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PROCLAMATION

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MASONS IN THE GRAND JURISDICTION OF ALBERTA THAT I, STANLEY HARBIN, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN ALBERTA, DO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1982 TO BE KNOWN AS "HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY MONTH" AND CHARGE ALL WHO RANGE THEMSELVES UNDER THE BANNER OF FREEMASONRY TO UNITE IN SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND INSOFAR AS FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS WILL ALLOW AND I FURTHER DIRECT DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AND WORSHIPFUL MASTERS TO READ THIS PROCLAMATION AT THEIR NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, M.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin, has proclaimed November 1982 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month and requests all Masons to donate to and support this most worthy cause. Donations to the Higher Education Fund in 1981 amounted to Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars. This was substantially higher than 1980. On behalf of the committee, I thank all the Masons who generously donated to and supported the fund.

First, I would ask that all the District Deputies on their travels to bring to the attention of the members of the lodges in their districts the Higher Education Bursary Fund. I also ask each and every Master to remind your members to donate.

Each year I ask the members to check the Grand Lodge Proceedings to see how much money their lodge has donated to the fund. It is sad to see lodges which have not donated in some cases for three or four years. Why?! Some lodges have only one or two persons donating. Again I ask Why?

This year during some of the investigations of applicants for bursaries, I found great poverty in our midst. For example, one family I visited the wife works two jobs to support a husband who is totally disabled, also two daughters who are at university and the son hopes to get a bursary to enable him to also attend university. Brethren, these are the type of people your donation to the Bursary Fund help.

I realize only too well that this year some of our members may be suffering through these tough times in our economy. Therefore I would ask those who have jobs to make sure they donate this year. I would like to challenge all the members who have **never** donated to the fund to this year send a donation and I believe that one five dollar bill would not be missed. To those who have given in the past please continue your support.

It is my belief that in the coming year we will receive many more requests for assistance. As you are aware, the cost of education is rising at an alarming rate and there is no such thing as 6 and 5%. For those students that have to live away from home the cost of accommodation, food, transportation, clothing are also steadily climbing and your donation to the fund sometimes makes the difference as to whether a person is able to go to post secondary school or not.

In the last six years, we have increased our donations from approximately one dollar per member to nearly two dollars per member. A great advance, but I think we could increase this amount still higher. The above figures are only an average of donations received. This would not have been accomplished if many of our members did not give far more than the average. To these brethren, thank you.

I can only ask all the brethren to think back to those days when you were progressing through the initiation ceremonies. Think of the questions you were asked and I hope the unqualifying answers you gave.

Let us never lose sight of the fact that charity is one of the pillars or landmarks of our fraternity.

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

MR. & MRS. FRANK MILLING SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS

1982-83

UNDERGRADUATES	TOWN	UNIVERSITY ATTENDING
CASS, Janice Ina	Calgary	U of Alberta
DECHANT, Roseanne Marie	Czar	Grande Prairie Regional College
GATENBY, Allan Kent	Edmonton	U of Alberta
GREEN, Tracey Angela	Edmonton	U of Alberta
HARWARDT, Cheryle Doreen	Medley	U of Alberta
HOEPPNER, Catherine Susan	Canmore	Juilliard
IVERSON, Bryan Neil	Wainwright	U of Alberta
McCARTHY, Michele Lee Ann	Irricana	U of Lethbridge
McFADYEN, Lori Anne	Calgary	U of Alberta
MILLER, Rhonda Lee	Edmonton	U of Alberta
MULLANEY, Karen Jean	Calgary	U of Calgary
PALAMAREK, Barbara Lynn	Lacombe	U of Alberta
PERDUE, Frederick Marten	Grande Prairie	U of Alberta
PICKETT, Russel Ward	Bassano	U of Calgary
ROGERS, Shannon Patricia	Edmonton	U of Alberta
TANIGAMI, Lorrie Jean (Yoshiko)	Rosemary	U of Lethbridge
TYNEDAL, Colin W.	Calgary	S.A.I.T.
SEREDA, Irene	Shaughnessy	U of Lethbridge
WILSON, Lyndsay Jeanne	Edmonton	N.A.I.T.
WINGRAVE, Janice	Ponoka	School of Nursing Ponoka

