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PROCLAMATION

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL FREEMASONS IN THE JURISDICTION OF ALBERTA, THAT I, GORDON DENCHFIELD THOMPSON, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THAT JURISDICTION DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 1983 AS MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY MONTH AND DO URGENTLY REQUEST ALL MEMBERS OF THE CRAFT TO MAKE DONATIONS TO THAT FUND DURING THIS MONTH. TO THIS END ALL FREEMASONS SHOULD TAKE NOTICE; ALL DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS SHOULD MAKE THIS PROCLAMATION KNOWN AND ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR DONATIONS TO BE RECEIVED IN THE CONSTITUENT LODGES.

Most Worshipful Bro. Gordon Denchfield Thompson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has decreed November 1983 as "Higher Education Bursary Month", and it is his earnest request that every mason in the jurisdiction of Alberta contribute to this most worthy cause.

I would first like to thank all those masons who took the time and effort to donate in 1982 to the fund. Contributions to the fund amounted to \$27,811.80, which was slightly less than last year. To those masons who supported the fund, thank you.

The membership of the Grand Lodge as of December 1982 was 14,353, so as you can see many masons are still circumspect in donating to the fund; this is less than \$2.00 average per member.

The fund is very grateful to those members who give generously each and every year. May you continue to do so.

Each year this appeal is to those members who do not give. A question I ask myself is what do you have to do to motivate members whose principles and tenets in Freemasonry are charity.

The lectures of the N.E. angle and the Junior Warden are based on charity and we listen and give our assent to them. Are we only giving "lip service" and as soon as we are out of the lodge forget these wonderful teachings? I hope not.

This year we have had a large increase in applications and as you will see by the list printed in this bulletin, we have given support to many people. Next year without your donations we will have to cut back. Is this what we want?

Checking the donations from lodges, there are still a few blanks and in other cases, lodges with 50 or more members whose donations amounted to less than \$50.00.

Brethren, I don't think this shows charity in its most ample form.

A question comes to mind — Are the Masters and District Deputies carrying out their duties as directed by the Grand Master to give publicity to the fund?

I believe that if members could visit some of the applicants for bursaries or see some of the applications received, they would be touched enough to donate to the fund.

I quote from an application on hand — "Since both my parents are deceased and my aunt and uncle will no longer be guardians after August 30, 1983, the only source of income money will be my Orphans Pension of \$786.00 (\$78.60 x 10 months). The pension will cease when I finish my course in June 1984."

Brethren, you think you have trouble!!!

The amount we ask of each member is not earth shattering and to double last year's donations would require \$3.88 per member or a little better than a cent a day. Is this what we as masons call charity? I definitely hope not.

While November is Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Month we gladly accept money at any time during the year. To those members who are reading this appeal take the envelope supplied, open it up, put in a five, ten or twenty or make out your check. Put it in and either give it to your secretary or drop it in the mail. **DO IT TODAY.**

District Deputies and Masters remind your members of the fund at all your meetings.

Brethren, remember the N.E. angle and the bursary fund. Remember the envelope enclosed. Remember — **DO IT NOW.**

L.D. Jeater, Chairman

**LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR
MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY
1983-84
MATRICULANTS**

