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Taken at the conclusion of last year's Workshop; left to right: R.W. Bro. Stan Mottershead; V.W. Bro. Ed Yonkers, Chairman; R.W. Bro. Hugh Young, Secretary; R.W. Bro. Bill Graves, Immediate Past Chairman; W. Bro. Bob McKee; W. Bro. Cal Shaver, 1st Vice Chairman; missing - V.W. Bro. Steve McVittie, 2nd Vice Chairman.

“MASON BY NAME ALONE?”

The theme this year is designed to encourage each of us to look at ourselves. Are we living up to and practising Masonic Principles or are we MASON BY NAME ALONE? Our Theme Speaker, Bruce Hogel, is well known in the Edmonton area for his outspoken opinions and I am sure that his talks will give lots of material to discuss both at the Workshop and when you return to your Lodge.

After a six year run, the Schools of Instruction have been changed to reflect subject matter instead of Lodge positions or Masonic rank. Details of these Schools are contained in this Bulletin.

This year is a milestone in Alberta Masonic history as it is the Twentieth Anniversary of the Masonic Workshop. A fact that all Masons can be proud of. Beginning with an attendance of less than 300 and building to over 500, it is still going strong after 20 years. I have pleasure in welcoming all Masons to this year's Workshop.

In particular, I thank all Planning Committee members and all participants in the workshop for their time and support which will, I am sure, make the 20th Annual Masonic Workshop an event to remember.

E. L. V. (Ed) Yonkers
General Chairman

TWENTIETH MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th, 1985

- 3:00 P.M. Registration in the Administration Building
Book Sales—Reading Room
Locate Discussion Rooms
- 6:00 P.M. SUPPER (Cafeteria Style)
- 7:45 P.M. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Eric Harvey Theatre
- 8:00-8:30 P.M. Theme Address—W. Bro. B. Hogel
Eric Harvey Theatre
- 9:00-9:15 P.M. DISCUSSION GROUPS
- 10:30 P.M. Bookstore—Reading Room
School Leaders Meet
Coffee and Doughnuts served—
Auditorium

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th, 1985

- 7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST (Cafeteria Style)
- 9:00-10:15 A.M. Schools of Instruction
- 10:30-11:45 A.M. DISCUSSION GROUPS
- 12:00 Noon LUNCH (Cafeteria Style)
- 1:15-2:30 P.M. Schools of Instruction
- 3:00-4:15 P.M. Masonic Education Presentation
- 5:15 P.M. SUPPER (Cafeteria Style)
- 6:30 P.M. Masonic Education Presentation
Eric Harvey Theatre—Bookstore
- 7:15 P.M. Theme Address—W. Bro. B. Hogel
Eric Harvey Theatre
- 8:00 P.M. Doughnuts and Coffee
Eric Harvey Theatre—Foyer
- 8:30 P.M. "Fun Time"
Eric Harvey Theatre

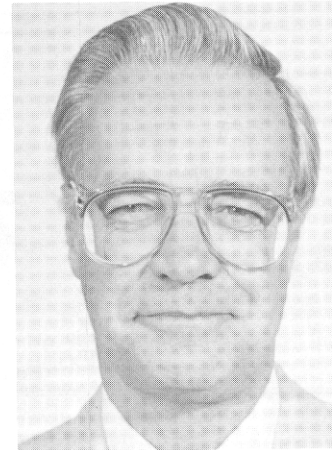
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1985

- 8:00 A.M. Coffee—Eric Harvey Foyer
- 8:15 A.M. Chairman's Remarks
- 8:30 A.M. Devotional Service
- 9:00 A.M. Brunch (Cafeteria Style)
- 10:00 A.M. Departure

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Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.

If one were asked to sum up the meaning of Masonry in one word, the only word equal to the task is Light. From its first lesson to its last lecture, in every degree and in every symbol, the mission of Masonry is to bring the light of God into the life of man. It has no other aim, knowing that, when the light shines the truth will be revealed.



THEME SPEAKER
Bro. Bruce William Hogle

Bruce was born in Toronto and educated in Ontario with post secondary education being completed at the Sudbury Mining & Technical Institute and Camp Borden Officers' Training School as a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Infantry.

He is married to the former Gail Manary of Medicine Hat and they have three sons, William (27), Randall (26), and Steven (23).

His business experience is in the area of Public Relations and Media with stints as Assistant Sports Director of the Sudbury Star, Assistant Editor of the Medicine Hat News, Correspondent for Time, Vancouver Sun, Toronto Telegram, Staff Writer of the Canadian Press, Editor of the Trail Daily Times, Trail, B.C., News Public Director Secretary, Saskatchewan College of Physicians & Surgeons.

In 1965 he moved to Edmonton where he has been since and presently is the Manager of News, Sports & Public Affairs of Sunwapta Broadcasting Limited.