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY AWARDS

1982-83

MATRICULANTS	TOWN	UNIVERSITY ATTENDING
ANDRUSIW, Shirley Susan Rose	Vimy	U of Alberta
ELL, Randall Albert	Grassy Lake	U of Lethbridge
EPPS, Michelle Colleen	Innisfail	Red Deer College
FEDORUK, Janice Pearl	Hines Creek	N.A.I.T.
FILAN, David John	Edmonton	U of Alberta
FLINT, Susan Valerie	Paradise Valley	U of Alberta
FREEMAN, Mary Susan	Devon	Concordia College
GIESINGER, Troy Richard	Calgary	U of Calgary
GLASGOW, Leigha Jayne	Irma	N.A.I.T.
GORDA, Brent Clifford	Mayerthorpe	U of Alberta
HANLON, Mary Louise	Calgary	U of Calgary
HAYES, Jeannine Lee	Lethbridge	Foothills School of Nursing
HEISLER, Joseph Lawrence	Calgary	U of Calgary
HOOD, Elizabeth Pearl	Little Smoky	U of Alberta
LAWSON, Laurel Shannon	Edmonton	U of Alberta
LEAM, Howe	Raymond	U of Lethbridge
MALLEY, Valaine Maxine	Innisfail	U of Calgary
MORGENSTERN, Naomi Carol	Sexsmith	Grand Prairie Regional College
MUNDELL, Wenda Lee	Calgary	U of Alberta
OSBERG, Wanda Mae	Picture Butte	Lethbridge Community College
PAGE, Lise	Edmonton	U of Alberta
PAUL, Barbara Lee	Rainier	U of Lethbridge
SANDUL, Ronald John	Rycroft	U of Alberta
SEIFERT, Douglas Gerhard	Edmonton	N.A.I.T.
SPILLER, Kim Marie	Innisfail	Red Deer College
TOCCI, Candida Marie	Calgary	U of Calgary
TOMINUK, Annette Marie	Calgary	U of Calgary
VIRGINILLO, Cameron Bruce	Lethbridge	U of Calgary
WASYLYSHYN, Sheila Anne	Coaldale	U of Lethbridge
WHITE, Shawna Lynn	Mayerthorpe	U of Alberta
WOOD, Catherine Elizabeth	Innisfail	Red Deer College
WRIGHT, Jeffrey Stuart	Edmonton	U of Alberta
YEE, Sandra Marie	Calgary	U of Alberta

THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

Undoubtedly many Brethren have browsed through the Record of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Communication which was held in June. The Report of the Jurisprudence Committee is most interesting and merits careful study. The Chairman of the Committee, M.W. Bro. F.G. Fox, notes that several American jurisdictions are amending their constitutions to protect themselves under the "Right To Privacy Acts" since lawsuits may arise as a result of enquiries into the character, habits and reputations of petitioners for initiation. He says that at least two Canadian Jurisdictions are giving thought to possible problems. The report reads in part: "In this jurisdiction we have a standard letter that is supposed to be given to every prospective candidate. Along with general information about Masonry, that letter warns the prospect that we will investigate his character and standing in the community, to determine whether he is a suitable candidate. He is asked to sign the letter and return it to the lodge, after which he may be given a petition. The fact that I must emphasize to you is that this is **imperative** that every prospective candidate be given this letter, that he read it, understand it, sign it, and return it to the lodge **before** he is handed a petition. This letter must be kept in the Lodge files. This is especially important if the candidate, is in the end, rejected. If these steps are taken we need not create any special protective rules under current human rights laws. It is the joint responsibility of the Worshipful Master and the would-be sponsors to see that there are **no exceptions** to that procedure."

NO CHANGES

There were two motions put forward at the Grand Lodge Communication to amend sections of the Constitution. In order to pass such motions there must be a two thirds majority. Both motions were defeated.