NAME	TOWN OR CITY	UNIVERSITY ATTENDING
BENGRY, Deborah Marie		
Germain Regina	Cardston	U of Alberta
BLUNDEN, Sheri Lynn	Calgary	U of Calgary
BOE, Melanie Susan	Mannville	Grant MacEwan Coll.
BOGNER, Philip Anthony	Berwyn	U of Alberta
BOURASSA, Denise		
Cecile Marie	Tangent	Grande Prairie Coll.
BUEHRLE, Anita	Calgary	U of Calgary
CICHEWICZ, Andrew	Coleman	S.A.I.T.
CONNICK, Derik Kirk	Calgary	U of Calgary
DALUISEN, Catherine Jane	Taber	Leth. Comm. Coll.
DAWES, Cheryl Theresa	Calgary	U of Calgary
EVANS, Kelly Douglas	Forestburg	Camrose Luth. Coll.
FLANAGAN, Shannon		
Colleen	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie Coll.
GLASGOW, Leila-May	Irma	Lakeland College
GROAT, Leslie Anne	Blairmore	U of Lethbridge
HALVORSON, Jamie Lynette	Raymond	U of Lethbridge
HAUBER, Sharon Catherine	Camrose	Camrose Luth. Coll.
HOLMAN, Jackson Album	Rocky Mountain Ho.	Camrose Luth. Coll.
HOY, Elaine	Edmonton	U of Alberta
HUDSON, Kelly Douglas	Spirit River	Fairview College
JOHNSTON, William Donald	Calgary	U of Calgary
KOZAK, Ewa Joanna	Calgary	U of Calgary
KWOK, Kun-Yu	Edmonton	U of Alberta
LA RIVIERE, Jane Ann	Calgary	U of Calgary
LAWSON, Sherry Lee	Rosemary	U of Alberta
LE, Dung Tan	Calgary	U of Calgary
LINDSAY, Laura-Gene		
Fairchild	Calgary	U of Alberta
MACEN, Joanne Leslie	Calgary	U of Alberta
MACKEY, Todd Wiliam	Penhold	Red Deer College
MEUNIER, Sandra Marie	Edmonton	U of Alberta
MONETA, Aurelia Elaine	Edmonton	U of Alberta
OLSEN, Gregory Bruce	Cardston	U of Alberta
PARENT, Katherine Lynne	Mayerthorpe	U of Alberta
PATERSON, Sharon Ruth	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat Coll.
PARR, Lyle Patrick	Milk River	Leth. Comm. Coll.
PAULUCCI, Franca	Calgary	U of Calgary
PICKETT, Janna Dawn	Bassano	Medicine Hat Coll.
PRIOR, Georgia Dale	Strathmore	U of Calgary
RAJAN, Hanif	Calgary	U of Calgary
REPETOWSKI, Anne Helen	Grande Prairie	Mount Royal Coll.
ROGERS, Rhonda Lee	Calgary	U of Calgary
RUTTAN, Michael Roy	Fort Saskatchewan	Concordia College
SCHORR, Donna Lee	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat Coll.
SEVILLE, Katherine Holly	Cochrane	Olds College
SHARMA, Barkha	Calgary	Devry Inst. of Tech.
SYDORUK, Peter Andrew	Calgary	U of Calgary
THOMPSON, Jennifer		
Frances	Sangudo	U of Alberta
TROUT, Monica Yvonne	Spirit River	U of Alberta
UNGER, Janine Marise	Grande Prairie	U of Alberta
WELSH, Kevin	Lundbreck	U of Leth.
WINKLER, Rosemary	Calgary	U of Calgary
WRIGHT, Elaine Louise	Bowden	Mount Royal Coll.

**MR. & MRS. FRANK MILLING
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
1983-84
UNDERGRADUATES**

NAME	CITY	UNIVERSITY ATTENDING
FREEMAN, Mary Susan	Devon	Concordia Coll.
GREEN, Tracey	Edmonton	U of Alberta
HARWARDT, Cheryl Doreen	Medley	U of Alberta
HEISLER, Joseph Lawrence	Calgary	U of Calgary
HOEPPNER, Susan Catherine	Canmore	Juilliard School of Music
IVERSON, Bryan Neil	Wainwright	U of Alberta
LEAM, Howe	Raymond	U of Lethbridge
MACK, Norma	Medicine hat	U of Lethbridge
McCARTHY, Michele Lee Ann	Lethbridge	U of Lethbridge
MILLER, Rhonda Lee	Edmonton	U of Alberta
MINCHIN, Gloria	Acme	U of Calgary
MUNDELL, Wenda Lee	Calgary	U of Alberta
MULLANEY, Karen	Red Deer	U of Calgary
PERDUE, Frederick Marten	Grande Prairie	U of Alberta
PICKETT, Russel Ward	Bassano	U of Calgary
REEVES, Maureen Lynne	Calgary	U of Calgary
ROGERS, Shannon Patricia	Edmonton	U of Alberta
WASYLYSHYN, Sheilla Anne	Coaldale	U of Lethbridge
WHITE, Shawna	Mayerthorpe	U of Alberta
YEE, Sandra Marie	Calgary	U of Alberta

MASONRY AT WORK

Freemasonry has always taught that the task of the Freemason's Lodge is to teach and to inspire. The work of the Freemason is to "practice outside of the Lodge" those lessons that are learned within the tyled walls. Consequently wherever one goes in small communities and in large cities he finds Freemasons at work. They are active in community organizations, churches, service clubs and social agencies. If it were not for the Freemason at work many of our valued organizations would lack much needed devoted leadership. Of course the Freemason does not proclaim that the inspiration for his community activity comes from within his Lodge but he works quietly and effectively to make the world a better place for many people.

