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FORT EDMONTON MASONIC MUSEUM



On May 1st, 1986 the Fort Edmonton Masonic Hall located at Fort Edmonton Park in Edmonton's river valley, consisted of four bare walls, a floor and a ceiling on the second floor of an exact replica of the Masonic Hall built in downtown Edmonton in 1903.

On May 16th when the Park opened for the 1986 season, the Hall had been transformed into a living museum, as appears in the photograph below.

This intensive effort was expended largely by Bro. Ken Montgomery and Bro. Rick Manning who set up the City of Edmonton Police Museum, and by R.W.Bro. Bill Towers.

The artifacts were donated or placed on permanent loan by various lodges and individual Masons or their families. The Grand Lodge of Alberta, through the good offices of R.W.Bro. Allen Aylesworth, Grand Secretary, contributed much in the form of old certificates, portraits and other memorabilia.

The Museum is dedicated to the preservation of the history of Freemasonry in Alberta, particularly in Northern Alberta and in Edmonton, for the period from 1880 up to the year 1930 when the present, and then new, Central Masonic Temple was opened.

The building was fully manned by brethren of Edmonton Lodges, under direction of R.W.Bro.

Bill Towers, from May 16th to the October closing date.

Funds for the erection of the building were raised by the Ionic Club and the Solid Symbol Society consisting of members of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Eastgate Lodge No. 192, and Highlands Lodge No. 168. The money raised was matched, dollar for dollar, by a provincial grant.

On September 17th, 1986 The Fort Edmonton Museum Society was officially registered under the provisions of the Societies Act of Alberta as a non-profit charitable and educational society.

The officers are M.W.Bro. Ken Crockett, President Bro. Ken Montgomery, Vice President; Bro. Rick Manning, Secretary-Treasurer; and R.W.Bros. Bill Towers, Jim Forbes and Mike Gates, Directors.

Fort Edmonton Park will commence the 1987 season on Friday, May 15th, 1987. Anyone visiting the Hall and its Museum, be he a Mason or a member of the public, will be pleasantly surprised, and most heartily welcomed.

It is the intention of the Society that the building be a living Museum, with it being used for Lodge and District meetings, and by concordant bodies.

This project has indeed been Freemasonry in action!

Submitted by M.W.Bro. K. Crockett.



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RECOGNITION

R.W.Bro. C.R. Coover of Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30 Frank, received his 50 Year Jewel on March 10th. Our congratulations go to this brother and to all those who have been recognised by their lodges this month.

The first presentation of the recently (1986) authorized, "Organist's Long Service Jewel" was made to Bro. Adam Dobbie of West Edmonton Lodge No. 101 by the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. N. Oslund. Bro. Dobbie has served as Organist for the past thirty-two years and is a most worthy recipient.



M.W.Bro. N. Oslund Bro. Adam Dobbie

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The Question for the Month for February asked what is Masonic Fire. W.Bro. Stan Wheatley of Jubilee Lodge No. 173 sends the following explanation.

In Freemasonry and its Etiquette there are two references to Masonic Fire. The first is to the Tyler's Toast which is followed by clapping and giving the E.A. sign. The second is to the Secretary's toast, which is rarely heard. In this fire there are words whispered round the table of various phrases, followed by the fire which consists of a single knock on the table until it has made three complete circuits. This is then followed by three bursts of fire by banging "firing glasses" on the table three times. The last set of three bangs being very loud.

Consequently, "fire" means either clapping or knocking in a specific pattern after toasts at the Festive Board.

A further explanation can be found in Harry Carr's The Freemason at Work.

W. Bro. Bob Hall, Rockyford Lodge No. 123 submitted the following explanation.

...After the initiate's toast has been drunk, the brethren resume their seats and the 'firing' is commenced by the Master giving one knock with his gavel; the Immediate Past Master then follows with one knock with his firing glass and so on clockwise by each brother in turn round to the Master. He then gives two knocks which are repeated as before and in due course he gives three knocks which are again repeated by the brethren. At the conclusion of this round, the Director of Ceremonies usually calls 'Attention' and all the brethren simultaneously give three further knocks.