A third motion was put forward by Bow River Lodge No. 1 requesting that consideration be given to special ornamentation of aprons, collars and jewels when a Lodge has reached its One Hundredth Anniversary. The Grand Lodge agreed that the proposal be studied. If the recommendations of the study are favourable there may be an amendment to the Constitution proposed at the next Grand Lodge Communication.

The result is that there was no change in the Constitution made at the Grand Lodge Communication in 1982.

NOVEMBER — BURSARY MONTH

In 1981 thirty Masonic Higher Education Bursaries were awarded each worth \$800.00. Donations of \$27,954.94 were made by the Masons of Alberta with 153 lodges sending in contributions from members.

COMMITMENT TO THE CRAFT

(The Grand Master's Theme 1982-83)

There will always be arguments about which degree is the most important in Freemasonry. This is really an unprofitable type of discussion because all three degrees are of basic importance to the understanding of the ancient art. It is well that the sponsors of candidates and the Lodges concerned should emphasize to the prospective mason that the First Degree is of paramount importance. The simple reason is this, that in the Initiatory Degree, the man is made a mason and once a man is thus designated there is no way that he can be unmade or be freed from the obligation he takes. He may take a demit from his Mother Lodge and not affiliate with another one, he may be suspended for non-payment of dues or he may be expelled for unmasonic conduct. These actions deprive him of the privilege of uniting with masons in their gatherings but it cannot wipe out the fact that he was made a mason and admitted to the secrets of the degree. Neither do any of the above acts relieve a person of the obligation that he assumed in that degree. Because of these facts it is essential that sponsors and lodges realize the responsibility that is theirs when an individual is accepted for initiation and the First Degree is conferred.

It must be remembered that a man vows that he became a mason of his own free will without any external pressures or influences. Thus it is that masonry is essentially an act of a person's own will. As he goes on to the degree he will discover that the exercise of the individual's will is the basis of all masonic conduct. We do not tell the person that he must do this and must not do that. He is told that this is the way to truth and if he wills to walk that way he will find great reward. Masonry always was and always should be a matter of free will. The members of the Lodge hope that the new mason will exercise his will and place in the forefront of his life those things that he is being taught. They are willing to help him and to offer him ways to increase his knowledge. It always must be his will that is exercised. The decision the new mason will make depends largely upon the example set by his newly found brethren and their commitment to the basic principles of the order.

That a newly made brother will always have beside him someone who will aid him along the path of life no matter how dark it may seem is dramatically taught to him as he is led through the Initiatory degree. When light comes to him he now is a brother among brothers but he is again assured that never more will he be left alone. To make certain that the promises made to the new initiate are carried out will require a great commitment on the part of the senior members of the lodge.

The newly made brother is taught that he cannot just keep those things that he has learned and think of them in the inner secrets of his heart apart from the demands of every day life. It is impressed upon him that he must share what he has not only with those in his lodge but with the world at large. His new brethren take upon themselves to set an example for him and he is urged to follow their example. The giving of oneself and of one's possessions is not a simple thing. It again takes a commitment to the things that he has learned.

Thus the newly made mason is asked to remember that he now has an obligation and a commitment. Certainly it should not be allowed to interfere with his own private life and certainly he must not neglect his own business but now a new dimension is added. One doesn't go about arguing with non-masons about Freemasonry no matter what is said and what is written in books for the public to read. He has a commitment to keep these things in his heart and to learn from his fellow masons who, too, are committed to lead him further on the path to true knowledge.

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.

CORNER STONES

The future development and the value of Freemasonry as a moral force in society depend upon the view its members take of their system. If they do not spiritualize it they will but increasingly materialize it. If they fail to interpret its veiled purport, to enter into the understanding of its underlying philosophy, and to translate its symbolism into what is signified thereby, they will be mistaking shadow for substance, a husk for the kernel, and secularizing what was designed as a means of spiritual instruction and grace. It is from lack of instruction rather than of desire to learn the meaning of Freemasonry that the Craft suffers today.

