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## A ZEAL FOR BEAUTY

God of all beauty and joy,  
Grant unto us that this day we may share with thee  
The purity of thy divine passion for beauty,  
For beauty of form and of sound,

For beauty of thought and of expression of thought,  
For beauty of action and of character,  
For beauty of life and beauty of soul.

Give us thy perception, that we may hear  
With thy divine joy  
The one deep-going harmony behind the clashing discords  
of this world.

Give us thine eyes, that we may see  
With thy divine joy  
All the radiant beauty of thy material world.

Give us thine eyes, to see indeed the disfigurement and the sin,  
But to see through them the divine possibilities of beauty,  
Which lie hidden beneath the loathsomeness.

Give us thine eyes, to see the perfect statue  
In the rough-hewn weather-stained block;  
To see the ideal manhood in the twisted, blackened villain.

Give us thy divine zeal for beauty.  
That we may transform hideous places, hideous lives and  
hideous souls,  
Into places fitted in beauty for thy habitation.

Into lives fitted in beauty for thy companionship,  
Into souls fitted in beauty for thine indwelling.  
Make us ambassadors of thy kingdom  
In which all things beautiful are for ever preserved and perfected.

— J.S. Hoyland

**GRAND MASTERS ITINERARY — 1982-83**

**JUNE**

- 12th. . . . . Installed Grand Master - Calgary
- 15th. . . . . Palestine No. 46 - Installation - Tolfield
- 16th. . . . . Camrose No. 37 - Installation - Calgary
- 17th, 18th, 19th. . . . . Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
- 20th, 21st, 22nd. . . . . Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Winnipeg
- 25th, 26th. . . . . Grand Lodge of P.E.I., Charlottetown

**JULY**

- 5th. . . . . District No. 13 - Grande Prairie
- 9th. . . . . Committee Organizational Meeting - Calgary
- 22nd. . . . . Redwood No. 193 - Emergent - Klondike Meeting
- 23rd. . . . . Finance Meeting - Calgary

**SEPTEMBER**

- 2nd, 3rd, 4th. . . . . Banff Conference - Banff
- 14th. . . . . Fidelity 76 - Bashaw
- 15th. . . . . Balmoral No. 185 - St. Albert

**OCTOBER**

- 2nd. . . . . District No. 3 - Edmonton
- 12th. . . . . Edmonton No. 7 - Edmonton
- 15th. . . . . District No. 14 - Delia
- 16th. . . . . District No. 19 - Edmonton
- 20th. . . . . District No. 9 - Castor
- 22nd. . . . . District No. 15 - Drumheller
- 23rd. . . . . District No. 12 - Edmonton
- 26th. . . . . District No. 1 - Calgary
- 28th. . . . . District No. 6 - Calgary
- 29th. . . . . District No. 8 - Frank
- 30th. . . . . District No. 2 - Medicine Hat

**NOVEMBER**

- 1st. . . . . District No. 5 - Forestburg
- 4th. . . . . District No. 11 - Champion
- 5th. . . . . District No. 7 - Coalhurst
- 6th. . . . . 75th Anniversary - Camrose
- 8th. . . . . District No. 17 - Wainwright
- 11th. . . . . Opening New Lodge Hall - Wainwright
- 12th. . . . . District No. 10 - Kitscoty
- 13th. . . . . District No. 20 - Edmonton
- 17th. . . . . Board of General Purpose - Red Deer
- 19th. . . . . District No. 18 - Calgary
- 20th. . . . . District No. 16 - Gleichen
- 27th. . . . . District No. 4 - Olds
- 30th. . . . . Redwood No. 193 - Installation

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Harbin has appointed the following brethren to committees —

**To the Board of General Purposes for one year —**

- V.W. Bro. Apperley (9)
- R.W. Bro. R.J.L. Borland (83)
- R.W. Bro. D.A. Bruce (87)
- V.W. Bro. J.G. Forbes (192)

**To the Board of Benevolence for one year —**

- R.W. Bro. A.S. Hovan (67)
- R.W. Bro. D.A. Kenny (185)

**To the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee —**

- R.W. Bro. R.H. Thornton (30)
- W. Bro. Carl Farrolden (128)

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS —**

**Editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin —**

- M.W. Bro. W.J. Collett, (83) P.G.M.

**Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry —**

- R.W. Bro. J.F. Rogers (35) Deputy Grand Master

**Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations —**

- M.W. Bro. S.H. Hardin (25) P.G.M.

