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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Brethren it is my pleasure to have been given the opportunity and privilege of addressing a few words to you through our Grand Lodge Bulletin. All Past Grand Masters have had a theme, and I am no exception. "Freemasonry our guide for living". Brethren I ask you to remember all the themes, and our teachings from our Rituals, the Book of Constitution, and the bible or the V.O.T.S.L., and you will realize how my theme was selected.

The Brethren whom you have elected and who I have appointed are selected for their dedication, knowledge and sincerity in keeping our Craft heading in the right direction and to working in your best interests. It takes more than a Grand Master to run a Fraternity such as ours, and I ask all Masons to work in peace and harmony with our Grand Lodge Officers. To those who may have had differences in the past, I ask you to search your hearts and souls and as Masons bury that hatchet back in its sheath. In closing I want to express my sincere thanks to all masons of this great jurisdiction for the great honour you have bestowed upon me in electing me to the Office of Grand Master of Masons of Alberta. I approach the year with a deep sense of humility, and as I travel throughout our great Province, I hope to be able to greet all of you with the great Fraternal greeting of Friendship and Brotherly Love. Brethren I ask that you not forget the ill and the widows. Brethren let's work together.

NORMAN F. OSLUND

GRAND MASTER 1986/87

Most Worshipful Brother Norman Frederick Oslund was born in Ryley, Alberta on June 17th, 1925. He was initiated in Astra Lodge No. 179 in 1961 and demitted in 1971. He affiliated with Palestine Lodge No. 46 in 1968 and was W.M. in 1970/71, 78/79, and 79/80. He also affiliated with Avon Glen Lodge No. 170 in 1980. M.W.Bro. Oslund was D.D.G.M. of District No. 20 in 1981/82 and was elected Senior Grand Warden in 1984. He demitted from Avon Glen No. 170 in 1985, to affiliate with Astra Lodge No. 179 in the same year. M.W.Bro. Oslund served overseas with the Canadian Army (W.W.II), R.C.A.F to 1968 and was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration.

He has been the Chief Executive Officer, of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, for Northern Alberta from 1970 to the present.

M.W.Bro. Oslund married Marjorie Sutton in 1944.

M.W. Bro. Oslund is active in all Concordant Bodies - York Rite, Scottish Rite and Al Azhar Shrine Temple, and is an associate member of Al Shama! Temple.



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**ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS
NEW THIS YEAR**

M.W.Bro. Norman F. Oslund (46 & 179) G.M.
R.W.Bro. Robert E. Juthner (81 & 1980) ... D.G.M.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W.Bro. Ross Phillips (181) District No. 1
R.W.Bro. L.(Les) W. Payne (73) .. District No. 2
R.W.Bro. A.(Tony) Rocchio (178) . District No. 3
R.W.Bro. P.M.(Jack) Twa (18) District No. 4
R.W.Bro. John Brandingen (135) .. District No. 5
R.W.Bro. A.(Al) Teuling (23) District No. 6
R.W.Bro. F.(Frank) H. Fuller (65) District No. 7
R.W.Bro. Harold E. Haugen (47) .. District No. 8
R.W.Bro. A.(Alf) H. Sloan (27) .. District No. 9
R.W.Bro. Robert B. Taylor (11) .. District No. 10
R.W.Bro. M.(Merl) A. Eaves (111) District No. 11
R.W.Bro. Donald Turvey (188) District No. 12
R.W.Bro. Deane R. Toews (106) ... District No. 13
R.W.Bro. J.(Jim) G. Johnson (98). District No. 14
R.W.Bro. Lorne C. Minchin (60) .. District No. 15
R.W.Bro. W.(Wally) Paylor (9) ... District No. 16
R.W.Bro. P.G. (Jim) Miles (102) . District No. 17
R.W.Bro. Clarence H. Kraft (176). District No. 18
R.W.Bro. Harry R. Cowan (77) District No. 19
R.W.Bro. Orlan J. Weber (170) ... District No. 20