West Edmonton Lodge No. 101

A CORRECTION

In the September issue there was a picture of R.W. Bro. Swanson of Provost Lodge No. 61 presenting a ring to his son. The name of the son is Wyatt Swanson rather than Wayne. There was confusion about the two sons and we thank Bro. George F. Smith, the Secretary of Provost Lodge, for making the correction.

CONCORD LODGE NO. 124

On Saturday, September 18, the members of Concord Lodge No. 124 made their annual visit to Lethbridge Lodge No. 9. Concord Lodge conferred the Third Degree on Bro. M. Friedlander. Following the Lodge meeting a social gathering was held in the Lethbridge Armouries.

PORT OF MISSING MEN

Bro. J.E. Taylor, 71, Chancellor Way N.W., Calgary T2K 1Y3, Secretary of Foothills Lodge No. 174, would like to know the address of Bro. Roy T. Moore.

FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH NO. 1982

Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1982 held its Installation Meeting in the Calgary Masonic Temple on September 25. R.W. Bro. R.J.L. Borland was installed as Worshipful Master to succeed R.W. Bro. R.E. Juthner. Bro. Juthner acted as Installing Master. Bro. Borland, according to the tradition of the Lodge, delivered the Research Paper which was titled, "Who Will Close the Door?" R.W. Bro. M.L. Foote, D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 proclaimed the officers regularly installed.

BALMORAL LODGE NO. 185

The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Harbin, attended the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Institution of Balmoral Lodge No. 185. George Colin Tate and Roger George Andrews received the First Degree with R.W. Bro. A. Sollanych, the First Worshipful Master of Balmoral Lodge, occupying the chair of King Solomon. The members of West Edmonton Lodge No. 101 paid an official visit to Balmoral Lodge that evening.

FIDELITY LODGE NO. 76

Fidelity Lodge No. 76, Bashaw, was honored to receive the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin at its September meeting. During the Lodge meeting Bro. Robert Wotherspoon was raised to the Master Masons Degree.

GATEWAY LODGE NO. 164

In September Gateway Lodge No. 164 held its Annual Pancake Breakfast at the farm of Bro. Geo. Davidson.

EASTGATE LODGE NO. 192

The Lakeside Cabin of the Armstrong family was the setting of a July barbecue for Eastgate Lodge No. 192 and about sixty members were present with their families. The highlight of the enjoyable afternoon was a children's fishing derby. Scot Armstrong won the prize for catching the largest number of fish. Three year old Trevor Wong took the prize for being the youngster to catch the first fish.

THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a priceless gift
that cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater
than a mountain made of gold —
For gold is cold and lifeless,
it can neither see nor hear,
And in the time of trouble
it powerless to cheer —
It has no ears to listen,
no heart to understand,
It cannot bring you comfort
or reach out a helping hand —
So when you ask God for a gift,
be thankful if He sends
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
but the love of real true friends.

Helen Steiner Rice

A PERFECT LODGE

*By W.B. Henry Tuebel,
Tulia Lodge No. 733*

I think that I shall never see
A Lodge that's all it ought to be.
A Lodge whose Members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A Lodge that has no empty chair,
Whose Master never need despair;
A Lodge whose Members always pay
Their dues on time without delay.
Whose gossips never peddle lies
Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always sweet and kind
And to all others' faults are blind.
Such perfect Lodge there may be
But none of them are known to me;
But still we'll work and pray and plan
To make our Lodge the best we can.

The Texas Freemason
from Drumheller Lodge No. 146

WELL — ARE YOU?

Are you an active Mason
The kind that would be missed
or are you just content
that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock
or do you stay at home
to criticize and knock.
Do you take an active part
to help the work along
or are you satisfied to be
the kind that just belongs.
Do you ever go to visit
a Mason who is sick
or leave the work to just a few
and talk about the "clique"
Think this over "Mason"
you know right from wrong
are you an active Mason
or do you just belong?

St. John's Lodge No. 25