

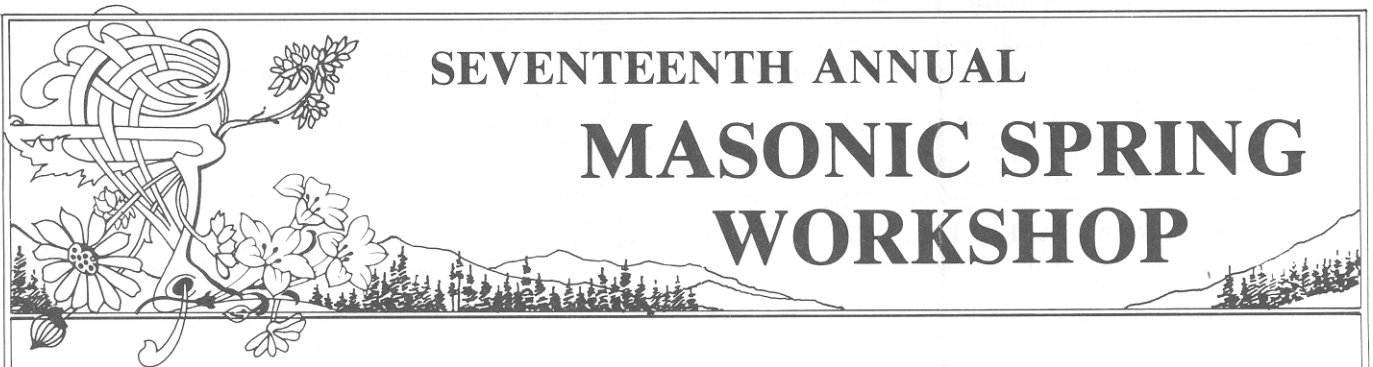


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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL

## MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP

APRIL 16, 17, 18, 1982  
BANFF CENTRE, BANFF, ALBERTA

*REGISTER EARLY*

### THE SELF MADE MASON

There is no magical way by which a man becomes a Mason worthy of that title. He is admitted to the craft by the consent of the members of a Lodge, he is initiated, passed and raised by observing and participating in a number of meaningful ceremonies. Finally he is presented with the distinguishing mark of a Mason. After all of this he is not really a Mason, he has been introduced to the process of becoming one. The success of the process depends on the individual. In other words each individual mason, worthy of that title, is a self made mason. At the Seventeenth Masonic Spring Workshop this subject will be the basis of our discussion. Our Theme Speaker will enlarge on the theme and it will be the subject of our discussions and evening get-togethers.

We look forward to seeing you at this Fraternal gathering which for seventeen years has greatly enriched the life of Freemasonry in Alberta. It is a time for meaningful discussion, serious study and true brotherhood. Masonic education and schools of training are all part of the program.

It is necessary that you register as early as possible since the accommodation at the Banff Centre is limited to 500. In the past this space has filled up quickly and we expect the same thing to happen again this year. Everyone who has received the three degrees of masonry is invited. We meet informally without being limited by masonic rank or position.

R.E. McKee  
General Chairman

**SEVENTEENTH ALBERTA MASONIC  
SPRING WORKSHOP  
BANFF CENTRE, BANFF, ALBERTA  
April 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1982  
THE AGENDA FOR THE WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16th, 1982**

3:00 P.M. Registration, locate discussion rooms and  
Onwards — Book Sales in the Foyer - Eric Harvie Theatre  
6:00 P.M. Supper (Cafeteria style)  
7:30 P.M. Announcements - Eric Harvie Theatre  
7:45 P.M. Theme Address - Eric Harvie Theatre  
(Brother Christopher Gordon-Craig)  
8:30-10:00 P.M. Discussion Groups  
10:15 P.M. Bookstore - Foyer - Eric Harvie Theatre  
Discussion Group Leaders and Chairmen meet  
M.G. 222  
Schools of Instruction leaders and Chairmen  
meet M.G. 224

**COFFEE WILL BE SERVED**

(Foyer, Eric Harvie Theatre and Rooms, M.G. 222 and 224)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17th, 1982**

7:00 A.M. Breakfast (Cafeteria style)  
9:00-10:15 A.M. Schools  
10:30-11:45 A.M. Discussion Groups  
12:00 Noon Lunch  
1:30- 2:45 P.M. Schools  
3:00- 4:30 P.M. School (Masonic Education) -  
Eric Harvie Theatre  
5:30- 7:00 P.M. Supper  
7:15- 7:45 P.M. Theme Address - Eric Harvie Theatre  
(Brother Christopher Gordon-Craig)  
8:00- 9:30 P.M. Discussion Groups  
9:45 P.M.  
Onwards — Bookstore - Foyer - Eric Harvie Theatre