R.W.Bro. David A. Bruce (87) S.G.W.
R.W.Bro. S.(Stan) E. Mottershead (92) J.G.W.
R.W.Bro. C.(Chuck) H. White (9) G.T.
R.W.Bro. Earnie Tyler (46 & 24) G.R.
R.W.Bro. Allen F. Aylesworth (23) G. Sec.
V.W.Bro. Joshua H.E. Phillpotts (88) G.C.
V.W.Bro. Murray F. Koch (167) S.G.D.
V.W.Bro. G. Rex Dawson (114) J.G.D.
V.W.Bro. A.(Alfie) Wong (192) G.D. of C.
V.W.Bro. H.(Hubert) G. Puffer (170) G.O.
V.W.Bro. Rex D. Bryant (101) G.P.
V.W.Bro. E. Jesse Carr (179) G.S.
V.W.Bro. John F. Hardie (45) G.S.
V.W.Bro. John C. Pelletier (176) G.S.
V.W.Bro. L.(Les) Punshon (5) G.S.
V.W.Bro. Donald A. Swift (46) G.S.
V.W.Bro. F.L. (Bob) Taylor (2) G.S.
M.W.Bro. Robert L. Costigan (22,180 & 1980) G.H.
V.W.Bro. John Wall (46) G.T.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W.Bro. R.E. Juthner (81/1980), D.G.M.. President
R.W.Bro. D.A. Bruce (87), S.G.W. . Vice-President
M.W.Bro. N.F. Oslund (46/179) Grand Master
R.W.Bro. S. Mottershead (92) Junior Grand Warden
R.W.Bro. C.H. White (9) Grand Treasurer
R.W.Bro. E. Tyler (46/24) Grand Registrar
R.W.Bro. A.F. Aylesworth (23) ... Grand Secretary

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES CON'T

	YEARS/EXPIRES
R.W.Bro. R.(Bob) H. Connolly (175)	Term 1 1988
W.Bro. Al Dunbar (51)	Term 2 1988
R.W.Bro. J.(Jim) G. Forbes (192)	Term 2 1988
V.W.Bro. Donald C. Maskell (142)	Term 2 1988
W.Bro. George E.A. Reid (192)	Term 1 1988
V.W.Bro. Calvin D. Shaver (176)	Term 1 1988
V.W.Bro. John T. Wild (81)	Term 1 1988
R.W.Bro. Marvin A. Willmer (169)	Term 1 1988

Appointed Members of the Board

W.Bro. Mickey E. Gang (19/36)	Term 1 1987
R.W.Bro. Jim Lore (60)	Term 1 1987
W.Bro. Don MacWilliam (9)	Term 1 1987
W.Bro. Ken Stuparek (192)	Term 1 1987

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

M.W.Bro. F. Glenn Fox (9), President	Term 1988
W.Bro. J. Guy C. Evans (118)	Term 1988
R.W.Bro. Ralph S. White (177)	Term 1988

Appointed Members

R.W.Bro. R.D. Clarence Comrie (91)	For One Year
V.W.Bro. Donald C. Maskell (142)	For One Year

COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

R.W.Bro. D.S. Edwards (13) (Canadian)	
V.W.Bro. H.(Bert)L. May (1) (Canadian)	

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE

W.Bro. Raymond E. Congdon (190)	Term 1989
R.W.Bro. A. Gerald Gibbs (164/1980)	Term 1989

Appointed Members

R.W.Bro. Edward Hunter (28)	For One Year
R.W.Bro. John Skakun (13)	For One Year

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

R.W.Bro. Norman J. Senn (176/1980)	Term 1989
R.W.Bro. W.G. Ralph Johnstone (77)	Term 1989

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

M.W.Bro. W.A.(Sandy) Milligan (92)	Term 1989
V.W.Bro. Edward L. Boyd (191)	Term 1989
M.W.Bro. Kenneth L. Crockett (170)	Term 1988
M.W.Bro. Stan Harbin (193)	Term 1988
R.W.Bro. Gordon H. Whitehouse (76/93)	Term 1987
R.W.Bro. D.G. Spencer Cumming (23)	Term 1987

CONFERENCE '87 COMMITTEE

R.W.Bro. David A. Bruce (87), S.G.W. - Chairman	
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EDMONTON '87 COMMITTEE

