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THE 21ST MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP



Photo - left to right; R.W. Bro. Stan Motterhead; W. Bro. Cal Shaver; V.W. Bro. Steve McVittie; R.W. Bro. Ed Yonkers; R.W. Bro. Hugh Young; W. Bro. Al Teuling; W. Bro. John Pellitier.

SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN

All of mankind have various beliefs. We, as Masons, have our beliefs in the Supreme Being and the Sacred Writings, to the good our Fraternity can do and does for all mankind, to what we as individuals can do as our part to achieve the principles we each believe in. We think the 1986 Theme will generate much thought and discussion at the workshop and at your Lodge.

Tink Robinson has honoured us by accepting our invitation to be Theme Speaker at our 1986 fraternal gathering and we know that he will deliver an educational and interesting address.

While the upcoming workshop will retain many similarities to previous years, some changes are planned. These changes include three new Schools of Instruction, namely, "For the New Mason", "For the Over the Hill Gang", "Relationships within the Craft", along with an award to the district with the highest percentage of members in attendance.

The cost of \$115.00, which includes 2 nights accommodation and five meals plus participation in all facets of the weekend, remains unchanged. We encourage you to register now for a weekend of Masonic Brotherhood. Come and enjoy the fellowship from the time of arrival until the Sunday Devotional Service and Brunch are finished.

Attend.... Renew old friendships.... Meet new friends.... Make the Masonic Spring Workshop another complete success in 1986.

C.D. Shaver General Chairman

A G E N D A

Friday May 2nd, 1986

3:00pm	Registration in DCH Locate Book Sales Locate Discussion Rooms Supper
6:00pm	Announcement - EHT
7:45pm	Theme Address - EHT
8:00 - 8:30pm	Discussion Groups
9:00 - 10:15pm	Coffee and donuts - DCH auditorium
10:30	

Saturday May 3rd, 1986

7:00am	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15am	Schools of Instruction
10:30 - 11:45am	Discussion Groups
12:00noon	Lunch
1:15 - 2:30pm	Schools of Instruction
3:00 - 4:15pm	Masonic Education - EHT
5:15pm	Supper
7:15pm	Theme Address - EHT Bro. Tink Robinson
8:00pm	Coffee and Donuts - EHT Foyer
8:30pm	"Fun Time" - EHT

Sunday May 4th, 1986

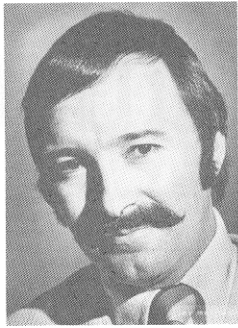
8:00am	Coffee - EHT Foyer
8:15am	Chairman's Remarks
8:30am	Devotional Service - EHT
9:00am	Brunch
10:00am	Departure

BOOK STORE HOURS

(Reading Room, 2nd Floor, Donald Cameron Hall)

Friday:	3:00pm to 7:30pm; 8:30pm to 11:30pm
Saturday:	7:30am to 9:00am; 10:30am to 1:15pm; 3:00pm to 7:00pm

THEME SPEAKER
TINK ROBINSON



Bro Tink Robinson brings a wealth of experience to his Keynote Address for the 1986 Masonic Spring Workshop in Banff. He has been a professional entertainer for 38 years, and his credits include 7 seasons with Theatre Under the Stars in Vancouver, his birthplace. He has amassed over 200 National T.V. shows in an 11-year span with C.B.C. Toronto, where he choreographed and starred on Wayne and Shuster for 5 seasons. He has entertained in many of the major night clubs in North America, performed in 8 seasons of General Motors Dealer's Shows, toured Canada with the Best of Spring Thaw, and has many T.V. Commercials, Radio Drama and Regional Theatre Productions to his credit.

Tink and his wife, Judy, derive a good part of their livelihood from convention performances. They co-produced and performed in Imperial Oil's 100th anniversary show which toured Canada, and they continue to entertain major organizations such as the Royal Bank of Canada, Dominion Stores, Birks, B.C. Tourism, and are privileged to be entertaining the Grand Lodge Members of A.F. and A.M. of North America in Calgary in 1987.

