

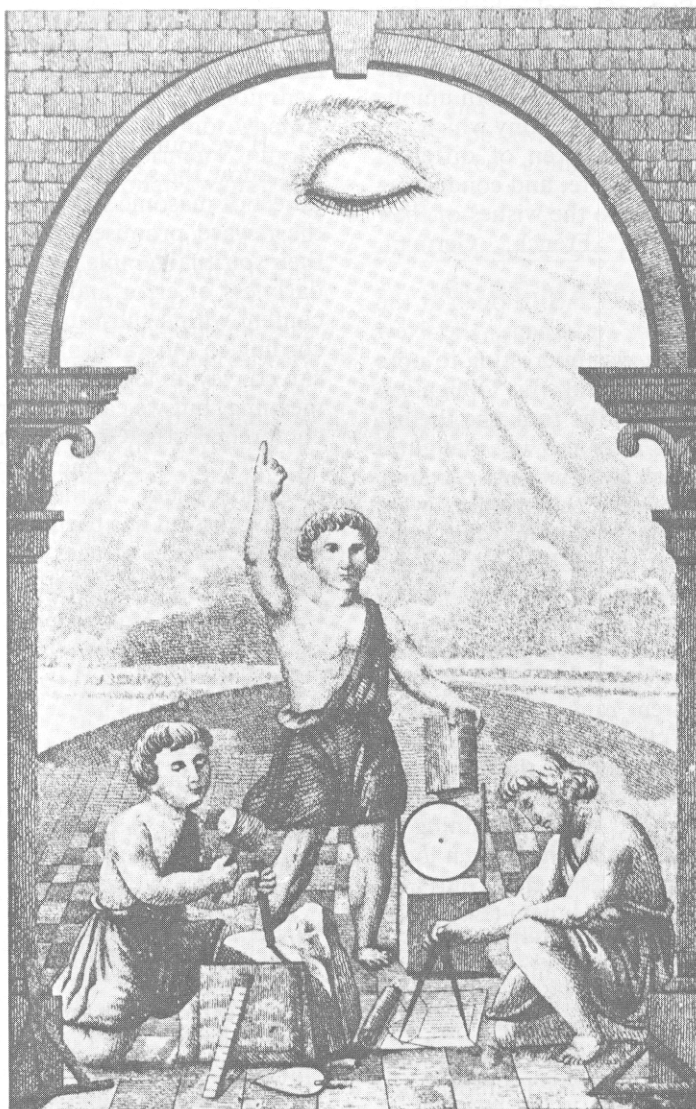


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Three builders, standing on a checkered pavement under the watchfulness of the all seeing eye, use and display working tools and symbols of Masonry. Used by Cornelius Moore, Ohio to illustrate his book "Outlines of the Temple or Masonry In Its Moral Aspects." Published in 1853.

CHRISTIAN ARAB GRAND MASTER

(R.W. Bro. J. Elmon J.G.W. (Israel) P.G.St.B. (England) wrote a report of the event recorded below. We print a portion of the report. Our thanks to V.W. Bro H Booklater P.J.G.D. and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel who forwarded the article which was published in the "Masonic Square" in September 1981).

A Unique Event in masonic history took place in Tel-Aviv on Tuesday 23rd June 1981, when 51 year old Bro Jamil Shalhoub, a Haifa born Arab who is an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church, was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Israel in the presence of some 300 brethren of many races and faiths, including visitors from overseas.

The first regular masonic lodge was consecrated in Jerusalem 108 years ago, and in 1953 the 31 lodges then meeting in the country joined together in the newly erected Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, which enjoys fraternal relationship with the other independent sovereign recognised masonic Grand Lodges in the world. The insignia of this Grand Lodge is both unique and most appropriate, showing that harmony which has existed at all times among the brethren of different faiths and drawn from all walks of life, and conducting their lodge proceedings according to the wishes of their members, in Arabic, English, French, German, Hebrew, Rumanian or Spanish.

There were as usual, three V.O.T.S.L. open at the Installation ceremony, the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Koran and it was interesting to note that the new Grand Master chose to take his Obligation on the Old Testament, from which he took the theme, Brotherhood Universal, for his most moving inaugural address, given in Arabic, English and Hebrew. A festive dinner was held that evening, when the brethren were joined by the ladies and many non-masonic personalities, including the Speaker of the Knesset and the Mayor of Haifa, the home city of the new Grand Master.

M.W. Bro Jamil Shalhoub, a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and of London University, is married with six children, runs a very busy law office in Haifa, specialising in 'Personal Status'. He has the unusual authorisation to plead before the Christian, Jewish and Muslim ecclesiastical courts in the Holy Land where for many centuries matters pertaining to marriage, divorce and 'Personal Status' have been judged, and not as in other countries before civil courts.

He was initiated in the Eliyahu Hanavi (Elijah the Prophet) Lodge in Haifa, so named as the Prophet was born in Haifa and this lodge works in Arabic and Hebrew. He was installed as master of that lodge in 1966 and amongst those he proposed into the Craft was the Greek Orthodox Bishop of Haifa. He was appointed Grand Tyler in 1968 and has since served almost continuously in different offices in Grand Lodge, culminating with his unanimous election in May 1981 as Grand Master.