R.W.Bro. Ronald E. Gordon (7) - Chairman	
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OLYMPIC '88 COMMITTEE

R.W.Bro. Alec Richardson (124) - Chairman	
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GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY

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FALL OF 1986

- Sept 3 - Bow River No. 1
- Sept 4 - Cascade No. 5 (Open Banff Conference)
- Sept 4th to
- Sept 6 - Banff Inter-Provincial Conference
- Sept 6 - Officer's Meeting, Banff
- Sept 8 - Sherwood No. 183
- Sept 10 - Balmoral No. 185
- Sept 11 - Saskatchewan No. 92
- Sept 14th to
- Oct. 1 - G.L. of Scotland Tour (250th Anniv.)
- Oct. 7 - Unity No. 51
- Oct. 8 - Mystic Tie No. 188
- Oct. 14 - Victoria No. 13
- Oct. 16 - Wetaskiwin No. 15
- Oct. 23 - Beacon No. 190
- Oct. 25 - King George No. 59 (75th)
- Oct. 27 - Bowden No. 42
- Oct. 28 - Kitscoty No. 131
- Nov. 3 - Evergreen No. 166
- Nov. 4 - Mosaic No. 176
- Nov. 6 - Westlock No. 114
- Nov. 11 - Fidelity No. 76
- Nov. 13 - Drayton Valley No. 182
- Nov. 15 - Officer's Meeting, Edmonton
- Nov. 18 - Eastgate No. 192
- Nov. 20 - Board of G.P., Red Deer
- Nov. 20 - King Solomon No. 41
- Nov. 24 - Northmount No. 189
- Dec. 4 - Ionic-Landmark No. 45
- Dec. 9 - Mount Lebanon No. 54
- Dec. 10 - Dominion No. 117 (Installation)
- Dec. 16 - Drumheller No. 146
- Dec. 26 - St. John's No. 25 (Installation)

WINTER OF 1987

- Jan. 1 - Saskatchewan No. 92, (G.M.'s Levy)
- Jan. 3 - Concord No. 124
- Jan. 6 - Elbow River No. 180
- Jan. 9 - Temple No. 167
- Jan. 12 - St. Mark's No. 118
- Jan. 13 - Mayerthorpe No. 148
- Jan. 15 - Apollo No. 27
- Jan. 20 - Perfection No. 9
- Feb. 2 - Strathmore No. 53
- Feb. 6 - Calgary No. 23
- Feb. 10 - Kitchener No. 95
- Feb. 12 - Carstairs No. 20
- Feb. 15th to
- Feb. 18 - Conference of G.M.s (Calgary)
- Feb. 20 - Patricia No. 91
- Feb. 21 - Officer's Meeting, Calgary
- Feb. 26 - Board of G.P., Red Deer
- Feb. 26 - Acme No. 60
- Mar. 2 - Hanna No. 78
- Mar. 4 - Glenbow No. 184
- Mar. 7 - Area Meeting, Vegreville
- Mar. 9 - Renfrew No. 134
- Mar. 10 - Medicine Hat No. 2
- Mar. 19 - Camrose No. 37
- Mar. 28 - Area Meeting, High River
- Apr. 1 - Bowmont No. 181
- Apr. 10 - King George No. 59

- Apr. 10th to
- Apr. 12 - Masonic Spring Workshop (Banff)
- Apr. 13 - Jasper No. 14
- Apr. 14 - Edmonton No. 7
- Apr. 15 - Alberta No. 3
- Apr. 21 - Buffalo Park No. 44
- May 5 - Kennelworth No. 29
- May 12 - Connaught No. 69
- May 16 - Officer's Meeting, Edmonton
- May 18 - Astra No. 179
- May 19 - St. Georges No. 169
- May 21 - Board of G.P., Red Deer
- May 21 - Cornerstone No. 19
- Jun. 3 - Britannia No. 18
- Jun. 8 - Lamont No. 94
- Jun. 10 - Avon Glen No. 170 (could be Nov. 5/86)
- Jun. 11 - Ivanhoe No. 142
- Jun. 12 - Officer's Meeting, Edmonton
- Jun. 12th to
- Jun. 13 - Grand Lodge of Alberta (Edmonton)

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NOTE: The above dates and locations are subject to change. The Grand Master will also attend Installation Ceremonies when possible. Other dates are open to requests from Lodges and will be considered.