**COFFEE WILL BE SERVED**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18th, 1982**

8:00 A.M. Coffee in Eric Harvie Theatre  
8:15 A.M. Chairman's Remarks  
8:30 A.M. Devotional Service  
(V.W. Bro. Rev. J.W. Roberts, Grand Chaplain)  
9:30 A.M. Breakfast

**THE THEME SPEAKER**

Dr. C. Gordon-Craig was born in New Zealand where he was educated privately at King's Preparatory School and King's College, Auckland, later attending the University of Auckland where he gained the degrees of B.A. in English and Classics and M.A. with Honours in English Languages and Literature. He continued on to the University of New Brunswick where he was MacKenzie House President and took a Ph.D. in English, specializing in Renaissance Literature. He is a Licentiate of Trinity College, London, and holds a Diploma in Teaching. He has lectured in both the English and Classics Departments at the University of New Brunswick and since 1969 has been a member of the English Department of the University of Alberta where he is presently an Associate Professor. He has dual citizenship, Canadian and New Zealand. He has completed a book on an aspect of Renaissance Drama which is scheduled for future publication and is currently writing on Kipling.

Dr. Gordon-Craig is a fifth generation Mason from a family that has been prominent in New Zealand Masonry for well over a hundred years. He is a member of Strathcona Lodge No. 77, in Edmonton; an Affiliate Member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research, No. 1980; an Associate Member of United Masters Lodge, No. 167, New Zealand; a member of the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 England.

Active in other aspects of public life, Dr. Gordon-Craig is a member of the Alberta Library Board; Vice-Chairman of the Edmonton Branch of St. John Ambulance; Provincial Treasurer of the Legion of Frontiersmen; a member of the Board of Governors of the Edmonton United Services Institute (Garrison Officers' Club); a

Director of the Northern Alberta Division of the Navy League of Canada. Recently he was awarded the Silver Medal of the Japanese Red Cross Society.

**WHEN IS A MAN A MASON?**

When he can look over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things and yet have faith, hope and courage — which is the root of every virtue.

When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive and to love his fellow man.

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrow, yea, even in their sins, knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds.

When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all, to keep friends with himself.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God. In his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of song . . . glad to live, but not afraid to die.

Such a man has found the only real secret of Freemasonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.

W. Bro. Fred Such  
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

**SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

The format of this year's workshop will be similar to previous years. We will be offering both schools of instruction as well as a presentation of Masonic Education. Your committee is planning five schools of instruction. The schools will include topics for Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Appointed Officers and Master Masons as follows:

1. **MASTERS.** Discussions will include plan preparation and effective leadership.
2. **PAST MASTERS.** As teachers and advisers, guidance counsellors, *policemen and servants*, this school will assist you.
3. **WARDENS.** Deals with organization and preparation while serving in their capacities.
4. **SECRETARIES.** Again this year we will be addressing the role performed by secretaries; those record keepers and pillars of *strength to the Masters*.
5. **Appointed Officers and Master Masons.** In the eyes of my beholders can I be considered a good appointed and eventually an elected officer.

Once again we will be offering some Masonic Education. Like last year, we hope to offer food for thought as well as practical instruction that you will be able to take back to your Lodge.

The discussion groups again will follow last year's format with all three discussion periods being formal group meetings. Your full participation in these groups is requested.

All this, plus the opportunity to socialize with brothers in the best possible atmosphere is yours for the registration fee of \$75.00. Registration cards are available from your lodge secretaries and is on a first come first served basis.

David Ingoe,  
Promotion Chairman

**REDEDICATION VOW**

"I now and hereby, in the presence of Almighty God renew my solemn vows in the degrees of the Symbolic Craft Lodge, ratifying and confirming the pledge then made.

I furthermore declare that it is my intention to adhere to the tenets of our profession, which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and to exemplify to the best of my ability in my daily life the cardinal virtues, which are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice.

I furthermore affirm that it will be my objective so to assist my lodge and the Grand Lodge that our time honoured institution may be acknowledged of all men as worthy of respect and esteem."

"From the Wisconsin Freemason"

W. Bro. W.H. Jones  
Commercial Lodge No. 81

## WHAT DOES MASONRY MEAN TO ME?

How to answer a question like that or to properly explain one's feelings, I feel the question of 'Why did I join the Masonic Order?' must first be answered.

Why did I?

Was it intrigue, curiosity, self-gain or self-satisfaction?

To be totally honest, none of the aforementioned. Prior to my application to join the Masonic Lodge, one of my closest friends had become a Mason. He wouldn't tell me much about it, but I knew that he was totally happy, and found the organization very fulfilling. Another Mason, who has since become a close friend as well as a brother, once stated:

"The Masonic Lodge takes good men and makes them better."

