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SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.
CALGARY CONVENTION CENTRE
June 11th and 12th, 1982

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F.&A.M., will be held at the Calgary Convention Centre on Friday, June 11th and Saturday, June 12th, 1982. This will be the first time our Grand Communication has been held in the Convention Centre and we are looking forward to the spacious accommodation available and the fact we will not have to set up for the Grand Lodge opening in the same room in which the Banquet will be held.

The Annual Banquet will commence at 6:00 P.M. at the Convention Centre. Our guest speaker will be M.W. Bro. Miller Nixon, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I am sure he will have a message of great interest and importance to all Masons attending.

Grand Lodge will be opened in full form at 8:00 P.M. and we hope to conclude this first portion of our Communication expeditiously, thereby leaving the Brethren with an hour or two to renew old friendships and engage in Masonic fellowship. Grand Lodge will reconvene on Saturday morning at 8:30 A.M. with the Installation of new officers to take place, under the direction of M.W. Bro. Walter E. Foster, after the noon luncheon.

During the past year, it has been my privilege and pleasure as your Grand Master to travel extensively throughout the jurisdiction. The gracious hospitality and strong support extended to me has been truly heartwarming, and for this I wish to say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart.

At the twenty District Meetings I attended during the year I endeavoured to impress on all present the importance of having their Lodge represented at the Grand Communication. Last year 51 Lodges were not represented, approximately one third of the Lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. In order to have representation one of the three principal officers, namely the W.M., S.W. or J.W. must be present. I urge each Lodge to make a sincere effort to have at least one of the principal officers present, thereby gaining representation and the added benefit of taking back to their Lodge details of the business dealt with at the Communication, for the information of those Brethren who could not attend.

Robert Burns, Scotland's Immortal Bard, wrote in his poem "To A Mouse": "The best-laid schemes O' mice an' men Gang aft agley". When I was hospitalized for a period during the year, I truly experienced the meaning of this line. To the lodges I had made arrangements to visit, and had to cancel the date, please accept my sincere regrets. To the many Brethren who visited me in the hospital, who sent cards and flowers, my sincere thanks. The concern expressed by so many, truly exemplified to me Brotherly Love and Affection two of the main ingredients in my theme this year "Unity through Brotherhood".

I look forward to seeing you and extending the hand of fellowship when we meet in Calgary.

M. Norman MacIver
Grand Master

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN



R.W. Bro. Claude Rodney Austin Green - Born, Duncan, British Columbia, June 12th, 1931. Initiated, Manyberries Lodge No. 133, July 29th, 1957. Member of Foremost Lodge No. 103. Affiliated with Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, June 4th, 1978 W.M. 1960-61. D.D.G.M. District No. 2, 1970-71. Elected to Board of General Purposes in 1980. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick 1981. Retired after twenty-seven years of service in the R.C.M.P. in 1977. Partner in Harline Truck and Tractor Ltd., Grande Prairie, Alberta. Was Scout Master 1964-68. Married Jean Henderson of Lethbridge, Alberta in October of 1955.



R.W. Bro. Norman Frederick Oslund - Born, June 17th, 1925, Ryley, Alberta. Initiated Astra Lodge No. 179, January 30th, 1961. Affiliated, Palestine Lodge No. 46, May 20th, 1968, W.M. 1970-71, 1978-79 and 1980-81. Affiliated, Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, April 2nd, 1980. D.D.G.M. District No. 20, 1981-82. Active in many Concordant Bodies. Chief Executive officer, Canadian Corps of Commissioners, Northern Alberta. Served in the Canadian Army, World War No. 2. Served in the Canadian Armed Forces Peacetime. Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration. Chairman of Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Crime Prevention Committee, fifth year.



R.W. Bro. Guy Henry Pelsma - Born, Netherlands, May 21st, 1916. Initiated, Unity Lodge No. 51. Charter Member Evergreen Lodge No. 166, August 25th, 1951, W.M. 1959. D.D.G.M. District No. 12, 1979-80. Elected to the Board of General Purposes 1981. Appointed to the Jurisprudence Committee 1981. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia in 1980. Married with one Daughter and two Grandchildren. Attends Ardrossan United Church. Member Edmonton Scottish Rite Bodies. Served overseas with Canadian Armed Forces. Retired in 1973 from the Edmonton City Police Department after 28 years service. Presently operating a Hog and Cattle Farming Operation.

