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PROCLAMATION

FOLLOWING THE GOOD TRADITION SET IN OUR JURISDICTION, I HAVE PROCLAIMED NOVEMBER AS "HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY" MONTH. I AM REQUESTING THAT DURING THE MONTH ALL MASONS IN THIS JURISDICTION MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS FUND. EVERY BROTHER SHOULD GIVE AS HIS CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PERMIT. SOME WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE MORE THAN OTHERS BUT WE SHOULD ALL EXERCISE THAT GREAT ATTRIBUTE "CHARITY" AND "OUR GUIDE FOR LIVING" TO THOSE IN NEED. LAST YEAR WE GAVE OUT \$54,000.00 IN BURSARIES, WHICH INCLUDED BEQUESTS. THIS YEAR WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO GIVE \$42,000.00. A LITTLE ARITHMETIC SHOWS WHAT WE NEED FROM OUR 13,500 OR SO MASONS IN ALBERTA. THERE IS A NEED FOR THESE BURSARIES AND THE MONEY COLLECTED IS EFFECTIVELY USED. THE SUCCESS RATE OF STUDENTS ASSISTED HAS BEEN EXCELLENT SO LET US KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND IMPROVE OUR EFFORTS THIS YEAR.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Most Worshipful Brother Norman F. Oslund has proclaimed October 1986 Masonic Higher Education Bursary Month and requests all Masons in the jurisdiction to donate to this most worthy cause, which was initiated to help needy students of Alberta to attend secondary education.

Bursary month has been advanced to October this year for two reasons. One is that the Masonic year now ends on December 31, and second, to move a little further away from the Installation and Festive Season.

Those members who donated to the Fund this past year are to be congratulated for donations of \$42,094.18 which was an increase of approximately \$7,000.00 over last year. This will enable us to give approximately 48 students bursaries of \$900.00 to help with their education. However, we do not have sufficient funds to support the many other students who require assistance.

Each year the cost of education rises; first year university fees are now approximately \$1,200.00. If we were to give each student tuition fees, we would only be able to assist 37 students. This is why we desperately need your donation to help the Bursary Committee in meeting the ever increasing demand for assistance.

Brethren, I quote from the Report on the Condition of Masonry as presented by Most Worshipful Brothers W.A. Milligan and N.F. Oslund, "It is worthy to note that approximately 68 Lodge did not contribute to the Higher Education Bursary Fund in 1985-86. We as Masons owe it to those who had the foresight of recognizing the need for such a fund to assist those in need regardless of Race, colour, or Religion and to show others that Mason care. We would like to suggest that not only District Deputy Grand Masters and Masters of

Lodges, but all Masons talk this worthwhile philanthropy up and include it in their every day agenda and show the world the extended hand of Masonry."

Shortly, each member will receive a pamphlet on the rules, regulations and operation of the Fund. It is hoped that more knowledge will spark more interest among the membership. It is felt that in the past many members did not know enough about the Fund and therefore were reluctant to give. It is also noted that in some districts there is a Challenge cup for the Lodge with the highest per capita donation. It has also been noted some District Deputies pit their District against another. The Fund appreciates any effort that encourages donations to the Fund.

Each year the per capita ratio increases. We are now at about \$2.35 per member. The assistance we supply gives a good reflection on the Craft in the eyes of the general public. But, "how many of our members are free riding on the efforts of others"? In the past, this figure was 90%. This year 86% are not giving support. How about you, are you a giver or a free rider? To all those who have supported the Fund in the past "Thank-you" and please keep up your much needed and worthy support.

In conclusion Brethren I would like to leave you with a thought. Each and every one of us have been asked that age-old question, would you give if it was in your power to do so and every time it has been answered with an emphatic "Yes". Now is the time for us all to put this into practice. You are now being asked to give to a most worthy cause, the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. Please do not fail to give that emphatic "Yes", and send in you donation now.

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

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LODGE OFFICERS

In this issue of the Bulletin, the duties and responsibilities of Sponsors will be discussed. This is the final article of the series.