What also impressed me is that the Lodge does not prejudice itself against any man regardless of race, creed or colour. These reasons, as well as others were what inspired me to make my application to the Lodge. I have since found in Masonry what many men spend a lifetime looking for, but never finding. I have found a fraternity, more especially a brotherhood where once inducted, I was neither above nor below any other member. To me this is one of the most important as well as rewarding aspects of Masonry. I was accepted as myself.

Let us start from my initial application. It was received with warmth as well as a smile. A handshake that seemed to say,

"Welcome brother, I am glad to accept this on behalf of the organization." When I attended my first meeting I was kept in an ante-room, nervous, apprehensive and even a little scared. There had been a bit of good natured ribbing, but it was always followed with,

"Don't worry, we've all been through the same thing and we've all survived."

Once I had received my first degree, I still did not know what to expect or how to fully comprehend what had transpired. However, as the days and weeks passed questions were raised by myself and answered by my more learned brethren. The events and memory work seemed to make a lot of sense. I learned that through my first to third degree. I was taken into the Lodge as a poor and penniless blind boy and eventually raised to the sublime degree when it was apparent to me what had happened. I was now on the level with every other member of the fraternity and my heart felt as if it was about to burst. The warmth that I have been shown by others cannot be accurately described on paper but only felt from within. To go from virtually nothing to an equal footing of everybody else in a few short months could not be conducted in any other way and still contain the full meaning.

Masonry to me is an organization whereby men may meet in total peace and understanding. It is a belief in the Supreme Creator, however, not a strict religious society. It is a fraternity of closeness that I do not believe could ever be exceeded or even met by any other. As I am a newly raised Mason, I do not feel competent to write or speak on the history of the Order, however, it dating back hundreds of years must commend its internal strength. As well, I do not fully know exactly what the Lodge does, but not being a Service club, and

still retaining that closeness, speaks for each and every active member.

I feel that in the Masonic Order as with anything else, you only get out of it what you put into it. It is not necessary, however, to think of personal gain, but only of striving towards the fulfillment of making myself a better person. I believe through the Lodge, this can and will be done.

In short brethren, Masonry means to me, an organization where everyone gets along, understands, and is willing to help another brother or his family should the need arise. I am totally happy that through my respect and admiration for Masons whom I knew before I joined, that I did apply and was accepted into the Order. I have since found the reasons why they were so evasive to some of my questions. In order to become a Mason it must be of your own free will and accord and something you want without being encouraged. I wanted it and have not been in the least bit disappointed.

Tom Hutchison,  
Kitchener Lodge No. 95

## "UNITY THROUGH BROTHERHOOD"

(We had asked M.W. Bro. Morley G. Merner, P.G.M., for a New Year Greeting to be published in the January issue. M.W. Bro. Merner mailed the article in plenty of time but it took two weeks to arrive in Calgary from Wetaskiwin and consequently missed our deadline. We apologize for this and now print a portion of that message.)

Every Mason should pause and reflect on the importance of Unity in all that we do. We know that in Unity is Strength.

Our Brotherhood may well be the catalyst that will bring all our members to unity within the craft. Perhaps we can set an example that will be followed by others in our communities who need to be joined together in unity for the forward movement of mankind of all faiths and religions.

Through our Brotherhood and its consequent Unity we may well find ourselves able to influence the people with whom we are associated so that our country and our world may reap the benefits of our, "Unity through Brotherhood".

As we make our plans for nineteen hundred and eight-two perhaps we should consider this fine poem by Carol Berry Davis:

### "ANOTHER YEAR"

Another year! Another chance  
To make the golden moments dance  
With zest of life and happiness;  
Another guest for right success;  
Another chance to recognize  
The things wherein true value lies.

Another year for doing good;  
For living love and BROTHERHOOD;  
To aid world peace by starting here  
To conquer prejudice and fear.  
Another chance — that the ideal  
May come, through us, to be the real!

Another year to feast the more  
On God's great beauty at our door;  
Another year, until its end,  
To qualify as someone's friend.  
Farewell old year! We leave you here.  
New faith - new hopes - another year.





Jasper Lodge No. 14 presented a sixty year bar to V.W. Bro. Thomas Crockett, Past Grand Tyler, recently. This was a very special celebration because V.W. Bro. Crockett celebrated his 90th birthday on November 11, 1981. Present for the ceremony were . . . Back row: W. Bro. J. Sharp, W. Bro. J. Wakeford, W. Bro. V. Ewasiuk, R.W. Bro. G. Thompson, W. Bro. A. Ranson (Worshipful Master), Bro. T. Gartland. Second row: W. Bro. R. Crockett, Bro. G. Gardner, Bro. L. Clark, R.W. Bro. C. Comrie D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

In the front in the wheelchair is V.W. Bro. T. Crockett, P.G. Tyler.