**Chairman of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges —**

- R.W. Bro. C.R.A. Green (103) Junior Grand Warden

**'If I Had My Druthers'**

From "One Man's View" in the Indiana Freemason, June 1982 and written by our good friend and brother Dwight L. Smith

If I Had My Druthers, Lodges of Master Masons would begin to take steps, and soon, to re-establish the old traditions of Freemasonry in at least one respect, that of providing frequent opportunities for men of like interests (kindred spirits, if you please) to gather in pleasant, relaxed surroundings for no other purpose than refreshment and conversation — physical, intellectual and spiritual refreshment; just talking and enjoying the company of each other. In short, I am pleading for return of Lodges to their original moorings, voluntary associations in which compatible men may find fellowship and experience brotherhood at its best.

It isn't possible, it isn't necessary, it isn't even desirable that all Masons be just like us. I am totally in earnest when I say that I believe the resurgence of our Craft depends to a large extent on whether Lodge officers, prospective officers and Past Masters are able to divest themselves of that deadly notion that unless a Mason memorizes and recites and delivers lectures or works in the craft, we have nothing to offer other than sitting on the sidelines or carrying chairs.

I am convinced that all over the country, with very little effort, we could find scores, yes hundreds, of young Master Masons, all with a tremendous potential, that may be lost to us if we don't give them some encouragement and find a place for them in our scheme of things. It frightens me to reflect on how many such Brethren might be found — disappointed, disillusioned, yet not willing to take the initiative and help their Brethren to rediscover one of the supreme joys of masonic Lodge fellowship!

Let me share with you some lines from Stephen Leacock that have long haunted me:

"If I were founding a university, I would found first a smoking room; then when I had a little more money I would found a dormitory; then after that, or more probably with it, a decent reading room and library. After that, if I still had more money that I couldn't use, I would hire a professor and get some textbooks."

Be sure to note Stephen Leacock's priorities. The smoking room came first; the professor and the textbooks last.

Like it or not, the ale house, the coffee house, the smoking room have a noble tradition in the history of our Fraternity. They got the Craft off to a good start; our ancestors on this side of the Atlantic banished them as too "worldly." But they could yet, if given a chance, do much to pull us out of the doldrums today. Let's never underestimate their importance.

And by all means, let's get away from that old bogeyman of Puritanism that to eat, drink and be merry is almost, if not entirely, sinful. Freemasonry would thrive on it again. Let's get back to the fellowship, conviviality, good conversation, invigorating exchange of ideas that can surround the festive board, and find again that which was lost.

- If I had my druthers, Masons would not be so hypocritical on the subject of class Lodges. The idea appeals to me, and I should like to see such Lodges encouraged. In my opinion they would contribute much to our Fraternity.

Yes, I suppose, that "class" should be a dirty word when associated with Lodges. "Common interest" Lodges might be better if the word "class" bothers us. In any event, why be so sanctimonious at the thought of such Lodges *when we have scores of them, hundreds of them*, all over the country, made up of workers in a factory or employees in a business or industrial enterprise?

What is so reprehensible and undemocratic about Brethren of the same business or profession or employment, of common backgrounds and interests, belonging to the same Lodge and "dressing up" when they go to its meetings? To look with disfavor on such a pleasant association is an oddity of Masonry that I simply do not understand. I wish all our Brethren had more interests in common, and I wish all our Brethren took pride in their personal appearance when they meet together in Lodge.

## NOTICES WORTH NOTING

Neither the virtues nor the rewards of patience are — obviously — immediately noticeable, and it is oftentimes dismaying to the eager newly-made Mason that the progress or evolution of the Craft seems to be, shall we say, glacial. But the gradual advancement of Freemasonry is not by accident, for lessons of the Craft are for all men of all Ages and therefore consciously measured and careful. It does not bend like a reed before each fresh breath of style or fad that blows from one extreme to the other through society. Nevertheless progress does occur.

Perhaps no better example can be found than in the Masonic Spring Workshop held in Banff, and which — if we can accept (with appropriate modesty) the comments of outsiders — is the envy of many a jurisdiction on the continent. The efforts of that core of energetic and dedicated workers who toil behind the scenes for many months of each year to make things run smoothly, have never been expended with the expectation that things will happen overnight. yet, when one speaks to those knowledgeable and experienced with the School, one hears increasingly that their exertions of some seventeen years are only recently beginning to pay off.

The patient perseverance in the instruction of the Brethren and generally advancing the Craft is gradually showing results throughout the jurisdiction in ways both large and small.