These people are not always officers of a Lodge but they do have serious responsibilities. When a cowan shows an interest in becoming a member of our Craft it is the responsibility of the member to make the prospective candidate aware of the kind of organization we are as well as what we are not. We are not a service club, an insurance society, a group who only deal with our own membership or extend benevolence internally. We are a fraternal organization that wishes to improve public and individual morality, provide an opportunity for men to meet and enjoy the pleasures of friendly companionship on the spirit of helpfulness and charity, guided by strict moral principles. The members are encouraged to practice a way of life that will sustain high standards in their relationships with their fellow men. In other words, the practice of Brotherhood. It is an organization which recognizes no distinction between races, creeds or social qualifications. The sponsor should supply the interested person with the brochure on the Craft obtainable through his Lodge Secretary.

When the prospective candidate states his readiness to join the Craft, the sponsor obtains from the Secretary of his Lodge the Grand Lodge letter as well as an application form, keeping in mind that the application form requires the signature of two sponsors who actually know the candidate personally. It is the sponsors responsibility to see that the candidate clearly understands and signs the Grand Lodge letter which permits the Craft to investigate the person wishing to join before having him complete the application form.

The sponsors must see that the candidate they have supported gets to Lodge on each occasion and while there, they should stay with him at all times except when he is under the control of a Deacon or other Lodge Officer. At the time of

his initiation the sponsor must impress upon the candidate the solemnity of the ceremony and that there will be no horse-play of any kind whatsoever. A sponsor must be prepared to act as a coach and to explain the mode of preparation experienced by the candidate the meaning of certain phrases in the ritual work as well as the actual teachings of each degree. This is not an easy task and requires a great deal of thought and effort on the part of the sponsors. The "Little Brown Book" may help any sponsor in his explanations.

In order to maintain the interest of a newly raised member the sponsors should advise him of "work" he could do and help him learn it. The sponsors should encourage the new member to visit other Lodges and accompany him on such visitations. The sponsors should guide and help educate a candidate and new member for at least a year in order to stimulate his interest and get him into the habit of attending Lodge on a regular basis. The responsibilities and duties of a sponsor are many and onerous but can improve the future of our Craft if properly attended to. If anyone signs a membership application form as a sponsor he must be prepared to follow through and fulfill the duties and responsibilities expected of him.

CELEBRATION YEAR

The Centenary of the Premier Research Lodge of the World, Quatuor Coronati Lodge NO. 2076 occurs in 1986. The Centenary Celebration meeting was held at Great Queen Street in Freemasons' Hall on May 8th, 1986. We congratulate the Worshipful Master and members of "Q.C.", as it is affectionately called, on their past successes and their future endeavors. Alberta Masons wishing to become corresponding members should contact one of the Alberta membership chairman. M.W. Bro. A.O. Aspeslet looks after the South while R.W.Bro. R.C.T. Hayes deals with the North.

KLONDYKE LODGE

Another successful Klondyke Lodge was held in Edmonton on July 23rd, 1986. This year the event was sponsored by Empire Lodge No. 63. The Lodge was honoured with an official visit of the M.W. the Grand Master, Norman F. Oslund who was accompanied by an extremely large number of Grand Lodge officers. Among the visitors from outside the jurisdiction were representatives from Wales, Scotland and California. Next year the Klondyke Lodge will be sponsored by Edmonton Lodge No. 7.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Banff Conference Proceedings are now with your Lodge Secretary. These are invaluable papers for the stimulation of Masonic discussion and are very good reading for the individual Mason. Make a point of reading the Lodge copy or obtaining your own copy through the Grand Lodge Office for the cost of \$5.00.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The Editor of the Bulletin works with a group of dedicated Masons who contribute regularly to the content of the Bulletin. These Brethren for 1986-87, are our Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. A. Aylesworth, W.Bro. Dick Reynolds, R.W.Bro. Ken Lawrence, Bro. Trevor Morris, and M.W.Bro. Bob Costigan. Please comment to any of them about the Bulletin and you can be assured that your comments will be shared at the monthly meetings.

