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SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

RED DEER, ALBERTA

Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, 1983

Master Masons are Welcome

FROM THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

Again I deem it a privilege to speak to the Brethren of this great Jurisdiction through the medium of our Grand Lodge Bulletin.

In my term as Grand Master thus far I have found strength in the steady support which has been so warmly and generously extended by the Brethren wherever I visit. Likewise I am grateful for the sagely advice and assistance in guiding our Craft which has been readily forthcoming from Past Grand Masters, my senior Officers and, in particular, the Grand Secretary. His is an onerous job, and at times unpopular decisions or recommendations are required in order to protect Craft Masonry and to stay within the Constitution. In this endeavour R.W. Bro. Dunford has never flinched, and I trust that all Brethren will give him the credit he justly deserves.

Our Annual Communication approaches on wings and it is time to remind you about your "Commitment to the Craft". I urge the attendance of at least one of the principal Officers in order that your Lodge might have representation on June 10/11. Your interest and participation in our deliberations is the key to a successful Communication. This year we will be discussing some important and perhaps contentious issues, so watch for advice of Motions through your Lodge correspondence.

Brethren, as you will note elsewhere in this Publication, we have an excellent guest speaker for our Friday banquet, and we should all feel honoured and privileged to have M.W. Bro. Bingeman of Manitoba as our guest. He is a cherished friend of mine and a truly outstanding Mason whose depth of quality you will quickly recognize and appreciate.

As I reflect on the large attendance at our twenty District meetings, I am reminded of the fine work done by District Deputy Grand Masters. They have filled their positions admirably and I know they would want to pass much of the credit for their success on to you, the Craft Lodge Mason. Now it is my turn to appeal for your support, your commitment, your attendance in June at the Grand Lodge Communication. Remember that all Master Masons are most welcome, the accommodation is excellent, fellowship abounds — and Masonry needs your participation — NOW!

I look forward to the privilege of meeting with you and shaking hands on this memorable and most important occasion.

M.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin
Grand Master.

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
PROGRAM OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

Capri Centre, Red Deer, Alberta — June 10th & 11th, 1983

HOURS OF BALLOTING — FRIDAY, June 10th, from 4:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. and again on SATURDAY, June 11th, 1983, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th, 1983

4:00 P.M. REGISTRATION AND BALLOTING.
6:00 P.M. ANNUAL BANQUET:
Speaker, M.W. Bro. J.E. Reesor Bingeman;
Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
8:00 P.M. GRAND LODGE will open in Ample Form.
Distinguished visitors will be received.
**BRETHREN, YOU WILL PLEASE BE SEATED
NO LATER THAN 7:45 P.M.**
PRESENTATION OF COLOURS.
SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION AND
THANKSGIVING:
V.W. Bro. Rev. J.W. Roberts (37), Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Harry Farmer (81), Grand Organist.
MOTION OF LOYALTY:
M.W. Bro. W.J. Collett, P.G.M.
INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS:
by Deputy Grand Master.
RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:
M.W. Bro. W.J. Collett, P.G.M.
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 1982 ANNUAL
COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE.
REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.
GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11th, 1983

8:30 A.M. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.
NOTICE OF MOTIONS.
NOTICE OF MOTIONS TO AMEND THE
CONSTITUTION.
BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.
BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.
COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.
CONDITION OF MASONRY.
COMMITTEE ON THE WORK.
FRATERNAL RELATIONS.
MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING
PRINTED REPORTS.
Grand Secretary
Auditor
Librarian
Research and Education
Grand Treasurer
Grand Lodge Bulletin
Masonic Higher Education Bursary
Charters and New Lodges
ELECTION OF TYLER.
CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
SCRUTINEER'S REPORT.
GENERAL BUSINESS.
LUNCH IN THE CAPRI CENTRE.
(Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. Not later
than June 2nd, 1983. Luncheon Tickets **WILL NOT**
be on sale at the Communication.)
1:30 P.M. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.
RETIRE THE COLOURS.
CLOSE IN AMPLE FORM.

Banquet (\$21.00) and Luncheon (\$7.50) tickets are available through the secretary of your Lodge or the Grand Lodge Office.

**NOMINEES FOR
GRAND LODGE OFFICES**

The following is a list of NOMINATIONS received up to the closing time at 12 noon, February 28th 1983 as provided for under Section 17 of the Constitution.

Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John Franklin Rogers (2) Medicine Hat, Alberta

Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. Gordon Denchfield Thompson (101) Edmonton

Senior Grand Warden

R.W. Bro. Claude Rodney Austin Green (106) Grande Prairie

Junior Grand Warden

R.W. Bro. Wm. (Bill) Graves (2) Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. Norman Frederick Oslund (20) Carstairs
R.W. Bro. E. Alexander Shirley (3) Fort McLeod

Grand Treasurer

R.W. Bro. Walter Elmer Bright (134) Calgary

Grand Registrar

W. Bro. Arthur Liddell Swindells (83) Calgary
W. Bro. Marvin Donaldson Kuykendall (57) Medicine Hat

Board of Benevolence (three to be elected)

V.W. Bro. Ernest Warren Dunlop (173) Calgary
W. Bro. John Halliday Hare (37) Camrose
V.W. Bro. Alexander Frederick McIntosh (124) Calgary
R.W. Bro. John Charles Moore (39) Lethbridge
R.W. Bro. Eli Westergard (36) Standard

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
(elected by acclamation)

R.W. Bro. Kenneth LeRoy Larson (36) Standard
W. Bro. Ralph Palmer (35) Medicine Hat

Board of General Purposes (eight to be elected)

V.W. Bro. Beverley Vincent Apperley (9) Calgary
W. Bro. John William Baker (32) Claresholm
W. Bro. Gary Bedford Emerson Bennett (63) Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Robert Dougal Clarence Comrie (91) Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Edward Albert Demers (170) Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Terrance Armitage Drolet (15) Wetaskiwin
W. Bro. Francis Dean English (10) Lacombe
R.W. Bro. William James Fairhurst (23) Calgary
W. Bro. Richard Delway Gage (2) Medicine Hat
W. Bro. Mickey Eugene Gang (19) High River
R.W. Bro. Albert Gerald B. Gibbs (164) Edmonton
W. Bro. Kenneth Gordon Lawrence (90) Edmonton
W. Bro. Peter Lewko (39) Lethbridge
R.W. Bro. Robert Benson McIntosh (41) Calgary
R.W. Bro. George William Neis (45) Alix
W. Bro. William Herbert Pollard (36) Calgary
W. Bro. Frederick Lawrence Standing (2) Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. Charles Edwin Tuckey (1) Calgary

**NOMINEES FOR
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**

**R.W. Bro.
Norman Frederick Oslund**

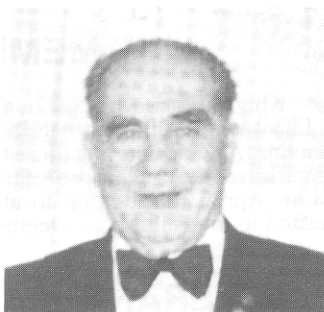
R.W. Bro. Norman Frederick Oslund was born Ryley, Alberta, June 17, 1925. He was initiated Astra Lodge No. 179 January 30, 1961 and affiliated with Palestine Lodge No. 46 May 20, 1968 and acted as Worshipful Master 1970/71, 1978/79, 1979/80. He was elected D.D.G.M. District No. 20 1981/82. R.W. Bro. Oslund served overseas with the Canadian Army, World War 2, and in the R.C.A.F. to 1968 for which service he was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration. He is at present the Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, Northern Alberta. In 1944 he married Marjorie Sutton. R.W. Bro. Oslund is also a member of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 with which he affiliated on April 2, 1980.



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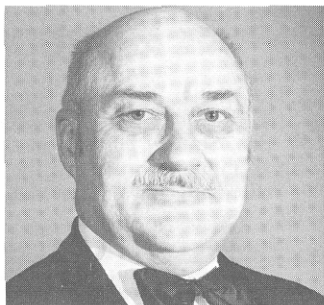
R.W. Bro. E. Alexander Shirley

R.W. Bro. E. Alexander Shirley was born, Sheffield, England. Came to Canada as child, after a year in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, came to Edmonton, Alberta. This has been home base since. Holder of Alberta First Class Stationary Engineer's Certificate since 1951. Served almost four years in Royal Canadian Navy during Second World War. Ten months on a Minesweeper; and fifteen months on cruiser H.M.C.S. Uganda attached to British Pacific Fleet. Initiated Masonry September 1949 in Summit No. 30, Coleman, Alberta. Became Charter Member Centennial No. 194, 1967. W.M. Centennial No. 194, 1973-74. Elected D.D.G.M. District No. 3, 1981-82. Member Royal Canadian Legion for past 38 years, serving on Executive at Coleman and Taber.



R.W. Bro. Wm. (Bill) Graves

R.W. Bro. Wm. (Bill) Graves was born in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan on 29th July 1929. Received his education at Shaunavon and Regina. He was initiated in Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 in 1967. Worshipful Master in 1973, was D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 in 1977-78. R.W. Bro. Graves has been a member of the Board of General Purposes since 1978. He is on the Jurisprudence Committee and the Committee for the realignment of Lodges in the Districts. The Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the Grand Lodge of Chile. He is presently the Secretary of his Lodge and, the First Vice Chairman of the Banff Masonic Spring Workshop. R.W. Bro. Graves is married and has one son and one daughter. He is presently employed as Sergeant in charge of traffic for the City of Medicine Hat, Alberta.