Tink has taught musical theatre at Vancouver City College, S.A.I.T., and York University, Toronto. He attended Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto where he studied Journalism and Radio Television Arts. He worked for McLaren Advertising in Toronto and Ray Norman and Associates in Vancouver. Tink wrote, directed, and choreographed "Festival" for Theatre Calgary, and "Ham On Wry" for Lunchbox Theatre, Calgary. He moves into his 10 season as Producer and Director for the highly acclaimed Wild Horse Theatre at Historic Fort Steel, B.C. He is Vice-President of Calmus Theatre Productions of Calgary which is producing "The Sound of Music" in Calgary's Jubilee Auditorium, starring Tink's beautiful and talented wife, Judy.

Tink and Judy have given numerous workshops in Positive Motivation and Personal Development with Unity of Vancouver, the Calgary New Thought Centre, the Life Enrichment Centre of Edmonton and the Santa Anita Ministerial School, Arcadia California. They have an 18 year old son, Dan, who recently graduated with Honours from J.T. Foster High School, Nanton, and who was chosen to give the Valedictorian Address.

Tink is negotiating with a New York Publisher, and hopes to release his first book in 1986.

Masonically, Bro. Robinson is the Senior Deacon in Nanton Lodge No. 17, the Senior Sojourner in Golden West Chapter No. 6 H.R.A., a Sir Knight in Cyprus Precetory No. 33, Calgary and a member of the Oriental Band as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Al Azhar Temple, Calgary.

His exceptional background which spans entertaining, teaching, commercial selling, advertising, writing, directing, producing, blue water sailing, cab driving, and tractor trailer owning operating, gives him a broad spectrum of experiences from which to draw and relate to his audience. Bro. Robinson will be familiar to the Brethren who attended his successful workshop on Communication and Presentation Skills at Banff last year. His dedication to the principles of Masonry, and his innovative ideas about how to deal with it's many challenges, makes for a very entertaining and informative Keynote Address on "Something to Believe In".

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Communication and Presentation Skills

Our Fraternity encompasses people of many diverse backgrounds, which makes it difficult, at times, to communicate amongst ourselves. This school addresses this area of inter-personal communication as well as giving techniques and examples of presentation skills, such as voice delivery, emphasis placement, etc.

A very useful school to up and coming officers.

Department, Etiquette, and Protocol

THE PROPER WAY verses 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. The school will cover behaviour both inside and outside of the Lodge.

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

Relationships within the Craft

This school covers the area of relationships within the Craft. It discusses the value of good relationships between the brethren as well as showing ways of improving them so the harmony may exist within a Lodge.

This is a good school for up and coming officers to develop techniques they will find useful in the Master's chair.

Administration of the Lodge

This school will direct itself towards the day to day running of a Masonic Lodge. It will cover the roles of the Senior Officers and the various administrative functions that each performs.

A good school for the elected officers of the Lodge.

For the "New Mason"

This School almost requires no description as the title is very specific. It will address the areas of interest to the new mason, including, the development of the Craft, the specifics of how a Lodge operates, and any subject which is of interest to them.

For the "Over the Hill Gang"

This school will direct its attention to ways in which the older members of the Fraternity can maintain a keen interest in the Craft and be of the most benefit to the Fraternity and themselves.

This school will appeal to the more senior members but is open to all brethren attending.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who is expected to attend from each Lodge at the Grand Communication?

ANSWER TO THE NOVEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The two books required to investigate an unknown visitor are:

- 1) Current copy of List of Lodges (Masonic) issued by the Grand Lodge of Alberta annually. A copy of this book is with each Lodge Secretary and is fascinating to review as it contains information on a variety of matters. e.g. the average dues in Alberta were \$25.75 in 1983 and \$6.26 in Maine. Alberta requires 28 days between degrees whereas Illinois requires one day and the United Grand Lodge of Germany requires twelve months.