**SPECIAL COMPETITION
 GRAND LODGE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Members of the Craft are invited to join in a competition for the best presentation developed for educational purposes in a lodge.

- The topic must relate to Masonry in Today's World.
- The presentation:
 - must be original.
 - may be developed by an individual or a team.
 - must stimulate two-way interaction in a lodge i.e. not a 'paper'.
 - must be presented in your own Lodge and at least one other lodge.
 - must be suitable for presentation by others.
 - must not exceed twenty minutes including the interaction.
 - can be in any format - skit, play, audio-visual etc.

To enter, write up the presentation including ALL details and to whom presented. Please include information on the reactions of the recipients.

The winner will be selected on the basis of originality, interest, value and stimulation of the lodge. The deadline for receipt of entries by the Grand Secretary is February 28, 1987.

First Prize \$100.00 value in Masonic Books of choice from Grand Lodge, (no alternative), and a Certificate of Recognition.

You could start working on this exciting project now and have your Lodge recognized through your efforts.

**THE MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED
AT THE 1986 GRAND COMMUNICATION**

RESOLUTIONS

1. The resolution to hold the Annual Communication in Medicine Hat in 1989 was approved.
2. The changes proposed to the Burial Service were referred to the Committee on the Work.
3. i) The resolution to use the canvas in Canadian Rite Lodges was NOT approved.

ii) The resolution to use the Sign of Fidelity when adjusting the altar lights was referred to the Committee on the Work.

MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

1. The series of motions related to suspension, warning of impending suspension, dual membership and affiliation were all defeated.
2. The motions relating to Honorary Life Membership were approved and the brother's consent must be obtained AFTER a favourable vote of a 2/3 majority.
3. It was approved that the per capita fee shall be \$15.00 per annum from January 1st, 1986.
4. It was approved that the Annual Communication may be announced to commence any time after 8:00 a.m. on the usual dates, to allow for the volume of business.
5. It was approved that organists may receive a long service jewel.
6. It was approved that a Grand Organist or Grand Chaplain who is not a Past Master may wear a special apron while in office and should he later become a Past Master, he will automatically be entitled to the rank of Very Worshipful Brother.
7. It was approved that a) at a District Meeting, the D.D.G.M. will only obtain a extra vote if the number of votes to be cast is evenly divisible by the number of candidates b) a run-off ballot will be held to break low vote ties if no candidate receives over 50% c) the eligible voters list is to be corrected if any voter leaves before balloting is complete.
8. It was approved that the Deputy Grand Master shall act in the capacity of a D.D.G.M. to Fiat Lux Lodge of Research.
9. a) The new structure and duties of the Jurisprudence Committee were approved and it was removed from the list of Standing Committees.

b) Special Committees and the Jurisprudence Committee may now recommend amendments to the constitution through the normal process of publication and presentation at the Grand

Lodge Communication but without the need to have a Lodge make the Notice of Motion for the Committee.

10. The changes to the Masonic Trial System were approved.
- 11 a) An auditor was appointed and b) The year end date was changed from April to December 31st. c) The normal administration costs of the Relief Fund would be transferred to the General Fund at the year end established in 11(b).
12. The proposed Notice of Motion to alter the structure of the Board of General Purpose was tabled for one year with input from the Lodges being sought over this period.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Is it necessary for a brother to reside in the area of a Lodge in which he wishes to petition for affiliation?

A written response to this question would be welcomed by the Editor.

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The Question of the month for April asked:

'Where is the letter 'G' in a Lodge room, other than attached to a ceiling, wall, or furniture.'

Master Mason aprons have a 'G' on the buttons which means that the Lodge in action has the 'G' on almost all sides.

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The Question of the Month for May asked:

'a) What is a sitting Master?'

The answer is quite simple in that there is no such person and the term should never be used. If one is talking about those who are in office at that moment, the term Worshipful Master identifies them precisely. A Past Master is not a Worshipful Master and cannot respond in error.