Eureka Lodge No. 10, Life Membership to W. Bro. O.S.L. Scoular and W. Bro. A.W. Bruns.

Kennilworth Lodge No. 29, Fifty Year Jewel to Bro. E.L. Meeres.

### PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN HONOURED

V.W. Bro., the Venerable Archdeacon Cecil Swanson, Past Grand Chaplain, well known and loved throughout the Jurisdiction of Alberta, was honoured recently when a Calgary School was named the Cecil Swanson School. Zetland Lodge, of which V.W. Bro. Swanson, is a long time member, presented a plaque to commemorate this happy event.

### THE PORT OF MISSING MEN

W. Bro. Brian J. Frankcombe, last known address 10403 - 96 Street, Fort St. John, B.C., information needed by Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Box 164, Pincher Creek T0K 1W0.

W. Bro. D.N. Salt, last known address, Camrose, Alberta, information needed by Camrose Lodge No. 37, 4212 - 62 Street, Camrose T4V 2W1.

Bro. P.A. Crough, last known address, 55 Carendon Road, Calgary. Information needed by Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Box 164, Pincher Creek T0K 1W0.

Bro. Tom Taylor, last known address, 12959 - 98B Avenue, Surrey, B.C. and Bro. G.T. Runchey, last known address 7807 - 156 Street, Edmonton. Please send information to Bro. Ken Tye, Secretary, Eastgate Lodge No. 192, 17 Lucerne Crescent, St. Albert T8N 2R1.

W. Bro. Lorne Hollings and Bro. Brian Blatherwick. Please send information to Bro. J.C. McCuaig, Secretary, Temple Lodge No. 167, 7816 - 158 Street, Edmonton T5R 2B7.

### MASTERS, WARDENS & DEACONS ASSOCIATION OF EDMONTON

#### PROGRAM FOR 1982

All meetings commence at 7:30 P.M.  
at the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton

Feb.	4	Floorwork for Stewards & Deacons — W. Bro. Gary Comrie
March	4	Conducting a Board of Trial — W. Bro. Rod Ponech
April	1	Why? Masonic Research — Rt. W. Bro. Bob Juthner
May	6	It doesn't apply to me! — V.W. Bro. Bob Aberdeen
June	3	The Masonic Craft — Rt. W. Bro. G. Thompson
July-		
Aug.		No Meeting
Sept.	2	The Junior Warden by Trial or Error — Bro. Chris Batty
Oct.	7	Masonic Leadership — Bro. Stu Bricker
Nov.	4	So you are a lodge officer — W. Bro. John Wild
Dec.	2	Election

**"SOLOMON'S THRONE . . . there was not the like  
made in any kingdom"**

#### 1. Kings 10,20

Scripture describes the throne of Solomon as the finest and richest throne in the world. It was all of ivory and plated with pure gold. The ascent was by six steps; the back was round and two arms supported the seat. Twelve golden lions, one on each side of every step made a principal part of its ornament. But there was not the like made in any Kingdom for another reason, the wisdom of its occupant. It was from this throne that Solomon dispensed justice, received the homage of his subjects and gave audience to ambassadors. It was especially from this seat of honour that a certain king and other craftsmen were commissioned to build a great temple. Perhaps in the present context the most significant observation to be made from scripture is that Solomon was assisted in becoming king by loved ones, loyal friends and admirers. Furthermore Solomon was installed upon this magnificent throne with the approval and in the lifetime of his father King David, even though Solomon's elder brother Adonijah held prior claim. Thus it is in the tradition set down in scripture that the chain of Solomon is bestowed upon a master mason by the assistance of his brethren and by a special installation ceremony conducted by those who have previously occupied the chair. No mason may like Richard III sieze it as his own.

W. Bro. N.R. Thomas  
Griesbach Lodge No. 191

### A VANISHED FRIEND

Around the corner I have a friend  
In this great city that has no end;  
Yet days go by, the weeks rush on,  
and before I know it a year has gone,  
and I never see my old friend's face.  
For life is a swift and terrible race.  
He knows I like him just as well,  
as in days when I rang his bell,  
and he rang mine, we were younger then,  
and now we are busy, tired men.  
Tired of playing a foolish game,  
tired of trying to make a name.  
"Tomorrow, I will call on Jim,  
just to show that I am thinking of him."  
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,  
and the distance between us grows and grows  
Around the corner, yet miles away . . .  
"Here's a telegram, Sir" ----  
"Jim died to-day!"  
And that's what we get, and deserve in the end,  
Around the corner a vanished friend.

(Author Unknown)  
Temple Lodge No. 167