A case in point may well be the efforts directed toward Worshipful Masters and Secretaries to encourage them to include interesting messages in their Lodge notices. A notice that contains little more than a date and time and the words “general business” does little to inspire or excite the imagination or to stimulate enthusiasm for attendance. But it now appears that, with the encouragement of the Banff School, an increasing number of Masters and Secretaries are turning their hand to making their notices both interesting and instructive, and the results will surely be forthcoming.

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“A Master who at the end of his term of office leaves his Lodge bigger but not better has nothing to boast of, but one who leaves his Lodge better, though smaller, has reason to be proud of his record.

The former may have sacrificed quality for quantity by taking in undesirable material, or he may have shut his eyes to that most unpardonable of Masonic sins — soliciting. The latter may have purged the Lodge of dross, or may have refused to recoup losses due to natural causes by taking in men not fully up to standard.

Judged from this point of view the ‘GOOD’ record of one Master may upon close analysis prove to be a bad one, while the Master reporting losses may in reality have gains to his credit. Under present conditions, an increase in membership probably requires an explanation more than a decrease.” (From “The Trowel” published by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and quoted in St. Mark’s notice by W. Bro. E.I. Rothnie.)

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“Many persons have a wrong idea about what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.” — Helen Keller (Bow River No. 1)

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“Masonry is an on-going commitment that will give many remarkable things to each of us — Fellowship and Brotherhood, greater understanding and tolerance hopefully help make each of us a better person. But these desirables will only come about if each of us work at it . . .” — W. Bro. Fred Sutherland (Mystic Tie No. 188)

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“How is the Masonry of your personal temple coming on? Bro. Johnson wrote — ‘He who would bring home the wealth of the Indies, must carry the wealth of the Indies with him.’ So it is in travelling, a man must carry Knowledge with him if he would bring home Knowledge! R. Wor. Bro. H.W. Harris, S.G. Warden of Manitoba quotes from poem by Adam Lindsay Gordon, as seen in the 38th Annual Proceedings of Officers of the four western Masonic Jurisdictions: — ‘Question not, but live and labour . . . ’til your goal be won: Helping every feeble neighbor, seeking help from none. Life is mostly froth and bubble, two things stand like stone. Kindness in another’s trouble, courage in your own.’ — W. Bro. G.B. Halldorson (Wahpun No. 88)

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“ . . . let us all search our minds for means by which we can improve our progress to remain true to the tenets of Freemasonry and to cultivate carefully the potential of our Lodge”

— R.W. Bro. S.A. Bell (Fort McMurray No. 195)

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“ . . . Masonry is the best course in self-improvement you can find — all it takes is sincerity and an inquiring mind. If you do not attend and participate in the ‘lectures’, little wonder that you become a drop-out.”

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“During the past few months, I have been extolling the HABIT — the HABIT of attending. Some habits prove to have negative effects on our lives, like smoking or excessive drinking. However, there are habits which have a positive effect on our lives, like the habit of setting your alarm, the habit of attending church and the habit of attending Lodge. When one gets out of the habit of attending church, for example, it becomes so easy to rationalize around it and come up with a perfectly legitimate reason or reasons why you can’t attend! It’s so easy! Alas, our Lodges suffer from the same human frailty.

Whatever happened to Duty, Honour and Gratitude that bound you to your trust? You see, my Brethren, the lessons inculcated both in church and Lodge haven’t changed! Brotherly love, relief and truth remains undiminished in the hearts of every faithful Brother Craftsman! However the habit of setting your Lodge alarm may have frittered away by your rationalizations and neglect.

Brethren, we gave our solemn promise to answer and obey all lawful signs and summonses. Will you not make that promise into a HABIT? If there is a problem, let your officers know!!!”

— Wor. Bro. Gerry Gibbs (Gateway No. 164)

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“To those who are not attending regularly, we miss your input at our meetings.” — W. Bro. W.E. Riome (Wainwright No. 44)

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“Our Centennial Celebration Night . . . has now become part of Centennial Lodge history and will be duly recorded in our historical records. No matter how well it is recorded it will not reflect the feeling of pride, accomplishment, and fraternal socializing that marked the evening. Pride at having so many distinguished guests spend the evening with us, proud of our progress to date and happy to sit down at the festive board and enjoy each other’s company on this special occasion.

— W. Bro. George Bagby (Centennial No. 194)

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“ . . . we must remember the role of the J.W. in ‘seeing that there is no perverted humour’. There are many jokes and stories which can have the Brethren ‘rolling in the aisles’ without resorting to crudeness.”