THE GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

Did you know that at last year's Grand Lodge Communication there were 39 Charter Lodges without representation. That is almost one quarter of the 162 Lodges on the registry of Grand Lodge?

Did you know that at last year's Grand Lodge Communication there were 97 Worshipful Masters present out of a possible 162? That is a little more than half.

Did you know that there were 384 Past Masters present at the last Communication of Grand Lodge with a total voting strength of 384 votes? The total voting strength was 743. The Past Masters of this Jurisdiction carried the majority of the voting power and, in theory, could have decided any issue before the Grand Lodge.

The encouraging part of these statistics is that they are a lot better than the 1980 report. At the 1980 Grand Lodge Communication there were 56 Charter Lodges without representation. In a year Lodge representation was increased by 17. If the same type of increase keeps up this year the statistics would be much more respectable.

The 1981 Communication had 91 Worshipful Masters present, so last year showed an improvement in that representation as well. It would be good if we aimed for at least three quarters this year.

In 1981 the Past Masters also carried the majority of the voting strength. Out of a total voting strength of 756 the Past Masters had 437 votes.

These statistics are quoted to show that the installed officers of the Chartered Lodges could make a greater contribution to the Grand Lodge Communication than they are doing at present. It does not in any way imply that Past Masters, with their background of experience, should not take an active part in Grand Lodge. They have earned this right through years of dedicated service. What we need is a little more commitment to Grand Lodge from the people who are to be rulers of the craft in years to come.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta is growing older year by year. The coming session will be number 78. Last year the Grand Secretary reported that 36 members had received Fifty Year Jewels, that 14 had received sixty year bars and that two had received seventy year bars. In addition to this three Past Masters had been awarded Fifty Year Past Masters' Jewels. How many members have joined this amazing list during the past year? As might be expected Bow River Lodge No. 1 awarded the greatest number of Fifty Year Jewels that being six.

During the 1981-82 year sixty two Lodges were forced to amend their bylaws to provide for an increase in Lodge Dues. It is likely that a similar number will have done the same over the 1982-83 year.

The average dues in the Jurisdiction during the 1981-82 year was \$35.96. The lowest dues assessed were in three Lodges which charged \$10.00. The highest was Lodge that assessed its members \$75.00 for the year. Twenty nine Lodges charged \$30.00; that was the largest category. There were 192 members suspended for Non Payment of dues during the reporting period.

Our membership on December 31, 1981 was 14,731. This was a decrease of 307 over the last year. The average age of our membership was 57 and the average age of those initiated was 39.

These are just a few items of interest picked up by a quick look at our Record of Proceedings. It would be far more interesting to attend Grand Lodge and find out a lot more facts — and to receive plenty of inspiration.

THE GUEST SPEAKER THE GRAND LODGE BANQUET

J.E. Reesor Bingeman was born in Toronto on May 31, 1919 and came to Winnipeg with his parents in April 1920. He attended school in Winnipeg and attended the University of Manitoba before studying for a year at Queen's University at Kingston.

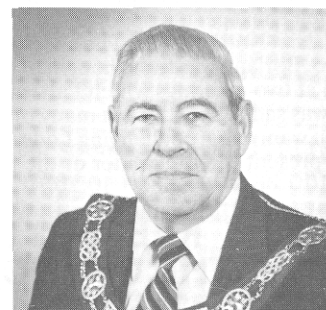
He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1940, was commissioned Lieutenant and served overseas with the Saskatoon Light Infantry in the First Division in Sicily and Italy and also saw service in northwest Europe.

In July 1942 he married Norma Kendall. They have raised five children, three boys and two girls, all of whom are married. There is a grandson and a granddaughter.

He was employed as an Account Manager by Reed Shaw Stenhouse Ltd. until he was granted a year's leave of absence to carry out his duties as Grand Master.

M.W. Brother Bingeman's Masonic life began when he was initiated in "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114 in 1959. He was Worshipful Master in 1972 and D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District in 1974. After being elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1975 he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1976 and progressed through the years following to Grand Master in 1979.

Following his year as Grand Master, Brother Bingeman was installed as Grand Secretary, a position he now holds.



On 27 October 1982, several members of Oyen Lodge No. 104 proceeded to the residence of Bro. Wright Speers near Sibbald, Alberta, to present him with a Life Membership in the Lodge. Bro. Speers, a long-time resident of the Sibbald area, recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday. He and his family moved to the Sibbald area in 1910 from Barrie, Ontario. In 1919 he was raised in Mount Moriah Lodge at Sibbald by Wor. Bro. O.F. Kirkpatrick. In 1960 he affiliated with Oyen No. 104.