BURSARY RECEIPTS
1986-87

NAME	HOME TOWN	SCHOOL
Abraha, Berhane	Lethbridge	DeVry
Baker, Brenda	Edmonton	N.A.I.T.
Cameron, Joan	Edmonton	U.of A.
Clark, Gregory	Bow Island	Med.Hat Coll.
Clark, Lisa	Hussar	U.of C.
Cloppert, Laura	Streamstown	U.of A.
Connick, Derek	Calgary	U.of C.
Correia, Manuel	Calgary	U.of C.
Currie, Roberta	Irma	U.of A.
D'Souza, Kevin	Calgary	U.of C.
Dagostino, Mara	Calgary	U.of C.
Dawes, Cheryl	Calgary	U.of C.
Dickens, Candace	Dawson Creek	U.of A.
Dika, Georgia	Ryecroft	U.of C.
Elliott, Melanie	St. Albert	U.of A.
Filan, Brian	Edmonton	U.of A.
Gagnon, Christine	Innisfail	U.of A.
Gahler, Sabrina	Red Deer	U.of A.
Ganske, Charlene	Calgary	U.of C.
Gatenby, Timothy	Calgary	M.R.C.
Gordon, Heather	Didsbury	U.of C.
Gorzitza, Debra	Lethbridge	U.of L.
Gramiak, Shawn	Boyle	N.A.I.T.
Gulka, Christopher	Redwater	U.of A.
Hale, Kathryn	Silver Valley	U.of A.
Henry, Carol	Calgary	U.of C.
Hoover, Dallas Lee	Cleardale	U.of A.
Hurtubise, Christine	St. Paul	U.of A.
Jina, Mehmud	Calgary	U.of A.
Leitch, Leslie	Grimshaw	Misericordia
Lindsay, Laura-Gene	Edmonton	U.of A.
Meurs, Peter	Lethbridge	U.of L.
Parmar, Satnam	Cold Lake	U.of A.
Paulucci, Franca	Calgary	U.of C.
Poxon, Cameron	Sherwood Park	U.of A.
Ramsay, Linda	Coalhurst	U.of L.
Reid, Darcy	Vermilion	U.of C.
Sartoretto, Chris	Calgary	M.R.C.
Sasseville, Alma	Jean-Cote	U.of A.
Scott, Patricia	Didsbury	U.of A.
Sihra, Jasminder	Coaldale	U.of A.
Spackman, Robbie	Lethbridge	U.of A.
Stefanich, Laura	Calgary	S.A.I.T.
Tingley, Stan	Strathmore	U.of A.
Tocci, Candida	Calgary	U.of C.
Van EE, Gordon	Vauxhall	U.of L.
Walsh, Jane	Calgary	U.of C.
Weich, Kathleen	Edmonton	G.MacEwan
Welsh, Kevin	Lundbreck	U.of C.
White, Juli	Calgary	U.of C.
Wiens, Joanne	Didsbury	U.of A.
Zanbelt, Debbie	Scandia	U.of A.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

When is it appropriate to smoke at the Festive Board?

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The question of the month for June asked where the Officer to be Immediate Past Master would stand when the Officers are called onto the floor at the beginning of the Installation Ceremony.

First, as current W. Master he has the prerogative to install his successor and can hardly have himself called onto the floor. (p1)
Second the elected or appointed officers are called onto the floor and then the Master asks the Lodge to look at these "appointed and elected officers." (p3)
Third, the new Master, in addressing the IPM, states that the office of IPM is not in the power of the W.M. to bestow but is an earned right. We know he was not elected and the Master says he cannot appoint him. (p24)

The answer to the question is therefore: The IPM is not called onto the floor as he is neither elected nor appointed and his right to office cannot be challenged at this point in the Installation meeting.

JOINT 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Norwood Lodge No. 90, Patricia Lodge No. 91, and Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 will be joining together to celebrate their 70th Anniversary on October 18th and 19th, 1986. Following an afternoon meeting at the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, there will be a Dinner Dance on the Saturday for a cost of \$25.00. the Rededication Service will be held at the Central Masonic Temple on the Sunday followed by a Brunch (\$5.00) Family and friends are invited to the Dinner Dance at the new Ramada Inn. PLAN TO ATTEND.

WINTER OLYMPICS 1988

A Committee has been established to coordinate the activities for visiting Masons from all over the world who will attend the Winter Olympics in February of 1988. It is their intention to establish "Host Centres" and arrange for transportation and emergency accommodations. Local lodges will be encouraged to put on special meetings during the period of the Olympics to allow non-Alberta Masons to see our Masonry in action.