Frequently a call is heard for the Masonic Order to become involved in some project and Lodges are told that publicity received from such activity would increase membership and make the Order popular. There is always the group that would have the Order duplicating existing activities and turning the quietness of the Lodge Hall into places of discussion of how funds are to be raised and of what activities should be undertaken. This is a misconception of the basic purpose of the Order.

About thirty years ago there was a movement to create a huge project that would involve the Grand Lodge in a large financial commitment and absorb much of its time. It was the suggestion that a Masonic Boys Farm similar to Boystown in Nebraska be undertaken. In fact the location in Southern Alberta was almost decided upon. When the proposal came before Grand Lodge it was turned down. The reason was simply that such activity does not fall within the concept of the Masonic Order. Certainly individual Masons would support and work for any worthwhile project. They would do it as citizens who gained their vision and inspiration from within the tyled recesses of the Lodge.

The Masonic Order in Alberta is not without its charitable activities. The Committee on Benevolence is prepared to help financially needy cases and wishes that Lodges would make more use of the money that is available. One Lodge decides to paint the home of a widow, another Lodge harvests the grain of an ailing brother, a wheelchair is needed and a Lodge supplies it and another Lodge helps a needy student.

The one project that the Grand Lodge has sponsored is the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. Last year nearly \$28,000.00 was raised for this enterprise and some thirty-three bursaries were awarded. Because of the increase in the cost of living the amount of the bursaries has been raised to \$900.00 but they really should be higher. The limit is imposed because the Higher Education Bursary Committee wished to give as much support as possible to as many students as possible. There is no doubt that next year will see another large increase in the number of applications. There is every reason to expect that the need for the raising of the amount of each bursary will be greater. The only way to meet the increasing demand is for more Masons to contribute more money. This is a very worthwhile project for those who feel that the Order should do more. It is also acceptable undertaking for those who feel the Freemason should practice outside the Lodge the principles of Charity learned inside the Lodge.

"Masonry challenges no man's religious affiliations, wages no campaign for supremacy among its contemporary fraternal orders, and in an exemplification of its cardinal virtues and a conservative application of true benevolence seeks to render unselfish service to the cause of humanity".

— Charles H. Gallaghan, Past Grand Master, Virginia.

"MASONRY AND RELIGION"

(By W. Bro. Ralph Pulmer, Mizpah Lodge No. 35
Presented to the District Meeting of District No. 2 in 1982)

Freemasonry is a fraternal society of men who are bound together by invisible ties of brotherly love and affection; unselfish care and concern by means of which the worth and the dignity of all men are honoured.

Every man who desires to become a Freemason must believe in a Supreme Deity — his Creator — the Great Architect of the Universe. This mandatory belief in One Supreme Being is an ancient masonic requirement, which ensures that he who subscribes to the Fatherhood of God, will have no difficulty in accepting the **Fact** of the Brotherhood of Man.

Freemasonry is not, however, a religion, nor does it make such a claim. Each member is completely and perfectly free to practice his own religious persuasion; to pursue the search for Truth and Light according to his own beliefs, convictions, and the doctrines and dogmas of his own denomination.

It is nonetheless sadly evident that some members of the ordained ministry, belonging to mainstream denominations, display a great deal of antipathy towards Freemasonry. Their obvious lack of comprehension of its tenets and fundamental principles is reflected in their public denunciation of the Brotherhood as just another religious cult.

Our teachings urge us to regard with pity, the vicious man as one afflicted with a deplorable malady. In searching for a cause and a possible remedy, one discovers the feelings of insecurity in these decriers of Freemasonry, as well as their sense of feeling threatened. Perhaps the fault lies in us, in having fallen short of living up to our professed ideals by permitting the steady beacon lights that guide our life's barque to grow dim.

