



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## PROCLAMATION

Be it known to all Freemasons in the jurisdiction of Alberta, That I, Claude Rodney Austin Green, Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction do hereby proclaim November 1984 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.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Most Worshipful Brother Claude R.A. Green, has proclaimed November 1984 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month and requests all Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction to donate to this most worthy cause.

Last year the Masons of Alberta donated to the fund \$29,754.62. This may seem to be a considerable amount. However, if we take into account that there are 13,949 members, this amount figures out to an average of \$2.13 per member.

I must thank all those Masons who took the time and effort to send in their donations. Brethren, please keep up the good work. We need your support.

This year, your committee has allotted Forty Three Bursaries of \$900.00 to first year students and Thirty Four Mr. & Mrs. Frank Milling Scholarships to other than first year students. A list of recipients will be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

In the last few years, we have been fortunate to have had the Mr. & Mrs. Frank Milling fund to assist us in our work, especially with other than first year students. This has been great. However, we now meet the CRUNCH. The Fund is now depleted and if we do not receive more money in donations, the Committee will have to curtail the number of bursaries.

Brethren, I have checked on some facts, which to me are very startling. We say with a straight face that we believe in charity!!! Yet, of the 13,949 Masons in Alberta, only 1399 actually made donations. That, my Brethren, is only 10% of our membership. Is this good enough? I think not.

I hope that the Brethren who have not donated will take a look at themselves and make a decision to donate this year. Just think that if the 12,550 Masons who did not donate would do so this year, even Two or Three Dollars, it would be a remarkable amount for your Committee to work with. That's only a little more than 1/2 a cent per day. One cent per day would equal \$3.65. I don't think there is one member of the Craft who could not afford this amount.

I hope, Brethren, that every one of the 90% who did not give, for whatever reason, will take a minute to reflect on why they did not give, when they belong to an organization whose fundamental principles are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

To those wonderful 10%, please keep up your good work and for your generosity, the Committee thanks you most sincerely.

To end this appeal for your donations to the Higher Education Bursary Fund, I would ask every member to think what Masonry is, what its principles are and the qualifications of its members. I hope that each member will look into his heart and decide that he will give. And instead of 10% giving, we would reverse those figures to 90% giving.

Let us not prognosticate and maybe forget to donate, let us do it now, and send in our donations to either the Secretary of the Lodge or the Grand Lodge office in the envelopes we provide. Of course any amount you send to us, you do not have to give Big Brother in the income tax office.

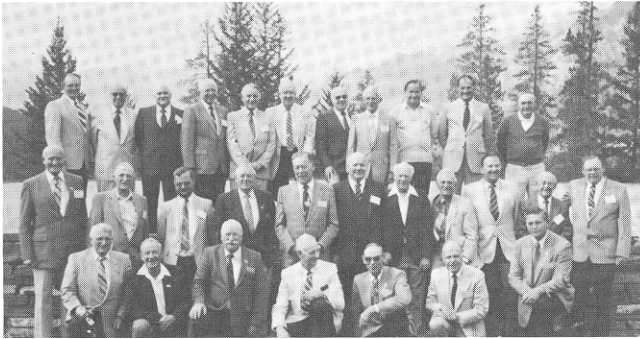
L.D. JEATER  
Chairman  
Masonic Higher Education  
Bursary Fund Committee.