His Community Activities cover a wide range from being president of various organizations related to his business as well as Honorary Chairman of the Canada Jaycees, Director of C.N.I.B., Junior Achievement, Red Cross, V.O.N. and the Salesian Fathers High School.

Masonically, he joined Emulation Lodge in Trail, B.C., in 1955 and since it has amalgamated with Fidelity Lodge. Is now a member of that Lodge. Is a member of various concordant bodies in the Edmonton area and is active in these organizations.

Bruce is well known in the Edmonton area for his outspoken, and sometimes not very popular, opinions. He researches his ideas well and the brethren at the Workshop can look forward to having their ideas challenged and their thinking expanded by what our Theme Speaker will have to say.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

This year, the format of the Schools of Instruction have been changed to place emphasis on the subject matter as opposed to the office or rank that is held.

The schools will last for 75 minutes and will be repeated at the second session so that you have the opportunity of attending two schools. They are as follows:

COMMUNICATION & PRESENTATION SKILLS

In a fraternity such as ours, it is sometimes difficult to communicate with all of our brethren due to their different ages, backgrounds and interests. This school will address this problem and offer many helpful tips.

In the area of presentation skills, the school will address the area of public speaking, voice delivery in a large hall and related aspects which will assist both new and experienced brethren in their ritual presentation as well as their educational and social ones.

LODGE ADMINISTRATION

This school will direct its attention to the actual day-to-day operation of a Lodge. How & what to plan, how to run meetings (both formal and informal), how to conform to Constitutional requirements, and much more.

A good school for senior officers of the Lodge.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS & BRETHREN INVOLVEMENT

This two sided school will direct participants' thoughts not only to possible social functions (both mixed and for the brethren only) but also to the reasons for various functions and how to gauge their success.

The second part of this school relates to the necessity of encouraging a level of brethren involvement in the work of the Lodge and various ways of maximizing it.

DEPARTMENT, ETIQUETTE & PROTOCOL

THE PROPER WAY versus THE OTHER WAYS

This school covers an area which has become of concern to many within our jurisdiction and which all of us should pay attention to so that a high quality of masonic proceedings may result. It will cover our behaviour both inside the Lodge and outside.

It will be a refresher course for some and an enlightenment for others.

RESEARCH METHODS

Throughout the Province, brethren are researching various aspects of Masonry both for their personal pleasure and for the enlightenment of their brethren.

This school is designed to assist all brethren in furthering their Masonic knowledge and will address the questions of "why research", "what to research" & "how to research", clearly showing the way with many actual examples.

OBJECTIVES OF A LODGE

Many of us have been asked about Masonry and Lodges, particularly by persons who do not belong to the Craft. Sometimes, we question ourselves as to the purpose of the Fraternity and the objectives of meeting in a Lodge. This school addresses these concerns.

Through the use of brainstorming techniques, the participants will attempt to determine clear objectives, both long term and short term, for individual lodges, ways of attaining those objectives and measurements for knowing when we have achieved our goal.

This school may be of particular interest to our senior members and past masters, who will be able to share their knowledge and thoughts for the benefit of the Craft.

BENEVOLENCE

This school will direct its attention to the many facets of Masonic Benevolence including when it is appropriate, and the many legal and tax ramifications of giving benevolence.

This school will be given by M.W. Bro. Gordon Thompson.

The schools are new but the high quality of instruction, for which the Banff Masonic Spring Workshop is famous, remains.

An education program, which compliments the Schools of Instruction in increasing all round Masonic knowledge, will be presented on the Saturday afternoon and evening.

BUILDER OF SOCIETY

Freemasonry is a fraternity of men bound together by vows of morality in public and private life, who believe in God and the constitutional rights of members to free choice of religion and political persuasion.

Masonry strives to make good men better - to teach its members to be "better than themselves". It accepts only men of high moral character.

Masonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society. Its basic tenets are Brotherly Love, Relief (philanthropy), and Truth.

Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community.

The bond of Faith and confidence among Masons is largely the result of the common knowledge that all, having experienced the memorable rituals, accept high ethical standards as guides to their conduct.

Within a Masonic Temple Masons do not discuss religion, or political matters, or any other subject likely to excite personal animosities. Masonry teaches men to be religious without advocating a particular doctrine, or creed. It requires its members to be good citizens, but free to choose their medium of political expression.

George E. A. Reid W.M., Eastgate No. 192

GRAND MASTER VISITS DISTRICT MEETINGS

Most Worshipful Brother C.R.A. Green has completed his commitment of visiting all 20 District Meetings and to be present at the election of each of the 20 Masons who will be invested at the June Communication in Calgary. In every case the Grand Master offered his Congratulations to all candidates for offices, to the winner for having obtained the privilege of representing his district for the forthcoming term and to the brethren who were unsuccessful in their attempts, by thanking them for having let their name stand and to run again if at all possible. Although these meetings are for District business only, the presence of the Grand Master and his officers is an added benefit, as the craft has the opportunity to meet and greet them, some for the first time.