GUEST SPEAKER AT GRAND LODGE BANQUET

M.W. Bro., the Rev. T.C. Miller Nixon will be the guest speaker at the Grand Lodge Banquet. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1968-69 after a distinguished career in Freemasonry. Initiated into Memorial Lodge in Moose Jaw in 1946 he became the Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1952-53. Elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1958 he was also appointed as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Colorado. In 1965 he was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and later became Grand Junior Warden and then the Grand Master. When he was called to the pulpit of First United Church in Melrose, Saskatchewan he affiliated with Melrose Lodge No. 62 and acted as organist for that Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Miller Nixon was ordained as a United Church Minister in 1956 after having studied at St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon. He served at Lumsden and in July 1957 he returned to St. Andrew's College to direct a fund raising campaign for the extension of the College and during the next six years raised a million dollars for the purpose. He later became Dean of Residence and Bursar of the College.

Our guest speaker was born in Scotland and moved to Moose Jaw with his family in 1920. He is married and he and his wife, Helen, have three children and five grandchildren.

GRAND LODGE PROGRAM

All meetings in the Calgary Convention Centre.

Friday, June 11

- 1:30 p.m. Board of General Purposes
- 4:00 p.m. Registration and Balloting
- 6:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Banquet
Speaker M.W. Bro. T.C. Miller Nixon, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
- 8:00 p.m. Opening Session of Grand Lodge in ample form

Saturday, June 12 - 8:30 a.m. — Grand Lodge reconvenes

- 12:00 Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Grand Lodge reconvenes
Installation of the Grand Master and the investiture of Grand Lodge Officers

Banquet tickets \$20.00

Luncheon tickets \$9.00

Master Masons are welcome at all sessions of the Grand Lodge.

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Nominations for Grand Registrar (one to be elected)

- W. Bro. Alfred Henry Jones, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101
- W. Bro. Gordon William Smith, Jordan Lodge No. 177
- W. Bro. Arthur Liddell Swindells, Zetland Lodge No. 83

Nominations for the Board of General Purposes

(eight to be elected)

- V.W. Bro. Robert Gordon J. Aberdeen, Empire Lodge No. 63
- W. Bro. Gary Bedford E. Bennett, Empire Lodge No. 63
- W. Bro. George Alfred Brown, Evergreen Lodge No. 166
- W. Bro. Ross Howard Cawley, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101
- R.W. Bro. David Herbert Cooke, Crescent Lodge No. 87
- W. Bro. Alastair Dunbar, Unity Lodge No. 51
- W. Bro. Francis Dean English, Eureka Lodge No. 10
- R.W. Bro. William James Fairhurst, Calgary Lodge No. 23
- R.W. Bro. William Charles Graves, Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2
- W. Bro. William David Hughes, Wetaskinwin Lodge No. 15
- V.W. Bro. Robert Fredrick H. Jones, Perfection Lodge No. 9
- R.W. Bro. Robert Eugene Juthner, Commercial Lodge No. 81
- R.W. Bro. Douglas Alfred Kenny, Balmoral Lodge No. 185
- R.W. Bro. Robert Irwin Lewis, Jasper Park Lodge No. 143
- W. Bro. Theodore Oscar Neumann, Evergreen Lodge No. 166
- W. Bro. Stephen Edwin McVittie, Redwood Lodge No. 193
- R.W. Bro. Herberito Carlos E. Prager, West Edmonton Lodge No. 101
- V.W. Bro. James Ross, Cornerstone Lodge No. 19
- W. Bro. Norman John Senn, Mosaic Lodge No. 176
- R.W. Bro. Douglas Gloeckner Simmonds, Redwood Lodge No. 193
- R.W. Bro. Charles Edward Simmons, Corinthian Lodge No. 22
- R.W. Bro. Lloyd Allan Stranberg, Camrose Lodge No. 37
- R.W. Bro. Charles Edwin Tuckey, Bow River Lodge No. 1
- W. Bro. Orlan John Weber, Avon Glen Lodge No. 170

- Balloting June 11, 1982 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- June 12, 1982 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

CALL A BROTHER!