**LIST OF RECIPIENTS FOR MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY — 1984-85  
FIRST YEAR STUDENTS**

NAME	TOWN OR CITY	SCHOOL
ANDERSON, MAUREEN L.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
BODNAR, VINCENT E.	OLDS	S.A.I.T.
BODNARCHUK, LISA FAYE	STONY PLAIN	N.A.I.T.
BUNNAGE, CORBIN B	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
CHO, KEVIN	BOW ISLAND	U OF ALBERTA
CLARK, WENDY DAWN	NEW BRIGDEN	U OF SASK.
COMMINS, TANYA DEE	BASHAW	RED DEER COLLEGE
COOPER, MARGARET E	COALDALE	U OF LETHBRIDGE
CURRIE, ROBERTA L.	IRMA	LAKELAND COLLEGE
DEVLIN, HOLLIE M.	SHERWOOD PARK	TRENT UNIVERSITY
DICKENS, CANDACE M.	EDMONTON	GRANT MACEWAN
FENNING, DARRELL C.	CALGARY	MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE
FREEMAN, RUTH E.	DEVON	CAMROSE COLLEGE
GANSKE, CHARLENE F	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
GILMAR, BARBARA E.	BLAIRMORE	LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE
GOLDADE, RAQUELLE D	CALGARY	U OF ALBERTA
GOUSCHUK, KAROL LYNN	BEAR CANYON	GRANT MACEWAN
HAUGEN, TAMMY J.	PEACE RIVER	GRANDE PRAIRIE COLLEGE
HOFFER, VIVIAN K.	DUCHESS	U OF ALBERTA
JOHNSON, KATHERINE	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
KRAUS, LEANN C.	HOLDEN	U OF ALBERTA
KRYS, PAULINE C.	VERMILION	U OF ALBERTA
KUNNAS, WADE ERIC	CALGARY	U OF SASKATCHEWAN
MAH, SUZANNA	PONOKA	N.A.I.T.
MCMANUS, SUSAN GAIL	CROSSFIELD	U OF CALGARY
MERCER, DALE C.	STRATHMORE	U OF CALGARY
MICHALSKY, BRITTA I.	COLEMAN	U OF ALBERTA
MOSCA, DIANA	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
PALIN, VERONICA J	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
PENNO, SUSAN M.	GRIMSHAW	U OF ALBERTA
PONTO, SHAUNA L.	FORESTBURG	U OF ALBERTA
POSTMAN, LYNETTE F.	NOBLEFORD	U OF LETHBRIDGE
REID, JONATHAN T	STRATHMORE	U OF CALGARY
REINHART, GREGORY P.	CALGARY	MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE
ROW, DARRYL G.	BARONS	U OF LETHBRIDGE
SASSEVILLE, ALMA MARIE	JEAN-CODE	U OF ALBERTA
SOBAH, ZEINAB	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
STEELE, SUSAN P.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
THOMPSON, CARRIE	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
WAWRENIUK, KAREN D.	SPIRIT RIVER	U OF CALGARY
WILSON, CARLA RAE	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
WONG, BYRON E.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
ZSOMBOR, DARLENE M.	LETHBRIDGE	U OF ALBERTA

**MR. & MRS. FRANK MILLING SCHOLARSHIP FUND — 1984-85  
2nd YEAR AND OVER STUDENTS**

NAME	CITY OR TOWN	SCHOOL
BLUNDEN, SHERI LYNN	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
CONNICK, DEREK K.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
CORNS, SHANNON L.	CALGARY	ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART
DAWES, CHERYL	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
FILAN, DAVID JOHN	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA
FLANAGAN, SHANNON C.	GRANDE PRAIRIE	GRANDE PRAIRIE COLLEGE
GATENBY, TIMOTHY J.	CALGARY	MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE
HORBACK, DENISE F.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
JOHNSTON, W. DONALD	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
KRAFT, CHRIS L.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
KWOK, KUN-YU	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA
LEAM, HOWE	RAYMOND	U OF ALBERTA
LINDSAY, LAURA-GENE	CALGARY	U OF ALBERTA
MACK, NORMA L.	MEDICINE HAT	U OF LETHBRIDGE
MACLEAN, RHONDA	ALDER FLATS	U OF ALBERTA
MARSHALL, COLLEEN L.	CALGARY	S.A.I.T.
MINCHIN, GLORIA M.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
MUNDELL, WENDA LEE	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA
NISSEN, FAY DIANE	IRMA	U OF ALBERTA
OLSEN, GREGORY B.	BARRHEAD	U OF ALBERTA
PARR, LYLE P.	MILK RIVER	LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE
PAULUCCI, FRANCA	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
PERDUE, MARTEN F.	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA
PRIOR, GEORGIA D	STRATHMORE	U OF CALGARY
QUONG, WING JOHN	CALGARY	S.A.I.T.
RAMSANKAR, TORA MAY	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA
RAMSANKAR, HAROLD M.	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA
RUTTAN, MICHAEL R	FORT SASK	CONCORDIA COLLEGE
SHERLEY, PAUL R.	CALGARY	DEVRY I.T.
TOCCI, CANDIDA M.	CALGARY	U OF CALGARY
WARD, BARBARA J.	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA
WASYLYSHYN, SHEILA A.	COALDALE	U OF LETHBRIDGE
WELCH, MICHAEL E.	CALGARY	S.A.I.T.
WHITE, SHAWNA L.	EDMONTON	U OF ALBERTA



### BANFF CONFERENCE

The 44th Annual Inter Provincial Conference of the officers of the Four Western Masonic Jurisdictions was held at the Banff Centre August 31 to Sept 1, 1984. The attendance from other jurisdictions was down but we did have representations from Ontario and Montana. The delegates and visitors enjoyed on excellent program of papers and discussion, coupled with an excellent opening address written by M.W. Bro. John Melymick P.G.M. and delivered by M.W. Bro. Doug Gibson P.G.M. of Saskatchewan; Cascade Lodge No. 5 was the host lodge for the opening ceremonies. It is the editors recommendation that as many brethren of the Jurisdiction as possible peruse the copy of the proceedings that has been forwarded to your secretary.