Tolerance towards the beliefs of others is one of the important lessons of Freemasonry, but it seeks no armistice with bigotry or dictatorship. It teaches love and kindness at home, honesty and fair dealing in business, courtesy in human contacts, help for the unfortunate and needy, resistance to evil practices, forgiveness to those who are penitent, love for one another, all under the covering shield of faith and reverence for the One, Supreme Being.

Freemasonry is a voluntary organization of men who support morality in public and private life. It endeavours to improve society by means of self-improvement of the individual. It promotes patriotism, and respect for one's country's constitution, and equal rights under the law. It urges its members to practice goodwill to all men. It teaches morality in the highest sense. It does not pretend to take the place of religion.

Contrary to the claims and beliefs of many, it is **not** a secret society. In all free countries it neither hides its existence nor its membership. I must hasten to add, however, that in every facet of today's society are found men who have allowed materialism, avarice, and the lust for power and wealth to gain dominance in their lives. In clandestine lodges, solemn vows have been broken. These renegades deserve the opprobrium not only of Freemasons everywhere, but of society at large.

Freemasonry's philosophy, history, symbolism, aims and principles are widely published. Its temples are well-marked. It is a well-known, world-wide fraternity whose members proudly proclaim their membership. It is true that Freemasonry has

modes of recognition and ceremonies with which the world is not acquainted, but I must point out that all family groups, lodges, and institutions have their private affairs.

We cannot condemn any man for ignorance, but we must behold him with pity. It is no greater charity to clothe his body than to apparel the nakedness of his soul.

The real Freemason is a man in whose everyday life, one sees the exemplification of true Freemasonry. Such a man has found the real secret of Freemasonry — the one it seeks to give to all the world.

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WHAT IS A MASON?

A Mason is a Man and a Brother whose Trust is in God. He meets you on the Level and acts upon the Square. Truth is his Compass and he is ever Plum. He has a true Grip on all that is Rite. He is Loyal to his Order and whatever his Degree, he is Master of himself. In the Lodge of Life he wears unstained the white Lambskin of Innocence. From his Initiation as an Entered Apprentice he travels ever East toward the Light of Wisdom until he receives the final — the Divine Password that admits him into the Ineffable Presence of the Eternal Supreme Grand Master of the Universe — GOD.

— Empire Lodge No. 63

MASONRY TEACHES THAT LIFE MUST BE FACED AND LIVED

The degrees of Masonry present a true picture of life. They also stress how life with all its disappointments and yet with all of its opportunities, should be faced and lived by the Master Mason.

Masonry, as life, cannot be pictured as a path free of difficulties and disappointments. Life is not like that and any effort to conceal truth is a distortion of the purpose and goal of Freemasonry's teachings.

Yet Masonry does not present an impossible task. It does not require that we build an empire, conquer the world, or wear the mask of perfection, it requires only that the Mason take the tools of Masonry, use them to the best of his ability, and add what strength and beauty he can contribute to the Temple of Masonry through the development of his own mind and heart.

In this demand, there are no exceptions. We all were given the tools of Masonry with complete confidence that we would use them for self improvement and for the welfare of others.

We do not have either a simple or an insurmountable task. We have the obligation to build as well as we can. We cannot evade our obligation.

— Britannia Lodge No. 18

A MASON

A Mason is a man who professes a faith in God. As a man of faith, he uses the tools of moral and ethical truths to serve mankind.

A Mason binds himself to like-minded men in a Brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, social, cultural and educational differences.

In fellowship with his Brothers, a Mason finds ways in which to serve his God, his family, his fellowman, and his country.

A Mason is dedicated. He recognizes his responsibility for justice, truth, charity, enlightenment, freedom and liberty, honesty and integrity in all aspects of human endeavor.

A Mason is such a man.

— Calgary Lodge No. 23



On May 15 the W.M. of Crescent Lodge, W. Bro. B. Allen, accompanied by several Past Masters and officers, visited the home of Bro. W.F. McJunkin, to present him with his Life Membership.

Bro. McJunkin joined Crescent Lodge on Burns Night, Jan 25, 1927. He received his fifty year jewel in 1977, and was granted Life Membership on April 12, 1983.

All of the members of Crescent Lodge wish Bro. McJunkin many more years of good health and happiness.

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, at the request of King Hiram Lodge No. 104, Regina, G.R.S., will confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason's Degrees on Bro. W. Bennet. He had previously been initiated in King Hiram Lodge.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74 recently presented a Life Membership to Bro. Robert Galbraith.