David L. Recob

Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Kansas

Suspension for nonpayment of dues often deeply affects Lodge membership. The Lodge may be standing on the threshold of a new gain, but foot-dragging Brethren, who neglect to pay their dues, for one reason or another, can place the Lodge in a "minus" balance, and create a loss instead of a gain in yearend membership, despite a lot of hard-working Brothers bringing in new petitions and participating in degree work to make new members.

For sure we cannot control death, as that is a fate that awaits each and every one of us. It is hard to control dimission due to migration to new jobs or places of residence. But, perhaps we can put a lid on suspension for nonpayment of dues, if we just pick up the telephone and call a Brother!

We need to get out as individual Masons and make contact with our lost Brethren who don't attend Lodge on a regular basis or participate in social events. We belong to a fraternal order of friends and brethren, yet, when the meeting is over, many just simply fade into the woodwork until the next meeting, without ever once calling a Brother, or a sick and distressed member, or a Brother who has lost the habit of attending Lodge because he did not have time or did not think of it.

We need to pick up the telephone and call a Brother to just check on his welfare, to say "Hi," "How are you doing?" "Haven't heard from you in quite a spell," "What's happening?" "How's the family?" "Are you alright?" "How about attending Lodge with me tonight?" Such greetings could well be excellent medicine to a sore or sick heart and a worried mind.

We need to share a ride with our older Brothers and those who live near our places of residence for the friendships it will create, rather than hopping in an empty car and motoring over to the Lodge hall alone. It not only saves gasoline; it creates a sense of responsibility to the group and shares in new experiences generated as a result of just plain sharing. Just think what it would do to the life of a Lodge if each member would obtain one new petition a year or pick up one nonattending member on a regular basis and take him to Lodge each meeting night. Just think of the impact that deed alone would have in the association of members in the Lodge.

Perhaps, through calling a Brother, we could reverse possible losses in membership, conserve the membership we have, and initiate a new drive to secure more members to fill our ranks.

Think of the joy and happiness we could bring into a Brother's life, if we showed by example that we do care about each other, and that we do go out of our way to show some brotherly charity to an aging member, or to gently nudge a sliding member to get back in the habit of taking part in the Lodge.

It could be the great social event of the week for many members, and it would bring happiness into many lives.

Project call a Brother is something for all Masons to practice each day of the year. Let's put some positive designs on the trestle-board!



NOTICE

Application forms for the office of Grand Secretary are available from the Grand Lodge Office. Applications will be received until September 30th, 1982. The successful applicant will work up to 16 months on a probationary basis as Assistant to the Grand Secretary. Applications will not be accepted from anyone not a Past Master.



MASONS OF ALBERTA FRIENDS AND RELATIVES VISIT HAWAII JANUARY 12th, 1983

COST — \$1,050.00 Canadian Funds. Includes: —

1. Return Flight with Wardair.
2. 13 nights hotel accommodation, Princess Kaiulani Hotel.
3. Lei greeting upon arrival.
4. Transfers to/from hotel.
5. Baggage handling.
6. Welcome breakfast.
7. Al Herrington, Dinner show.
8. Sightseeing tour of Honolulu.

Arrangements can be made to visit another Island or for a longer stay than two weeks. **HOWEVER THIS MUST BE IN WRITING WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT.** For members of the Craft a Lodge meeting is being arranged for Friday, January 14th, 1983. A Luau is also being arranged for members of the Craft, friends and relatives. Day and cost will be announced at a later date.

Mail your deposit of \$150.00 per person to University Heights Travel, Masons Group, 1901 Uxbridge Drive N.W., 4-A Stadium Shopping Centre, Calgary, Alberta T2N 2W2. Cancellation, Baggage and Medical insurance is available (Enquire).

Costs are subject to change and are based on current rate of exchange.