The Research Committee of each lodge would find these papers an excellent source for their educational programs throughout the year.

### WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S MESSAGE APRIL 1984

By W. Bro. W.W. Trann - Empire Lodge No. 63

Brethren:

"Harmony being the strength and support of all well governed institutions more especially this of ours."

Harmony according to Funk and Wagnall's dictionary is a state of order, agreement or esthetically pleasing relationships among the elements of a whole.

Strength is defined as the binding force or validity; also the vigor or force of intellect, moral power, style, etc.

Support is the act of keeping from failing or declining.

Governed means to guide or control the actions of, or influence.

Thus, my brethren, this short but beautiful familiar passage tenderly reminds us that pleasing relationships among the brethren of a lodge are the binding force, and the strength of moral power necessary to keep our beloved fraternity from failing or declining.

We must be ever mindful to guide or control our actions and gently influence the actions of others so that harmony amongst the brothers is kept sacred within and without our tiled recesses.

Harmony is indeed one of the vital ingredients of our order and MUST be guarded against intrusion as such. Were it not a very integral and important part of freemasonry, our time honored craft would not have been handed to us as we know it through many, many generations, with the beauty of an infant and the wisdom of a grandfather.

A pile of stones does not a building make; no more does an accumulation of people make a society. It is not even enough that the stones be laid flush side by side and on top of one another. These must be cemented into a sound impenetrable body if they are to successfully withstand the elements. Unity is the key to strength and efficient service. The comparison is as true of human societies as of tangible edifices. Individuals must be cemented into an unbroken and undivided entity if perseverance and accomplishment are to be recognized.

In summary, brethren, as operative masons spread the cement that binds the stones into a solid mass, Free and Accepted masons are admonished to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection.



Photo, left to right: V.W. Bro. Alex McIntosh, R.W. Bro. Norman Senn, V.W. Bro. Bev Apperly, R.W. Bro. E.H. Rivers

### PAST GRAND SECRETARY — BIRTHDAY

The Family of R.W. Bro. E.H. Rivers presented their father with a surprise Birthday party to celebrate his 80th year. A great many of his masonic and life long friends were extended an invitation to attend the Penthouse suite at the Palliser Hotel Sept. 2, 1984. To say the least, "Ned" was overwhelmed by the affair and took great delight in conversing with everyone there and was especially pleased to cut the traditional birthday cake. We all wish him many more years of happy retirement.

### PREJUDICE

It is one of the human emotions that has almost caused an insidious cancer sore in the hearts and minds of man, more pain, grief and mental torture than any other and is further proof of mans inhumanity to man.

**Fiat Lux Lodge of Research #1980**  
**next meeting**  
**Saturday, November 24, 1984**  
**at 2:00 P.M.**  
**Bowmont Lodge Hall - Calgary**

### BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM GRAND LODGE OFFICE

The following are Books which are currently available through the Grand Lodge Office. They make great Christmas Gifts for a brother;

	price
1) One Hundred Short Prayers . . . . .	4.00
2) One Hundred One Questions About Freemasonry . . . . .	2.00
3) Presentation Bible . . . . .	18.00
4) The Builders . . . . .	18.00
5) Freemason's Guide and Compendium . . . . .	32.00
6) History of the Grand Lodge of Alberta . . . . .	10.00
7) The Master's Book of Short Speeches . . . . .	3.00
8) 3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry . . . . .	5.00
9) 5-15 Minute Talks . . . . .	5.00
10) Foreign Countries . . . . .	6.00
11) Pocket Encyclopdia of Masonic Symbols . . . . .	2.00
12) Carr's World of Freemasonry . . . . .	16.00
13) Some Masonic Poems . . . . .	3.00
14) Who Was Hiram Abiff? . . . . .	11.00

Order through your Lodge Secretary or forward cheque to the Grand Lodge Office with your order.

## NANTON No. 19 SOJOURN TO FORT STEELE B.C.

Fort Steele Historical Park, British Columbia was the scene for the regular, July 13, 1984, meeting of Nanton Lodge No. 17 A.F. & A.M. Seventy two visitors from thirty six Lodges attended the afternoon meeting in the Fort Steele Lodge building, in which the first section of the third degree in the York Rite was conferred upon Brothers Keith Andrews, Cor de Keyser and Wendell Strong. In the evening, the second section of the degree was staged in the Wild Horse Theatre to accommodate one hundred and ten visiting masons. Following the degree, an exchange of fraternal greetings was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Nanton Lodge, wishes to thank Cranbrook Lodge No. 34 for their support and to all those who travelled several miles to attend this historic meeting. Because of the highly successful weekend, it is hoped that further Masonic events may take place at Fort Steele.