'b) should the principal officer of a lodge be referred to as Worshipful Brother.'

This answer is contraversial but the Worshipful Master should be accurately referred to as "Bro. _____, Worshipful Master", or simply "Worshipful Master". The ritual never refers to the Worshipful Master in any other way. The term Worshipful Brother is assumed when one has left the chair of Worshipful Master.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LODGE OFFICERS

In this issue the duties and responsibilities of Past Masters will be discussed. The final article next month will deal with Sponsors.

A Past Master is a Brother who, for a period of at least one year, has presided over his Brethren as Master of his Lodge. At the end of this time he was replaced by a new Master, as capable as he was, with new ideas, new vigour and sometimes a new direction for the Lodge. A Past Master is a member of the Board of Installed Masters essential to place the new Master into the chair of King Solomon. He may be elected to be part of the Examining Board which ensures that the new Master has the ability to run the Lodge and can perform the degrees necessary for bringing new members into the Lodge. He may be asked to act on the Investigating Committee to ensure that visitors are masons and entitled to attend the Lodge. Another duty he should be prepared for is to act as the Installing Officer at the installation of the Lodge whether it is as a routine matter or for a special Brother. He should also be ready, if he is asked, to raise a Brother for some special reason or as a family matter or to give the Obligation for similiar reasons, - which latter task only a Past Master or the Master may do.

Because of his knowledge and experience, a Past Master should be prepared to help his Lodge and contribute to its success by taking the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies or Tyler. These offices, in most Lodges, are not in the normal chain of progression therefore a Past Master can provide a most useful service to his Lodge and allow younger members to pass through the chairs to gain their own experiences. Occasionally a Past Master may be asked to act as a fill-in, in the line of officers, to avoid too large a jump in the officers line if gaps occur. This should not be a permanent move into the progression of the line, but just a service for the maximum of one year duration. He may be asked, and he should be willing to serve, on any Lodge Committees where his experience can contribute to the life of the Lodge. He must always remember that he is a member of the committee and never try to take it over.

A Past Master is a member of Grand Lodge and it is his responsibility to attend each Grand Lodge Annual Communication and express his opinions on subjects discussed at the meetings. The same applies to the District meetings; he must be prepared to vote for the best candidate for the office of D.D.G.M. as well as for all other matters properly brought before the meeting.

His knowledge of the "work" and his experience makes him a valuable person to help coach a candidate. He should be a friend and mentor to all new Masons. When a past Master sees a face that he does not recognize, he should be the first to hold out his hand, introduce himself and make his new friend feel "at home". He should then introduce this Brother to other Masons present and

thus establish the bond of fraternal caring that must be dominant in our Masonic lives.

There is a long list of other activities and involvements for the Past Master but perhaps this article has given enough to set brethren thinking that "Past" does not mean "through", but really means "equipped for real activity beyond and within the Lodge". A Past Master should never abandon his Lodge as it has been his "base" of learning for the wonderful lessons of the fraternity. He should keep involved but remember that the reins of leadership have been passed on to another expert craftsman who has the same ideals, same enthusiasm, same energy as he had and will make the same mistakes - let him, and he will join the Past Masters' ranks as an experienced - tested Brother who has enlarged his knowledge and skills because, he too has been involved.

FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH

The Installation Meeting of FIAT LUX Lodge of Research will be held on Saturday 20th September at King George Temple, Osbourne Road Calgary. The Installation will be at 10:30 a.m. and the regular meeting will follow at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Secretary-Treasurer N. Senn at 282-8170 if you wish to attend the banquet after the meeting.

OUR PAST GRAND MASTER

It is with almost a sense of shock that a Brother leaves the highest office in Masonry, that of Grand Master, to find that he now holds no office in the Craft. The feeling of inaction, after being almost completely immersed in Masonic activity for four years usually leaves a Past Grand Master feeling as though he is in a vacuum.

The brethren of Grande Prairie had no intention of letting our newest Past Grand Master dwell on this matter too much for they dressed him up and set him to work. He is said to cook up a pretty fair steak using a pitchfork fondue.