This book identifies Lodges in amity with Alberta but care must be taken to check because not all Lodges listed are in amity.

- 2) The Holy Bible (or appropriate V.S.L.) on which to take the Tyler's oath.

FROM THE PAST

From the Proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba

An extract of the Address of M.W. Bro. D.J. Goggin Grand Master 1893.

Our ritual and ceremonial work and our methods of business are perhaps more satisfactory than at any former period. These are useful means to great ends, but perfection in these may indicate a soulless Phariseism. I do not despise them or even belittle them when I say that they are not the essence of Masonry. I desire now to plead for the spirit rather than the form, for the practice rather than the profession.

Masonry is a system of morality. It reaches by allegory, symbol and direct instruction the duties that a man owes to himself, his neighbour, his state and his God and it proposes to show him how he may put its teachings into practice.

Our degrees call on us to aim at blameless purity of life and conduct, to study the Bible so as to learn our duty towards God, our neighbour and ourselves, to discharge our duties as citizens, and to carry forward our study of the liberal arts and sciences, a knowledge of which, not only polishes and adorns the mind, but enables a man to earn a living for himself and those dependent upon him. This is the real work of Masonry and its success or failure must be measured by what it accomplishes along these lines.

How far are our Lodges directly attempting to do what they profess to do? How far do we as individual Masons, as Lodges of Masons, deliberately set ourselves to learn these several duties and teach them to our brethren? Do we ever have addresses delivered to our brethren setting forth the duties that a man owes to state, e.g. voting, tax-paying, etc.; the duties that a man owes to himself, e.g., purity in speech and act, etc.; the duties that a man owes to his fellows, e.g., social duties, duties of justice, and of charity, etc.? Are we affording opportunities for the study of those liberal arts and science which tend to polish and adorn the mind?

Are we to be content with that narrow interpretation of charity which confines it to pecuniary assistance, or are we to give it its real interpretation, that interpretation which our rituals, when intelligently examined always reveal - help given to man in all his relations - help, socially, morally, intellectually and pecuniarily?

Will anyone assert that these duties are clearly and fully understood by all of our members, or that a clear knowledge of one's duty is not a help towards the proper discharge of that duty?

None of us shall ever know how many individual Masons through lonely watches by the bedside of suffering, in comforting words and helpful deeds to the widow and the orphan, in speaking no guile of absent ones, no nor in listening to it, have found their own characters thereby purified, strengthened, uplifted, and have come to really understand how Masonry reaches a high morality, veiled in deeds of truest worth, and illustrated by acts of ennobling unselfishness.

These movements are satisfactory so far as they go, but it does not seem to me that we are making an organized, intelligent endeavor to do something along each line of work which we profess, in our ritual at least, to undertake. I find myself striving to answer the question; What is there in many a Lodge to bring an intelligent man there evening after evening? When we add to correct ritual, exact ceremonial, and prompt business methods, instruction of the nature I have already described, I am persuaded this question will never be asked.

When we deliberately set ourselves to give instruction in those duties that men owe to themselves, their fellow, their state and their God, when we teach Geometry as understood by Masons, when we have lectures on the poets, musicians, dramatists, travellers and historians whose works, "tend to polish and adorn the mind," when we have our "hospital evenings" for public charities - our private charities will be done so that the left

hand shall not know what the right hand doeth - then who shall be doing what we profess to do and our Lodge room shall be crowded with intelligent Masons, good citizens, and good men.

Are there not men in every community who will consider such work a pleasure a privilege and a duty? Cannot a committee at each centre so plan this work that from October till April, at least, each community shall find its social, moral and intellectual life affected by streams of beneficent influences having their sources in our Lodge rooms? Is Freemasonry today a living organism or only a beautiful theory?

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Things are no longer true or false, lawful or unlawful, right or wrong; they are convenient or inconvenient, pleasant or unpleasant, popular or unpopular, profitable or unprofitable, expedient or inexpedient; they are anything but right or wrong, true or false, good or evil.