Submitted by Daniel A. Smith P.M.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF A FELLOWCRAFT

By Bro. John McHugh - Concord Lodge No. 124

Worshipful Master, Brethren All:

My assignment this evening is certainly one that sent me back to the drawing board.

It is a partial interpretation of what took place in the conferring of the Fellowcraft degree tonight. It is difficult in a short talk to begin to outline the lessons and teachings that are veiled in the ritual of the degree, which provides a challenge for a lifetime of practice.

This degree is a much misunderstood one, certainly not to be wedged between an inferior and a superior rank.

It has an identity all its own, and deserves much more study than we are accustomed to give to it. There is no doubt that we should study it carefully, and follow its teachings. It would immeasurably increase our awareness of our fellowman.

Some may be surprised to know that at one time, the Fellowcraft degree was the highest of the degrees, this may explain why the three principal officers of a Master Mason's lodge, who's jewels of office are the working tools in the Fellowcraft degree. The Square, the Plumb, and the Level.

I am given to understand that installations to this day are conducted in the Fellowcraft degree.

Some of our most important symbols and stimulating lessons and teachings are to be found within this degree.

This degree represents a man starting forth on the journey of life, with a great task before him of self-improvement, with the end result being the development of all his intellectual faculties, and the acquisition of truth and knowledge. He learns to judge his work by his own plumb line, and not by another's. If he erects that which is good work, true work, square work with his own working tools, in other words, by his own standards, he does well. Only when he is false to his own conscience does he build other than fair and straight work.

It is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that are of the greatest regard to a mason.

The wages earned by the Fellowcraft in the days of King Solomon, were Corn, Wine and Oil. Symbolically the corn represented Plenty, the Wine represented Health and the Oil represented Peace.

To receive the Masonic equivalent of the ancient corn, wine and oil, a brother must labour, he must till the fields of his heart or build the temple of his own house by his own standards and conscience.

Therefore, assured of his wages, his reward shall be plenty, not mere sufficiency, but plenitude to supply all his physical, moral, and spiritual wants. Health of body, mind and soul; peace in this life, and in the hour of death, and also in the life to come.

Are not these wages worthy of the labour? Conversely! Idleness and vice surely lead to poverty, disease and despair.

I have just lightly touched upon two or three of the seeds of knowledge that are contained within the second degree, which when nurtured can develop into the encyclopedia of life, that can assist you to develop yourself into a practicing mason and, therefore, a Man Among Men.

In conclusion, let me leave you this thought. The winding stairs symbolize our journey through life, to the Middle Chamber which symbolizes that Eternal Temple at which we hope to arrive by our own endeavors a virtuous life, the blessings of God, and by following the lessons and teachings within the Fellowcraft degree.

The challenge is yours. There is Middle Temple, there are wages to be earned.

Worshipful Master, I would like to thank-you for this assignment this evening and to Bro. Neil MacDonald for his valuable support and to the Brethren for their undivided attention.

Thank-you.



M.W. Bro. M.N. MacIver presenting 60 year Bar to W. Bro. Gerald Oberg at Forestburg Lodge No. 128.



## ALL OBERGS

Left to right - rear: Barry, Claude, Everett (son), Lester, Eldon. Front: Neal (Eldon's son), John (grandson of Gerald), Gerald, Allen (Grandson), Dennis (Lester's son).

Over 70 members and visitors were present at Forestburg Lodge No. 128 recently when a 60 year bar was presented to Worshipful Brother Gerald Oberg. Among the visitors were M.W. Bro. Thompson, M.W. Bro. Harbin, R.W. Bro. Ned Rivers and R.W. Bro. R.E. Juthner. M.W. Bro. Norman McIver made the presentation and congratulated W. Bro. Oberg on his 60 years of masonry in Forestburg Lodge where he was initiated and served as its Worshipful Master over Fifty years ago.

W. Bro. Oberg was escorted to the alter by two of his grandsons, Bro. Allen Oberg and Bro. John Oberg. Also present were three of his sons and a total of 6 grandsons. Over the many years there have been eight "Obergs" Worshipful Masters and the number of young "Obergs" indicate that there will be many more in the future. All of this due to a man entering masonry on the 20th of February 1924, W. Bro. Gerald Oberg, a true mason and community man — a patriarch of Forestburg Lodge in the real sense of the word.

## WISDOM

A man that knows, and knows that he knows, he is a wise man. But he that knows not and knows that he knows not, but thinks that he knows, he is indeed a fool.