THE FRIENDSHIP CUP

In the April Issue there was a brief mention of the Bonspeil in Forestburg among the Lodges in District 20 competing for the Stan Harbin Friendship Cup. The York Rite Lodges of District 20 and District 5 won the trophy. It will now spend some time during the year in each of the winning Lodges. The trophy will be delivered to the Lodges in turn and will promote interlodge visitation as it travels around. Bro. Al Martin's rink, a Canadian Rite Lodge, won the individual trophies for the best winning record of the day.

THE HELPING HAND

W. Bro. Oscar Utas of Fidelity Lodge No. 76 in Bashaw lost his home and all his personal belongings in a tragic fire recently. The brethren of Fidelity Lodge No. 76 have decided to set up a special fund to assist W.Bro. Utas to get his family re-established.

FOOTHILLS LODGE NO. 174

Twenty-five years ago when Foothills Lodge was constituted R.W. Bro. Charles Blacklee was the Worshipful Master. In March, to mark this anniversary, R.W. Bro. Blacklee again occupied the Chair of King Solomon when the Master Mason's Degree was conferred. All resident charter members of Foothills Lodge received special invitations to be present.

THE PORT OF MISSING MEN

Bro. Paul Tobolski, Secretary of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, would like to know the whereabouts of Bros. D.S. Boumphrey, G.W. Cairney, R.B. Erickson, W.F. McCallum, J.E. Nudd, J.F. Patten and W.W. Wilson.

W.Bro. Rod Poenech, Secretary of Acacia Lodge No. 11, 152 Brander Drive, Edmonton T6H 4V4 would like to locate Bros. Ed Fotty and T.J. Chapman.

Bro. T. Dillmer, Secretary of Spitzie Lodge No. 6 writes to report that they have located Bro. Brian Frankhome and is grateful for the help.

REDWOOD LODGE NO. 193

W. Bro. J. Johnston presented to Redwood Lodge marble gavel blocks at a recent meeting of that Lodge.

FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH NO. 1980

Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980 will meet in Jasper on May 22nd as the guests of Jasper Park Lodge No. 143. The members will stay in Jasper overnight and will have a Barbeque on Sunday. The Lodge is always pleased to have visitors. Any who plan to attend should contact Bro. N. Senn, P.O. Box 102, Station G., Calgary, T3A 2G1.

The Lodge met in Westaskiwin in March. Bro. G.B. Jendyk presented a paper entitled, "Values and how They Affect Freemasonry." The Lodge welcomes subscribing or affiliating members. The Secretary of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research would be glad to supply information regarding memberships. "Vox Lucis" is the name of the publication which will be printing the research papers to be distributed throughout the Jurisdiction.

Following an Emergent Meeting on January 19th, the members of Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 celebrated their first annual 'Burns Night'.

An educational paper was presented by a visiting brother, W. Bro. Angus Campbell, of Anderson-McMillan Lodge No. 1552, G.L. of Scotland.

The traditional haggis was piped in by W.Bro. L. Barclay and carried by W.Bro. J. Allan, who then gave the "address to the haggis".



The photographs show (1) the brethren of Fort McMurray No. 195 toasting the memory of Robert Burns; (2) W. Bro. J. Allan (left) and W. Bro. L. Barclay (right) in front of a picture of the Immortal Bard.



During a recent visit to the home of Bro. Bob Dickey by W. Bro. Fred Such, R.W. Bro. Clarence Comrie and M.W. Bro. W.A. Milligan, P.G.M. and several Brothers from Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, the members of Bro. Dickey's family, witnessed the presentation of his 50 year jewel.

Born of Irish ancestry, in Selkirk, Manitoba, on May 2nd, 1902, Brother C. Robert Dickey was educated in Toronto public and high schools and Woodstock College. He moved to Alberta in 1942.

From that time on, he devoted his life to public health; he held administrative positions in the fields of tuberculosis control and mental health until his retirement in 1972.

Brother Dickey became a Master Mason in Acacia Lodge No. 61, in Hamilton, Ontario. He is still active in pensioners' organizations, and he maintains his involvement with mental health in a consulting capacity for the provincial Mental Health Services and the Public Guardian. He also writes a weekly column (The Queen's English) for The Edmonton Journal under the pen-name Richard Roberts.