At the meeting last May **Britannia Lodge No. 18** honored some twenty-five of its members who have been members twenty-five years or more. Eight of these were from other locations. The Master's Chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. Frank Young who was celebrating sixty years in Freemasonry. Other Past Masters assisted him.

In 1933, R.W. Bro. Ernie Foster, instituted a Pancake Night in **Dominion Lodge No. 117**. Each year since then that Lodge has continued the tradition. In June the Fiftieth Anniversary of Pancake Night was celebrated. Mr. Ian MacDonald, a retired publisher from Medicine Hat, was the guest speaker.

Fidelity Lodge No. 76 held a barbeque in August at W. Bro. R. Cram's home. The warm August sun made the event all the more enjoyable. Approximately fifty Masons with their wives enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with good food.

Centennial Lodge No. 194 had a Camp Out in September. The location was at Pigeon Lake Provincial Park west of Wetaskiwin. Those who could not spend the two days at the Camp went out to enjoy the daytime activities.

Exemplar Lodge No. 175 held a Universiade Lodge Meeting in July to coincide with the University Summer Games that were being held in Edmonton. M.W. Bro. Gordon D. Thompson, Grand Master, was present for an excellent meeting which was well attended by visitors from other city Lodges.

In August the Worshipful Master of **York Lodge No. 119** visited the home of V.W. Bro. Harold Routledge and presented him with his Sixty Year Bar for his Fifty Year Jewel. W. Bro. K.A. Roberts was accompanied by R.W. Bro. E. Risler and W. Bro. W. Johnson. Despite his advanced age V.W. Bro. Routledge is enjoying good health.

The Four Masonic Lodges in the City of Lethbridge (York No. 119, North Star No. 4, Lethbridge No. 39 and Charity No. 67) in September held their Annual City Lodge Barbeque in the Lethbridge Armouries.

At its meeting in September **Carstairs Lodge No. 20** presented Fifty Year Jewels to Bro. Herman Roedler and Bro. Edward Tidball. W. Bro. W. Parker is the Worshipful Master of that Lodge.

The Immediate Past Master of **Cascade Lodge No. 5**, W. Bro. John C. James, was elected a Life Member of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188 in June. W. Bro. James is a Charter Member of Mystic Tie Lodge. He and the Worshipful Master of Cascade Lodge No. 5, W. Bro. L. Punshon, spent much time this summer sorting out 95 years of Lodge Records and placing them in a filing system. Cascade Lodge No. 5 was instituted on May 25, 1888.

AM I A BUILDER?

I watched them tearing a building down,
 A gang of men in a busy town.
 With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell
 They swung a beam, and the side wall fell.
 I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,
 And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
 He gave a laugh and said: "No, indeed!
 Just common labor is all I need.
 I can easily wreck in a day or two
 What builders have taken a year to do!"
 And I thought to myself as I went away,
 Which of these roles have I tried to play?
 Am I a builder who works with care,
 Measuring life by rule and square?
 Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan,
 Patiently doing the best I can?
 Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town
 Content with the labor of tearing down?

— Vulcan Lodge No. 74

MASONRY IS NOT FREE

It would appear that too many of our brethren have misinterpreted "FREEMASON" to mean free from attending Lodge; free from helping the Master; free from fulfilling the obligations voluntarily assured; free from giving any effort of time towards the welfare of the Lodge. Masonry, My Brethren is not free. Its rights, lights and benefits can only be purchased with your time and efforts. Let us make it a point not to wait until we have a free evening before we attend Lodge, but sacrifice just a few of our pleasures to support our great fraternity in which we claim to have so much pride. You may wear a ring or say "I'm a Mason", but can you name the current officers of the Lodge?

— Calgary Lodge No. 23

TRUE GREATNESS

A man is as great as the dream he dreams,
 As great as the love he bears;
 As great as the values he redeems,
 And the happiness he shares.
 A man is as great as the thoughts he thinks,
 As the worth he has attained;
 As the fountains at which his spirit drinks,
 And the insight he has gained.
 A man is as great as the truth he speaks,
 As great as the help he gives;
 As great as the destiny he seeks,
 As great as the life he lives.

— C.E. Flynn, Empire Lodge No. 63