Masonry must meet this with the force of its insistence that there is a truth that must be believed, there is a law that must be obeyed, there is a moral sovereignty to which we must submit and that men delay or deny these at their peril.

An extract from a speech by M.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. T.S. Roy, Grand Master of Massachusetts, Gueat Speaker at the 59th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, 1964.

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND

All Brethren in the Jurisdiction should note that while the month of November is named as M.H.E.B. month, contributions can be made throughout the year and will be welcomed by the committee. If a friend or a member of your family graduates, it would be a good time to remember those who are less fortunate and send a donation to the Grand Lodge Office.

FROM THE LODGE NOTICES

The Secretary of Beacon Lodge No. 190, Bro. V.W. Osbaldeston includes in the notice 'a tongue in cheek' comment on secretaries which will strike a chord with every current and past secretary.

Will a Secretary go to Heaven

If a secretary writes a letter, it is too long,
 If he sends a post card, it is too short,
 If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy,
 If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in,
 If he duns a number for his dues, he is insulting
 If he fails to collect dues, he is slipping
 If he asks for advice, he is incompetent,
 If he does not, he is bullheaded,
 If he writes reports complete, they are too long,
 If he condenses them, they are incomplete,
 If he talks on a subject, he is trying to run things,
 If he remains silent, he has lost interest in the meeting,

Ashes to ashes and dust to dust,
 If others don't do it, the secretary must.

Author Unknown

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Part of the Master's Message from Gateway Lodge No. 164, Edmonton.

Congratulations, brethren; Never before have I attended such a well attended practice, and how beneficial it was indeed. The problems that arose and the knowledge we gained that day truly exemplified the moral, 'that knowledge grounded on Accuracy, aided by labor and promoted by perseverance, will finally overcome all difficulties, raise difficulties, raise ignorance from despair and establish happiness in the paths of science'. The effort put forth by all concerned made the meeting a great success...

John Hinton, W.M.

FROM OVERSEAS

The M.W. The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England in his address at the Quarterly Communication in March 1985 stated;

... we should seek to ensure that Freemasonry is seen to be taking its place in the community. The giving of money to non-Masonic charity is a part of this - an important part but I should like to see Freemasonry playing a more active role, so that the beneficial and happy effects of our great brotherhood may be more publicly visible. I personally am in no doubt that regular Freemasonry is a force for good - not just for us as Freemasons here, but for any country where it is practised....

THE LOYAL TOAST

In the February 1986 summons for Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 there is the usual question and answer section. In answer to a question on the correct wording for the Loyal Toast, the Secretary W. Bro. Cyril Batham, a recent visitor to this Jurisdiction, gave the following reply which is of interest.

There is no correct procedure making all others incorrect. The Lord Chamberlain's Office recommends:

1. The I.P.M. (or D.C.) calls for silence in words such as 'Brethren, pay silence for the Worshipful Master'. It is unnecessary to add, 'who will propose the first (or Loyal) Toast'.
2. The Master rises and says 'Brethren, the Queen and the Craft', no more. It is incorrect to indulge in elaborate phrasing such as 'Brethren, the first toast I have the honour to propose this evening is that of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth'.
3. The Brethren rise, leaving their glasses on the table if the National anthem is to be sung. If it has been sung in lodge, it should not be sung again, but it may be played.
4. After the National anthem, all raise their glasses, repeat 'The Queen and the Craft' and take a sip of wine. Needless to say, it is bad manners to take a gulp and quite incorrect to clink glasses.
5. The glasses are replaced.
(In Britain, this is followed by Masonic 'Fire'.)

MAILBAG

EMPTY!

HERITAGE NIGHT

Edmonton Lodge No. 7 has a long and distinguished history, having received its original dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on October 20th, 1892; then functioning as Edmonton No. 53 G.R.M.

The present day members of this Lodge cherish the legacy of Brotherhood they have inherited and elected to commemorate it with an annual "Heritage Night".