This firing used to be performed by all the brethren at the festive board but more recently it has taken place around the perimeter of the tables, i.e. down to the Junior Warden thence to the Senior Warden and back to the master, omitting the brethren at the inner table; all, however join in the final three knocks.

The glasses are never used for drinking and are fired by striking the table with their base.

In some lodges here the firing is done in a somewhat similar manner but with miniature 'heavy mauls'.

M.G. Davies,
Nottingham.

From the Transactions of Quatuor Coronati, Vol 89, 1976.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What do the letters A.F. & A.M. stand for and when were they first used?

FROM THE MAILBAG

R.W.Bro. R. Burgman of Rocky Summit No. 30, Frank, wrote "In a recent letter to the Grand Secretary, I mentioned that I was pleased to see that, as at last year's Grand Communication, the ladies are being invited and I believe that this should stimulate attendance"

EDITOR'S NOTE

This topic has caused considerable debate over the past years and now the Grand Master has directed that each lodge SHALL discuss this matter in their next meeting and report back the decision of the lodge. Be sure to attend lodge to express your opinion.

FROM THE MAILBAG CONT'D

"Just a short note to let you know that the monthly Grand Lodge Bulletin is received in our part of the Jurisdiction with a great deal of interest. It is surprising how often articles in the Bulletin are referred to at education sessions or the Festive Board.

I find the articles interesting, enlightening and often times, excellent food for thought. It is my opinion that Jurisdictions without this form of communication are missing out on that very vital Masonic component of information and idea exchanges.

Keep up the excellent work.
Bro. J. Friesen, J.W., Hinton No. 178.

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A further answer on the January Question of the Month is as follows:

With reference to the Golden Fleece, Roman Eagle, Star and Garter; the Golden Fleece is not related to the Argonautic expedition in search of the Golden Fleece, nor to the deluge, of which event the Argonautic myth is supposed to be symbolic, according to Dr. Oliver, but is a decoration of honour, which was held in high repute as an Order of Knighthood. It was established in Flanders in 1429 by the Duke of Burgundy, who selected the fleece as a badge because it was the staple product of the country. It has been considered as one of the most illustrious Orders of Europe. The Eagle was the ensign of the imperial power of Rome. The garter was the highest decoration that the monarch of England can bestow on a subject.

Thus the apron is compared with the highest honours of Rome and Modern Europe. Freemasons may have been influenced in the choice of reference to the Golden Fleece by the fact that in the Middle Ages it was one of the most important symbols of the Hermetic philosophers.

Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry
Submitted by W.Bro. R. Reynolds, Perfection No. 9

EDITOR'S QUESTION

Some years ago, there was published in the Bulletin, a set of pages, which on folding gave a small booklet with the days and time of all Lodge meetings in the jurisdiction. These pages gave meeting nights by Lodge number, by District and by day of the week. The Bulletin Committee has suggested that it is possibly time for reissuing this information with all the changes that have occurred over the past 12 years.

Do you think that this would be a useful activity?

Please send your reply to the Editor, c/o Grand Lodge.

**SUMMARIES OF NOTICE OF MOTIONS
TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

N.B. Please refer to full wording as listed in Notice calling the Annual Communication. This is now with your Lodge Secretary.

Abbreviations used.

- Board - Board of General Purposes
- Bursary - Masonic Higher Education Bursary
- A.C. - Annual Communication
- G.L. - Grand Lodge.

- Bowmont No. 181 wish the Committee on the Work to produce an installation ceremony suitable for public attendance.

**THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE G.L. OFFICE.**

- A1 Section 81 be amended to establish cost recovery of items and services from the G.L. office.

- A2 Section 86 be amended to increase late filing fees from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per day. Post mark to be evidence of mailing date.

- A3 Section 412 be amended to charge actual cost of services up to 2% of the total Benevolent Fund.

Amendment A26 3b) seeks to increase the amount to 5% of cash investments of Benevolent Fund.