M.W. Bro. Green and complete line of G.L. officers at District 7 and District 11 in Lethbridge. Left to Right—R.W. Bro. W. Graves D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. T. Band D.D.G.M. District 7; M.W. Bro. C.R.A. Green G.M.; R.W. Bro. N. Oslund S.G.W.; R.W. Bro. A. Smith D.D.G.M. District 11; R.W. Bro. R. Juthner J.G.W.



DISTRICT MEETING OF DISTRICT 18

Back Row: R.W. Bro. L. Johnson D.D.G.M. District 8; V.W. Bro. C.R. Sharp G.D.O.C.; R.W. Bro. A.F. Aylesworth G.S.; R.W. Bro. E. Hunter D.D.G.M. District 1; R.W. Bro. J. Ross D.D.G.M. District 6; R.W. Bro. P. Chappell D.D.G.M. District 16; M.W. Bro. R.L. Costigan P.G.M.
Front Row: V.W. Bro. W. Wolbert G.Steward; R.W. Bro. N. Oslund S.G.W.; M.W. Bro. C.R.A. Green G.M.; R.W. Bro. W. Graves D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. R. Juthner J.G.W.; R.W. Bro. N. Senn D.D.G.M. District 18; V.W. Bro. M. Lynas G.C.



M.W. Bro. C.R.A. Green was most pleased to have six of his D.D.G.M.'s accompany him at a recent District Meeting.

Left to Right: R.W. Bro. J. Ross D.D.G.M. District 6; R.W. Bro. E. Hunter D.D.G.M. District 1; R.W. Bro. L. Johnson D.D.G.M. District 8; M.W. Bro. C.R.A. Green G.M.; R.W. Bro. H.C. Drever D.D.G.M. District 2; R.W. Bro. N. Senn D.D.G.M. District 18; R.W. Bro. P. Chappell D.D.G.M. District 16.



Norwood Lodge No. 90 Edmonton held a most interesting meeting in July of 84, designated Klondyke meeting at which 190 masons attended. Some from as far away as Great Britain and Ireland. Most W. Bro. C.R.A. Green was in attendance along with most of his officers and several past Grand Masters. A first degree was conferred upon 2 candidates on a very tepid July evening indicating that the Brethren in the Province of Alberta are looking for, and will support, Masonic Life, over the summer months.

Tom Cork, Secretary.

READ BOOKS AND LIVE LONGER

The big discoveries in the field of medicine during the past decade have been antibiotics and miracle drugs. To the specialist in medical science, however, even greater developments have taken place in the growing knowledge about man himself. In particular, has medical science been able to trace so clearly the inter-dependence and inter-action of mind and body.

This has a direct bearing on good books. For reading is now regarded by some doctors as much more than a pleasant diversion. They see it as a health-building and health-saving activity. Dr. Frank Slaughter in his book "Your Mind and Your Body" is concerned with a wide range of diseases and disorders of the human body and mind, directly or indirectly connected with the rush and crush of modern, civilized living, for example, he shows the effect of emotional conflict on the human heart. Indeed, he regards the heart as a supremely sensitive indicator of mental disturbances. He details the terrible effects of hate and fear and tension—eating their way into the unconscious, creating dangerous strains on the functioning mechanisms of the body itself.

What does all this have to do with reading books? Pascal, the great French philosopher, once said that most of the disorders and evils in life were the result of man's inability to sit still and think. He regarded quiet and contemplation as essential food for the healthy mind. Our own age is not likely to be known in history for the large numbers of men who insisted on sitting still in order to pursue serious thought. This is a sprinting, squinting and shoving age.

To sit quietly and read a good book—yes, even the Good Book, our Bible—is conducive to rest and release from the tensions that beset us on all sides—quite aside from the knowledge gained. Reading and studying our Bible in the quietude of our homes brings us closer to the Ultimate Reality which must be a part of our thinking and living in order to realize our true purpose on earth.

And that brings another thought to my mind; the most obvious things we don't see. I am referring specifically to our Masonic library. How long since you—if ever—have used the facilities of this library? Here, you will find books covering many subjects, especially on matters Masonic. Here you will find that peace and opportunity to really think things out and to browse amongst books that are classics. Here, you can truly develop your Masonic background, by reading—by searching for truth. And here, under the kindly and able guidance of the Grand Librarian, you will enter the realm of books which will make your life more fruitful.

The thoughts and hopes and aspirations of the world's great thinkers are at your command. Now is a good time to utilize them. Now is the time to resolve to "search with all your hearts" for the truth.

Look for the books of your choice, take them home and welcome them as you would a close friend and brother. They are all that—and more.

W.C. Blaine (in S.R. Journal, St. Paul, Minn.)