His popularity could be seen by the fact that the attendance at his Installation as Grand Master was much larger than usual and that the temple in Tel-Aviv was packed to capacity. He was installed by M.W. Bro Shlomo Gross I.P.G.M., assisted by M.W. Bro Shalom Kassan PGM. Brethren of many different faiths were appointed to offices in Grand Lodge including, as

Senior Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro Labib Abu-Rukan, a highly respected leader of the Druse sect, dressed in his robes and distinguished head dress.

He is obviously conscious of his duties and responsibilities in his new office and hopes to continue to spread the message of Brotherhood Universal, not only to the 3,000 brethren on the roll of his Grand Lodge who meet in 67 lodges throughout the Holy Land and work, according to their choice, in many languages but also to the other recognised Constitutions throughout the world, and to the world at large.

There can be no doubt that there will be many brethren in the four quarters of the globe who will wish to join in congratulating M.W. Bro Shalhoub on his installation, and in the prayer that he may be granted good health, happiness and peace to enable him to carry out the duties of his high office.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

If we could answer that question we could be Gods, and know the secrets of the Universe. Truth is the great object of masonic study, the age long quest of man. It is the reward promised to those who are faithful, when their spiritual temple is completed. It has been lost in the darkness of error and, in this life at least, we must be content with a substitute which approaches the real, according to our faithfulness. No one definition that man can convey an idea of Truth's nature. We can hint at its meaning, but we can no more understand it than we can comprehend the Great Architect Himself.

"Truth", said one of the most ancient Indian sects of Philosophers, "is the Eternal Attribute of God", and this expression has been handed down to us through the long succession of ages in the lessons of Freemasonry, where-in we read "Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue".

It takes two to speak truth: one to speak and another to listen.

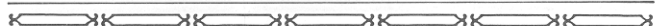
W. Bro. Fred Such
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice. Four cardinal virtues. Cardinal means chief or fundamental. Are we possessed by or with these fundamental virtues? Remember that each can be like a two edged sword which can cut in two directions. Think of each of these virtues in turn, in this way - negative and positive - and see new meaning in them, and in their effects on us and on our fellows.

God has set us apart from the animals only by the gift of reason. Let's use it for the benefit of ourselves and others. We also have been given free choice to select what we will think about our selections? We are the sum total of our thoughts to the present time. How far have they brought us? How far will they take us?

We must each answer for ourselves - and ourselves alone. We should try never to judge our fellowman - for any reason; but if we must set ourselves up to be so, let us judge with the fundamental virtues uppermost in our minds and filling our hearts.

W. Bro R.G. Crockett



WHAT MASONRY MEANS TO ME

When I was first asked to prepare a short essay communicating the thoughts pertaining to my initiation and Masonry, a great many feelings came to mind. Firstly, as a recent candidate I feel honored and privileged to have been raised to a Master Mason during the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Year as it is a great milestone in the Masonic history of Alberta.

Like all candidates I was not fully aware of the many responsibilities and tremendous opportunities for growth both as a member of society and a believer in Most High. From the First Three Degrees I was and am constantly amazed at the language used to teach so adequately and unfold the many lessons, secrets and mysteries belonging to the Ancient Brotherhood of Free Masonry. I speak specifically of the time honored responsibilities we have with each other and the witnessing we are called from our Creator. I feel proud that we recognize all Masons no matter what color of skin or free country they come from. For any organization that believes what is in the interior of a person, not what is on the exterior is what I feel to be of primary importance and that is an organization I personally want to be associated with.

Looking back over the past year since my initiation I feel proud that I was able to complete the many duties that were called upon me to perform and I am very grateful for the help extended to me in making my task much more interesting and enjoyable. The Degree work I found was an excellent exercise in not only learning something of value but also enabling me personally to express myself under a degree of pressure and anxiety. Being able to do this with a moderate level of capability was a self-gratifying experience, for I felt I had a responsibility and obligation not only to myself but to Masonry in general to do as good a job as I could.

With the common goals and interests shared by all Masons, I have formed many friendships and I look forward to making many more. The people I have met are all genuinely interested in my well-being both physically and morally. I have found this feeling to be prevalent in all lodges.

Now that the first stage of Masonry is completed for me personally I am very conscious that the whole process is only just beginning. I realize that there is still a vast amount of knowledge and growth to be experienced. I look forward to the many challenges ahead and also the many acquaintances to be made.

My hope now, is that I will be able to contribute something of particular value and be as good to Masonry as it has been to me.

Rory Evans - Jubilee Lodge
No. 173

WHAT MASONRY MEANS TO ME

My father was a mason, as was my step-father after him. I had known nothing of masonry, yet it was of obvious importance to them both. Neither spoke of it, yet whenever either would go to somewhere in London for a meeting, there was a depth of unspoken meaning in what they would be doing that evening.

Eventually I set out to lead my own way in life. As years passed, I would think of those two men who have been, and are, so necessary in my life. They were both

masons. What was it? How did one join? -- if was obviously a Good Thing.