- A4 Section 455(3) be amended to cover printing costs of the Bursary Fund, not exceeding 15% of annual donations.

Section 457 be added giving the Bursary Committee authority to have necessary printing done up to 15% of income.

- A5 Section 325 amended to meet requirements of new fiscal year end (Dec 31st) which overlaps A.C.'s. The Budget Projection will be for year commencing Jan. 1st after A.C. The budget will include staff costs which will be approved by the Board and are excluded from changes at A.C. Input on budget will be sought from Lodges prior to A.C. If A.C. rejects all or part of budget, the Board will approve revised version.

The Finance Committee will give, at A.C., the current status of actual income and expenditures against previously approved budget. Extra budgetary expenditures will require Finance Committee approval and a report to the Board.

- A6 Section 73 amended to expand the duties of the Grand Registrar to include being the recording secretary of the A.C. and the Board.

- A7 Section 23 amended to clarify the accountability and reporting route of the Grand Secretary. This section also includes his membership on all Boards and Committees as a resource person and his not acting as a recording Secretary except in special circumstances.

- A8 A new section 55 to be inserted clarifying the role of the Grand Secretary as the Administrative Officer of the Grand Lodge and his authority, within budget, to control the paid employees of G.L.
- The old section 55 amended to show electronic recording of transactions rather than being written, and their provision to the Grand Registrar to assist with minutes.
- A9 Section 326 amended to remove positions transferred in A8 above.

Proposal C4 of last year was referred to a Special Committee. The Committee has revised the pattern radically to allow easier voting; sections are less dependent on each other. There are five major groupings. Changes to section numbering will result.

- A10 allowing Master Masons to vote at District meetings
- A11 the establishment of District Wardens
- A12 the establishment of District Representatives to the Board
- A15 the establishment of a Grand Advisory Council
- A16 The modification of the Board to include District Representatives and to include only the five most recent Past Grand Masters.

In addition the following changes are proposed:

- A13 The DDGM would be required to give written reports on a number of his responsibilities. He would also require the District Financial Report to be presented at the District Meeting. The method of proposing a District levy is added. There is clarification of a number of duties of the DDGM.
- A14 The sections on the District Meetings amended to: include Master Masons, modify the nominations form, outline methods of adding nominees, state when acclamation is appropriate

(Proposal A17 proposes that if there is only one nominee for any position he may be acclaimed. (This would change existing requirements of at least two nominees for DDGM.)

(Proposal A18 recommends one ballot per Master Mason present with no multiple votes allowed for anyone.) Proposes election based on highest number of votes with second ballot only if a tie results.

- A16b Section 305 amended to increase Board meetings from three to four.

THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

- A19 Section 20 amended to allow balloting to commence one hour prior to the A.C.
- A20 Section 612 amended to allow a lodge to omit the reading of outdated materials received.
- A21 A new Section 27 to specify the succession line of the Senior G.L. Officers in case of vacancy in office.
- A22 Sections 802-851 the wording of many of the trial sections are amended for clarity and to remove conflicts. The intent and actions remain the same.
- A23 See A7

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FROM LODGES

Edmonton Lodge No. 7

- A24 Section 506 amended to allow elections on a date specified by a lodge in its By-Laws.
- A25 Section 511 amended to allow installation to be on the anniversary of the Institution or Consecration, or the next regular meeting after such dates.

Hussar Lodge No. 130

- A26(a) Section 81. Similar to proposal A1 but with a \$25.00 maximum cost per item.
- (b) Section 82 amended to allow an annual vote on the per capita fee without Notice of Motion. This to be voted on prior to budget presentation. The budget to be break-even or surplus based on income established.
- (2) If 26(b) not passed, the per capita fee be changed to \$13.00 total assessment.
- 1(c) Section 83 amended to have fees and dues paid in advance. A method of change over is included.
- (3a) Section 404 amended to give the Board of Benevolence exclusive control of the Benevolent Fund (Capital and Income).
- (3b) See proposal A3
- (3c) Section 413 amended to have expenses taken from Benevolent Fund (Housekeeping)

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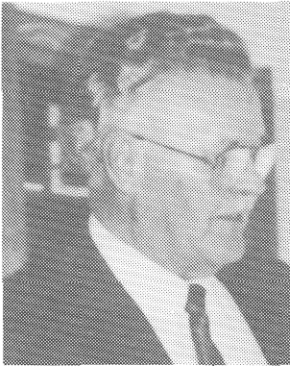
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Research No. 1980, Residence - Edmonton.