The Executive Committee will be seeking volunteers in various areas and if you feel you can contribute, please contact R.W.Bro. Alec Richardson at 283-0665, V.W.Bro. John Pelletier at 240-2758 or R.W.Bro. Marv Foote at 243-3405. Special note: Masons who speak languages other than English will be needed at our Host Centres and if you can help, please volunteer. More details will follow.

EARLY PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL IF WE
WISH TO PROMOTE ALBERTA MASONRY.

OLD TIMER'S RECOGNITION

At a recent meeting of Foothills Lodge No. 174 the closing charge in the A.Y.R. was given by a remarkable old-timer 94 year old R.W. Bro. J.B. Wallace. Bro. Wallace is a charter member of Foothills Lodge and a Past Master and also a member of Bassano Lodge No. 55. Bro. Wallace attends lodge quite regularly and often gives work as he knows the ritual very well.

Bro. Wallace lost one eye in WWI and has limited vision in his remaining eye which does not allow him to read but he does not let this keep him from his Masonic activities. Thank you Bro. Wallace for your inspiration of others.



PICTURE: R.W. Bro. J.B. Wallace delivering the closing charge.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Very Worshipful Bro. Jimmy Hoyle of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 on being presented with his 60 year bar. R.W. Bro. Hoyle, presently 85 years of age, is still a regular attendee at Lodge meetings. He was initiated into Edmonton Lodge in 1926, was W.M. in 1943 and became Grand Senior Deacon in 1986.

To Bro. Adam Dobbie, Organist of West Edmonton Lodge NO. 101 for over 32 years. A recent meeting was dedicated to Bro. Dobbie who delivered a paper on "Music in the Lodge" and who was then presented with a plaque in recognition of his service.

To W.Bro. G.H. Taylor of Dynamic Lodge No. 96 Holden, who was presented with his seventy year bar. W.Bro. Taylor was initiated in 1916 in Strathcona Lodge No. 77 and affiliated with Dynamic Lodge in 1920.

To Provost Lodge No. 61 on its 75th Anniversary in 1986. The celebrations were held on March 29th at Provost with the then Grand Master, M.W.Bro. W.C. Graves and other Grand Lodge officers in attendance.

To W.Bro. Cleo Sharp and W.Bro. Ted Cragg, both Past Masters of Fidelity Lodge No. 76 who were recipients of 50 year Jewels at the District Meeting of District 9 at the end of 1985.

To the Comrie family on the occasion of the Installation of Bro. Gerald R. Comrie by his Father, R.W.Bro. Clarence Comrie at Patricia Lodge No. 91 in Edmonton. Present as D. of C. was W.Bro. Gary Comrie, brother of the new Master and as a special visitor, W.Bro. Roy Comrie, Past Master of Columbia Lodge No. 1, Victoria, B.C., G.R.B.C., uncle of the newly installed Master. Four Masons in the same family all of whom are or were Past Masters is most worthy of recognition and congratulations

Brethren should notice that we are unable to use photographs for many of the worthy brethren who have received recognition for worthy service and involvement in the Craft. Lodges are reminded to include photographs in their Historic Register as these are important events in the life of the Lodge.

MAILBAG

To the Editor:

I would, as Senior Warden and upcoming Worshipful Master, like to state that I take exception to the statement in the May Bulletin, article Duties of Worshipful Master, "This office demands all of his time and thought if he is to be successful".

This statement has left me wondering whether or not I will be able to discharge my duties properly, as Worshipful Master in the upcoming year, (that is, according to the view of Grand Lodge).

I recall a charge which indicated that while my frequent attendance was required, it should not interfere with my necessary vocations, for they should not be neglected. The above statement is incompatible with that charge!

As a father, husband, businessman, lay minister, etc., I am unable to give the office of Worshipful Master all of my time or all of my thought. I am a Mason of long standing and my zeal for the Institution is unwavering. I have found Masonry to be a most valuable part of my life and I regularly participate in the life of my Lodge.

I write out of a deep concern for Freemasonry and think that the article was written with the same concern, but it was careless in the way it came out and was discouraging for me. I wonder how many other potential Worshipful Masters were struck in the same way by it?

I shall nonetheless do my utmost to be a good master because my heart is in it.

Bro. Perry Robinson, S.W., Harmony Lodge No.75

(Editors note: The articles on the Duties of the Officers of a Lodge DO NOT reflect the opinion of Grand Lodge as was stated at the beginning of the series).