I asked an acquaintance once if he knew anything about masonry. 'Not much', he said, 'but if you ask to join, they will never accept you. You have to wait to be asked.' I accepted his (cowan's) word and waited. Years. Perhaps there weren't any in Canada to ask me? Was I unworthy? Devil take the hind-most, one day I did ask. And now I know, but my knowledge has only just begun. In a couple of weeks I am to take my third degree -- a Master Mason. And my instructions and learning will start again.

Obviously questions have already arisen, Grand Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Canadian Rite, Royal Arch? Secrets and mysteries? Yet I know that the answers begged of those questions are but very small fragment of an unending road.

The road of life and love and death, of God, of inspiration, hope, charity and endeavour. Perhaps those are the Secrets and Mysteries that I will learn to live with, and by. One day I will know, yet will the more readily be aware of how little I know, and so must always keep going. Along that road.

Jeremy Fuller
Sherwood Lodge No. 183

WHAT MASONRY MEANS TO ME

Having been in a Service Club for over twenty-nine years, I think I am in a position to say the single most impressive feature of Masonry to date is the sincere welcome interest and open friendliness that is extended by fellow members, not only at the Lodge but also when you meet them during your daily routine.

I can't get over the amount of time and effort that is put forth on behalf of new members being initiated to the various degrees.

For obvious reasons now, one really hasn't any idea what Masonry is all about. I was attracted to the Craft by the Masons I knew and respected, so I was pleased to find Masonry's ideals and objectives similar to mine.

J C Greer
Unity Lodge No. 51

MASONS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS VISIT HAWAII

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1901 Uxbridge Dr. N.W.,
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Register now.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

Communication between Jurisdictions **MUST** be through the Grand Lodge Offices.

CHURCH PARADE

District No.7 will hold a church parade at Southminster United Church, Lethbridge on March 14. A good turn out is asked for from all the Lodges in District No. 7 and visitors will be most welcome.



Photo - Left to Right Principal of Cecil Swanson School, Mr. Don Royan; V.W. Bro., The Venerable Archdeacon Swanson; W. Bro. Ron Powell, P.M., Zetland No. 83

Thursday, November 19th, 1981 was special for Zetland Lodge No. 83, as one of its members, the beloved Archdeacon Swanson was present, along with several members of the Lodge, and friends and acquaintances from near and far, for the official opening of Cecil Swanson School in Calgary. It was a memorable evening, and Zetland Lodge in recognition of this event, presented a plaque to the school for permanent display, commemorating this great honor bestowed upon "Swanny" as he is affectionately known to many.

Time flows by us in a continuous stream, in spite of our attempts to divide it into years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds. Isaac Watt wrote, "Time, like an ever rolling stream bears all its sons away: they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day." We can neither hasten nor slow down the flowing time, we can only accept and use it as it comes. As each of us looks to the future, eagerly hoping for prosperity, health and happiness, we need to remind ourselves that time is a gift from God. We have no special right to time, no right to expect an endless succession of days to spend as we wish. Each moment, each day, each year is a gift from the gracious hand of God.

John Keble wrote:

"New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove
Through sleep and darkness safety brought
Restored its life, and power, and thought.
New mercies, each day returning,
Hover around us....."

An examination of the human scene informs us that no two persons are given the same amount of time; each one has his or her own portion. For some - - life is brief: for others - - it extends to the century mark. In fact each of us has all the time there is "NOW". Yesterday is gone; tomorrow never comes. "NOW" is the only time we have, and each of us has it! Let each of us, in our own quiet way express our appreciation, our thankfulness and our gratitude to the DONOR of this gift of time.

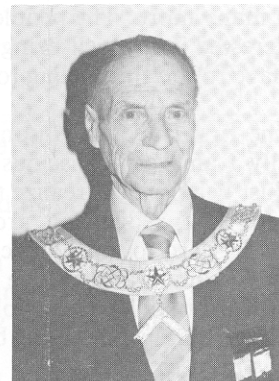
How often have we promised ourselves to make a phone call to our families and relatives, write a note of thanks to a friend for some kindness or visit a sick Brother only to find out that time has run out.

W. Bro. G.W. Sykes
Eastgate Lodge No.192



CARPET PRESENTED

When Columbia Lodge No. 38 G.R.B.C. paid a return visit to Zetland Lodge No. 83 on November 21, 1981 they brought along a carpet that had been crafted by one of the members of the Lodge. The picture shows the carpet with W. Bro. Hull then Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge accepting the presentation from the Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge. The craftsman who made the carpet looks on.



KING SOLOMON LODGE No. 41

W. Bro. E.W. Crowe was initiated into King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane, on April 7, 1922; passed on May 5 and raised to the sublime degree on June 22. He was installed as Worshipful Master on December 27, 1929 and served in that office in the years 1930 and 1941. His father W. Bro. Walter Crowe was initiated into King Solomon Lodge in November 1918 and was elected Worshipful Master in 1923. During his term as Grand Master, M. W. Bro W.E. Foster, P.G.M., presented W. Bro E.W. Crowe with a Fifty Year Past Master's Jewel at a regular meeting of King Solomon Lodge.