience of friendship and brotherly love on all occasions. I also attended the Spring Masonic Workshop in Banff which was another experience of its own kind. I really enjoyed the lectures and presentations by brothers. In the month of May and June, I am planning to visit Vauxhall, Bassano and Gleichen Lodges.

To me, Masonry is a vast treasure of knowledge where there is a lot to gain and to make our lives happy in every respect. If every member puts the principles of masonry into his life practically, I think the life will become more fruitfull. I wish every man on earth could be a Mason then this earth would be a living heaven.

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Box 1917, Brooks, Alta.

**FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH
NO. 1980**

The Installation Meeting of Fiat Lodge of Research No. 1980 was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton in September. W.Bro. R.E. Junther, P.D.D.G.M. was installed as Worshipful Master with Bro. A.O. Aspeslet acting as Installing Master and Bro. F.G. Fox as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Junther gave the Inaugural Research Paper entitled, "The Object of a meeting in a Research Lodge. The M.W., the Grand Master, W.Bro. M.N. MacIver was in attendance.



TRAVELLING IN HOLLAND?

Our Grand Secretary has received a letter from Errol D. Feldman, Martin Luther Kinglaan 216 IIII LM Diemen Netherlands, Telephone 020-520-22-63 or 020-99 73 85 saying that Concord Lodge No. 134, Grand East of the Netherlands works in the English Language. It meets in the afternoon of the Fourth Saturday. Bro. Feldman would welcome visitors from Canada. Another contact is Bro. Jarl van Santen, Sporkenhautlan 15, 2803 VJ GOUDA, Netherlands. Telephone 070 -76 14 09 or 01820-18263.

FAMILY DAY BARBEQUE

Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54 held a Family Barbeque for all its families and friends in Bowness Park in September. Members of Foothills Lodge No. 174 were invited to the festivities. They served burgers, hot dogs and pop to the children and steaks to the adults. The purpose was to bring masonic families together for a time of fun and fellowship.

BASEBALL GAME AND BARBEQUE

More than 100 people showed up when Calgary Lodge No. 23 held its annual Baseball Game and Barbeque at Dinton Park. Calgary Lodge maintained possession of the Baseball Trophy for the second year in succession. Assistance in the event was given by Granite Lodge No. 127. Bro. Harry Strack, a recently raised mason took charge of the cooking arrangements. The Lodges report an excellent time of fellowship despite the persistent rain.

ACACIA LODGE NO. 11

Acacia Lodge No. 11 held its September meeting in the Fort Edmonton Park Lodge Hall. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. M.N. MacIver paid an official visit to Acacia on that occasion.

BANFF CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of the Grand Officers of the Four Western Jurisdictions was held in Banff again this year on September 3, 4 and 5. The delegates attended the September Regular Communication of Cascade Lodge No. 5 and were received by that Lodge in proper form.

COMMERCIAL LODGE NO. 81

Six Past Masters of Commercial Lodge No. 81 together with Bro. W. Trofimuk visited W.Bro. Les Mace who is confined to the Angus McGuigan Auxiliary Hospital in Edmonton. They presented Bro. Mace with an Honorary Life Membership in Commercial Lodge and with a twenty five year pin. They were pleased to find Bro. Mace in excellent spirits.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 4

North Star Lodge No. 4 at its September meeting presented an Honourary Life Membership to R.W.Bro. G.W. Smith, P.D.D.G.M. At that same meeting M.W.Bro. A.O. Aspeslet, P.G.M. gave an educational paper on the duties and responsibilities of Lodge Officers.

EUREKA LODGE NO. 10



At the regular meeting of Eureka Lodge No. 10 Life Memberships were presented to W. Bro. Allan Russell Patrick and Bro. Ellis Riley, by R.W. Bro. Wes Jackson.

Bro. Ellis Riley is in his 76th year. He received his 50 year Jewel in June 1979. He is still active, helping his sons farm but going south to Yuma, Arizona for the winters.

W. Bro. Patrick is a P.M. of Eureka Lodge No. 10 and also retired. In his 71st year, he also spends his winters in Arizona, and returns to Edmonton for the summer.

Bros. Riley and Patrick are shown receiving their life memberships from R.W. Bro. Jackson.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 167



An awards night was held at Temple Lodge No. 167 in Edmonton to honor two outstanding Masons, M.W.Bro. Dr. E.J. Thompson, P.G.M. and R.W.Bro. David Young, P.D.D.G.M. The lodge also presented a number of 25 year pins. On hand to participate in the event were a great number of distinguished visitors and guests, some of whom are pictured above.

Rear Row: R.W.Bro. Lloyd Milligan, P.D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3; R.W.Bro. Don Millar, P.D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3; W.M. Murray Koch, Temple Lodge; R.W.Bro. Reid Elliot, P.D.D.G.M.

Centre Row: R.W.Bro. Bob Margot, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3; M.W.Bro. Gordon Armstrong, P.G.M.; M.W.Bro. Sandy Milligan, P.G.M.; M.W.Bro. Sam Hardin, P.G.M.; M.W.Bro. Norman MacIver, G.M.

Front Row: M.W.Bro. W.E. Foster, P.G.M.; V.W.Bro. Glen Tracy, P.G. Pursuivant; M.W.Bro. E.J. Thompson, P.G.M.; R.W.Bro. David Young, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W.Bro. Charles Young, P.D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3.