— W. Bro. Leo Zelent (Avon Glen No. 170)

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“Oh what a lot we have to be thankful for! Do we really always express our thanks; maybe most of us do, but a growing number do not, at least this is my observation.

So many younger folk, I do believe, have never really said ‘Thank you’ and meant it when a door was held open for them or when something was passed at the table. How do these people thank their Maker for all that has been done for them and given to them?

. . . Maybe we as parents, and Masons, are failing a duty, but everybody has a lot to be thankful for.”

— W. Bro. Ed Lawrence (Victoria No. 130)

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(In exchanging views with Brothers at the Banff Workshop) “I was particularly interested in the number who favoured taking six months or more to confer degrees, interspersing degree nights with evenings of plain language explanations and instruction on what the candidates had experienced.”

— W. Bro. S. Ross Tarves (St. Marks Lodge No. 118)

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“When asked to serve your Lodge consider that the W.M. selected you because he feels that you have particular characteristics suitable for performing an allotted task for the Brethren, remembering that it is a privilege to be asked to help anybody and is a privilege shared by few. If you are one of these fortunate few you should consider it an honourable distinction — a reward, not punishment.”

— W. Bro. G.B. Bennett (Empire No. 63)

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“A little mud spread on each brick helps to build a strong and lasting wall or building, but a little mud on a person’s character can destroy him for life; be careful you do not spread any from your mortar board.”

(Mystic Tie No. 188)

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“Brethren, please make every effort to join us! Allow the sincerity and warmth of . . . Masonic fellowship to rekindle your obligation as a Craftsman to attend this summons.”

— W. Bro. Gerry Gibbs (Gateway No. 164)

## YOUR GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

The purpose of the Grand Lodge Bulletin is to keep the brethren of the Jurisdiction informed about things that are happening in the Masonic World and especially events in the Jurisdiction of Alberta. In addition it seeks to bring to the brethren items of research and a variety of matters of general interest. These things can be accomplished only by the cooperation of all concerned. Over the years the various GrandMasters have been a valuable source of news items and their cooperation has been appreciated. Secretaries of Lodges have also been a great help in sending in news of interest. Generally the brethren interested in Research have contributed interesting papers. If the Bulletin is to be of value to the Craft at large it is essential that the flow of news and papers and pictures continues unabated. The deadline for publication is six weeks ahead of the printing which means that items should be submitted by the fifteenth of every month. They should be sent to the Grand Lodge Office.

The Bulletin often prints statements made by certain outstanding Masons. It should be remembered that these statements are for information and not the policy of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge alone can issue statements of policy and if any of this appears in the Bulletin it will be clearly stated. We ran into some problems when the Bulletin carried a statement by the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England expressing his opinion about the Penalties in the Obligations. This was a personal opinion carried as an item of interest. It was not an indication of a change of policy in the Grand Lodge of Alberta. At the same time the Bulletin is always grateful to receive letters from the Brethren expressing opinions on subjects that concern Masonry.

As we start the next volume of the Grand Lodge Bulletin we hope you will remind yourselves that this is your means of communication and that the issues will be relevant only if you keep the information flowing in.



At Provost Lodge No. 61, R.W. Bro. G. Swanson, D.D.G.M. of District No. 17, presented his son Wayne with a Masonic Ring which had been passed down from his father's older brother to his father who had passed it on to him on being raised to a Master Mason.

Above photo shows R.W. Bro. Swanson presenting Bro. Wayne Swanson with Master Mason's Apron after he had proved himself in the third degree.

## 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 extra and will be added to your final billing.

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

## AS A MAN BUILDS

So does he grow.

One of the key words in Masonry is *build*. Masonic allegory is based upon the building of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem with its lessons and legends dating back to that great era in Biblical history. Masonry, as we know it today, is a direct descendant of the guilds whose members built the great cathedrals of Europe during the Middle Ages.

There is just as great a need for building today as at any time in the past: for dwellings, more efficient industrial buildings, transportation facilities, highways, power plants. But building has slowed down and it should come as no surprise that the growth and economy of the country has regressed as well. We are given a number of reasons: the cost of materials, labor, financing, excessive government regulation. Whatever the causes, they must be overcome if we are to get back on the road to recovery.

According to legend, King Achish was very much interested in David, as a man, a pioneer, a conqueror. he said David: Whither have ye made a road today?"

We are faced with the same question: Whither have you built today?

When we can answer in the positive, we will have started to grow again.

— Ralph H. Head