On October 22, 1985, the Lodge held a Fellowcraft Degree at the replica of the Original Masonic Hall at Fort Edmonton. Lodge was opened by Past Masters who had occupied the Chair between 1943 and 1968. It was notable that the senior living Past Master, V.W. Bro. James Hoyle (1943) acted as Worshipful Master.

The historic commemorative opening was witnessed by 120 members and visitors. The gavel was then entrusted to R.W. Bro. George Mah, Eastgate Lodge No. 192, who with the well known "Oriental Degree Team", conferred the Fellowcraft degree on two fortunate candidates who will long remember that great day.

The evening concluded with a social gathering that allowed for much reminiscing by the Brethren.

The Worshipful Master wishes to thank all those who attended.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LODGE OFFICERS

After each installation of Lodge Officers it is more than likely that someone will be heard to ask, "Now that I have been installed/invested in this office, what am I supposed to do?" The editorial staff of the Grand Lodge Bulletin felt that this type of question should be answered knowing full well that each lodge assigns different duties to each office. It is our opinion that a basic answer would benefit our membership so we asked a past chairman of the Banff Spring Workshop to put together a series of papers designed to answer the above question in an "as I see it" manner. This first in the series will deal with the duties and responsibilities of the Tyler and the Inner Guard.

TYLER

His duty is to ensure that all who seek to enter the Lodge are Masons properly vouched for or are candidates properly prepared. He must also see to it that all brethren and visitors have properly registered their name before entering the Lodge. He must know how the candidate in each degree is prepared without looking at the ritual in the presence of the candidate. Another duty which often falls on the Tyler is to provide the Senior Warden with a list of all visitors along with their Lodge name and number and proper title. This list must be legible. A Tyler must be conscious of the degree the Lodge is working in at all times and so inform any brother who arrives late. He must also have a number of white aprons available for the use of a member or visitor who forgot to bring his apron with him. The Tyler should advise the Secretary of the number of officers, members and visitors present at each meeting as this information is required for reports which are submitted to the D.D.G.M. and Grand Lodge. In many Lodges it is expected that the Tyler will assist the Senior and Junior Deacon in setting up regalia before Lodge and in putting it away after Lodge closes. In some cases he assists the Senior Warden with the taking of inventory of the Lodge jewels, furniture and paraphernalia. Finally, he will perform all other duties as required by the Worshipful Master. The Tyler, very often, is the first person a visitor meets when attending Lodge, therefore this officer must be friendly and helpful at all times to visitors and introduce them to other officers in order to make the visitor feel "at home".

INNER GUARD (Canadian Rite only)

His duty is to admit Masons of proof, receive candidates in due form, report all alarms and obey the commands of the Junior Warden. He must ensure that all brethren are properly clothed and that everyone who enters the Lodge late gives the proper password and the proper grip as required. In some Lodges the Inner Guard is expected to give a specific piece of "work" in one or all degrees such as the "Working Tools". He will also perform other duties as assigned by the worshipful Master. It is important the he too must be constantly mindful of the degree the Lodge is working in, as it is disconcerting to hear the knocks given being different to those which should be given; it shows a lack of attention.

In the future issues of the Bulletin the duties and responsibilities of the Registrar, Organist, Director of Ceremonies and Stewards will be discussed.

Should you have any comments on these articles, please write to the Editor, c/o the Grand Lodge Office.

FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH NO. 1980

The Research Lodge will hold its next meeting on March 22nd 1986 at 2:00 p.m. at Acacia Lodge Hall, Edmonton.

Visitors are most welcome but if they wish to attend the banquet at approximately 5:30 they should contact the Secretary at 282-8170 evenings.

75th ANNIVERSARY

Provost Lodge No 61 is planning to celebrate their 75th Anniversary on Saturday March 29th, 1986. The Lodge would welcome visitors for this special event. For further information phone/write to G.F. Smith Box 265, Provost, T0B 3S0, Ph. 753-2638.