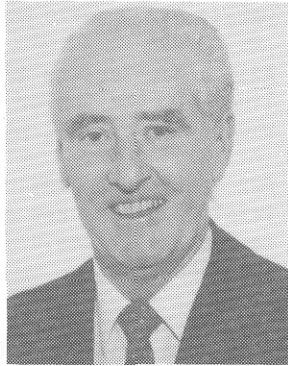
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER - R.W.Bro. David Alexander Bruce: Crescent Lodge No. 87, Calgary

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN - R.W.Bro. Stanley Erwin Mottershead: Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92,
Edmonton

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN NOMINEES



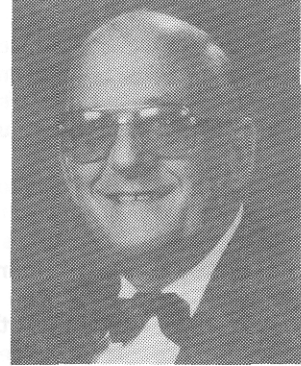
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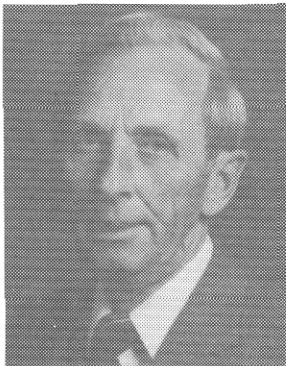
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R.W. Bro. Frederick Ernest Grout



R.W. Bro. Ronald Ernest Hull



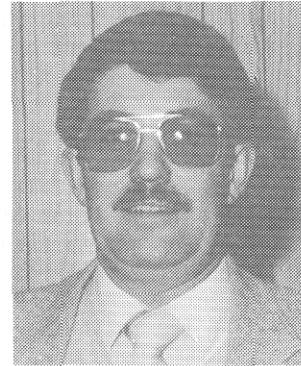
R.W. Bro. Edward Hunter



R.W. Bro. Donald Ryan Millar



R.W. Bro. Gordon Loyst Percy



V.W. Bro. Calvin Douglas Shaver

R.W. Bro. Melvin Percy Dunford: Born Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, February 13th, 1924. Initiated Summit Lodge No. 30 (September 7, 1951), Affiliated Zetland Lodge No. 83 (November 2nd, 1978), W.M. 1959, Grand Pursuivant 1965/66, Honorary Life Membership in Rocky-Summit (October 10th, 1972) and Zetland (October 1st, 1984). Was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1971-83. Served on all Boards and Committees. Married to Joanne.

R.W. Bro. Ronald Edward Gordon: Born Montreal, Quebec, October 12th, 1931. Initiated Edmonton Lodge No. 7 (September 22nd, 1964), W.M. 1980, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 1985/86, Member of Board of General Purposes 1986/87. Chairman of the Edmonton '87 Committee. Member of A.A.S.R. - Valley of Edmonton and Al Shama Shrine Temple. Past President of Edmonton Burns Club. Past President of Northern Alberta Transportation Club. Married to Maxine. Retired from Air Canada.

R.W. Bro. Frederick Ernest Grout: Born Calgary, Alberta, June 28th, 1923. Initiated Mizpah Lodge No. 35 (April 15th, 1947), Affiliated Corinthian

Lodge No. 22 (September 1979) W.M. 1980, Demitted Mizpah Lodge No. 35 (November 1981), D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 1983/84, Member Scottish Rite Bodies, Member Al Azhar Temple. Was self-employed with three Paint Stores, a Wholesale Distributorship and a Hobby Store. Retired in 1966 but remains active in business ventures. Has been active in J.C.s, Lions, Legion, Elks and Chamber of Commerce. Married to Doris for 12 years, has 3 Children.