Bro. Speers enjoys excellent health. During the warmer months he resides in his own home across from his son Larry. For exercise he enjoys chopping wood for his stove. He is also able to cook all his own meals and also does his own laundry. During the winter months he lives with his daughter Mrs. John Wood of Bowden, Alberta. He particularly enjoys having visitors.



Members of Oyen No. 104 left to right: Wor. Bro. J. Levick; Wor. Bro. K.E. Finlayson; Rt. Wor. Bro. C. Mansfield; Bro. Wright Speers; Rt. Wor. Bro. M.H. Mehl; Wor. Bro. F.K. Tye; Bro. H. Allen.

THE MAILBAG

The Bulletin has received an exceptionally large number of favourable comments about the article in the February Issue which was a condensation of a paper presented to Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980, by R.W. Bro. R.J.L. Borland. A letter from Bro. Lawson C. Elliott, who lives in White Rock, B.C., says, "My answer to R.W. Bro. Borland's question, 'Who will close the door?' is 'All Masons who have the Craft at heart.' I thoroughly agree with Borland and will certainly tell him when I next get the opportunity." R.W. Bro. Burgman, D.D.G.M. District No. 8 writes, "The article in the February Issue by R.W. Bro. Borland was truly thought provoking. The issue was brought up at two meetings which I attended in the past few weeks and it was sad to say that not many of the brethren had read it." Do you want a real challenging Lodge meeting? Invite Bro. Borland to present the remainder of the paper.

KEEPING UP WITH THE GRAND MASTER

Eastgate Lodge No. 192 held its March meeting in the Masonic Hall in Edmonton's Fort Edmonton Park. This was to mark the official visit to the Lodge of the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin.

Norwood Lodge No. 90 welcomed the Grand Master in February. At that time the R.C.M.P. degree team were present for the degree work and M.W. Bro. Harbin took a part in the Degree. His participation was especially appreciated.

Centennial Lodge No. 194 celebrated its Fifteenth Birthday in February. The Grand Master made an official visit to that Lodge to mark the very special day.

Victoria Lodge No. 13 moved its May meeting to Lamont so that it could hold a joint meeting with Lamont Lodge No. 94. The purpose, the notice says, was "to share with the Lamont Brethren the pleasure of a visit from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin".

Britannia Lodge No. 18 welcomed the Grand Master to its March meeting. One of the pleasant duties of the Grand Master was the presentation of Life Memberships to some long time members.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

King Hiram Lodge No. 21, at its March meeting presented a Life Membership and a Fifty Year Jewel to W. Bro. D.A. Jenkins. Also at that meeting the newest Master Mason, Bro. Hans Lucas, proved his proficiency and was presented with his M.M. Apron. In addition to all this, three candidates were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree.

VETERAN'S MASTER MASON DEGREE TEAM

Palestine Lodge No. 46 conferred the Master Mason's Degree on Bros. Bowditch and Van Goetham at its March meeting. The degree work was done by the Northern Alberta Veteran's Master Mason Degree Team. This team is made up of ex-Military and R.C.M.P. Master Masons dressed in their colourful uniforms. It was an evening that will long be remembered.

AN APPRECIATED GIFT

The Higher Education Bursary Fund has received a gift of \$325.00 from the group that accompanied the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Stanley Harbin on the recent trip to Hawaii. The group so much appreciated the hospitality of the Lodge that they visited in Hawaii that they left an equal gift with that Lodge.

FROM THE MASTER'S CHAIR

Brethren:

"Friendship is the comfort, the inexpressible comfort, of feeling safe with a person; having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but letting all pour out just as they are, chaff and grain together; certain that a kind, friendly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of comfort — blow the rest away!"

(Anonymous)

Acquaintances in a man's lifetime come and go. Some pass into and out of one's memory like wisps of air, while others linger on and are remembered forever. We rub shoulders with many people during our lives; some who make memorable impressions on us and others who can only be recalled, if at all, by a tremendous amount of mental exertion. Yet it is amazing how one face, among a sea of faces, can bring back a memory that makes you feel warm and comfortable. Such a feeling is almost ethereal.

In the Masonic order, many noble references are made to brotherhood, fraternalism, duty and honor. These are admirable qualities, to be sure. I intend no disrespect when I state there is one landmark not mentioned enough, and which I believe to be the bottom line of the Craft, and that is friendship. I would not disregard my duty to my Lodge, my duty to my Masonic peers, nor my solemn oath at the altar as such. These are sacred trusts incumbent on every sincere Mason. What makes these duties more enjoyable, in my view, is that they are done with and done for friends! One does not like to let a friend down.

Brethren, a Masonic friend is like no other. He may be twenty-one years of age or eighty. There is no so-called generation gap in the Masonic fraternity. Support your friend and you support your Lodge.

Fraternally,
C. Arthur Armour, W.M.
Acacia Lodge No. 11