R.W. Bro. Ronald Ernest Hull: Born Weymouth, England, April 27, 1918. Initiated in Loyal Manor No. 6445, UGLE (April 1970), was an officer in all Concordant bodies. Affiliated Zetland No 83 (Sept 6, 1979), WM 1981, DDGM of District No. 6 1985/86 Affiliated Kelvingrove No. 187 (April 9, 1986), Demitted Zetland (Sept. 4, 1986). Served in the Royal Navy in WW II demobbed as Lt. Comm. RNVR, owned and operated a real estate company in Eng., served on the National Council of Professional Society for 6 years until 1976 and then emigrated to Canada. Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers. Freeman of the City of London, England. Affiliated to Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Chapters. Retired in 1986. Married to Jean.

R.W.Bro. Edward Hunter: Born Glasgow, Scotland, May 20th, 1919. Initiated Edson Lodge No. 68, Affiliated Ashlar Lodge No. 28 (February 10th, 1977), W.M. 1980/81, D.D.G.M of District No. 1 1983/84, Honorary Life Membership in Bow River Lodge No. 1 (September 4, 1985). Member of Jurisprudence Committee. Member of Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee 1986/87. Married to Helen.

R.W.Bro. Donald Ryan Millar: Born Edmonton, Alberta November 20, 1928. Initiated Temple Lodge No. 167 (January 28 1955), W.M. 1966, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 1972/73, Member Board of General Purposes 1972-74, 77-79, Member of Finance Committee 1977-79, Appointed Representative of Grand Lodge of Nevada 1973, Member Jurisprudence Committee 1986/87. Member of Concordant Bodies, Lodge of Perfection (Edmonton 1958), T.P.G.M 1978/79, Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix (Edmonton 1958), Most Wise Sovereign (Mizpah Chapter 1969/70), Alberta Consistory (Edmonton 1959), Coronetted Honorary Inspector General 33 1983, Founding and Charter Member - Al Shamal Temple AAONMS 1985, Temple Chaplain 1987, Captain Arab Patrol 1978, Elected to Royal Order of Scotland 1986. Past President Hazeldean Home and School Association. Past Chairman Metropolitan Division United Way. Founder and Owner of Spartan Press 1972. Member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Served as Licensed Lay Reader, Treasurer, Warden and Synod Delegate - 27 years. Elected to General Synod of Anglican Church of Canada, 1983-86. Member Board of Anglican Book Centre 1983-86. Vice Chairman - Board of Trinity Hall Senior Citizens Residence from 1978. Married to Evelyn and has three sons and one daughter; four grandsons.

R.W.Bro. Gordon Loyst Percy: Born Grande Prairie Alberta, October 26th, 1927. Initiated Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 (May 2, 1957), W.M. 1962/63, D.D.G.M. of District No. 13 1971/72, Grand Director of Ceremonies 1985/86. Chairman Grand Lodge Committee for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at Grande Prairie in June 1986. President and General Manager CFGP Radio. Fourteen years Militia service with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Retired as Company Commander of "D" Company, rank of Captain. Past President of the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Member, Elder and Trustee of St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie. Chairman and Trustee of Grande Prairie School District #2357. Married to Irene and has one daughter and two sons.

V.W.Bro. Calvin Douglas Shaver: Born Edmonton, Alberta, December 18th, 1950. Initiated in Westlock Lodge No. 114 (January 11th, 1973), Affiliated Mosaic Lodge No. 176 (April 4th, 1978), W.M. 1983/84, Member of Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee 1983/84, Senior Grand Deacon 1985/86, General Chairman of the Masonic Spring Workshop 1986, Member of Finance Committee and Board of General Purposes 1986/87. Active in various Concordant Bodies. Other activities include, Rotary Club International - Treasurer, Chamber of Commerce, Royal Canadian Legion, Navy League of Canada - Director. Manager, Commercial Banking. Married to Mary and has two teen age sons.

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