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ALTHOUGH EVERY MONTH IS BURSARY MONTH THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROBERT E. JUTHNER HAS PROCLAIMED OCTOBER 1987 AS A TIME WHEN ALL MASON SHOULD ESPECIALLY CONSIDER OUR SINGULAR CHARITY; THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND AND REQUESTS ALL MASONS OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION TO DONATE TO THIS MOST WORTHY CAUSE.

Brethren, while October is Proclaimed Higher Education Bursary Month donations can be made any time of the year. The envelopes supplied for your convenience have a box which must be marked if you require a receipt for income tax purposes. The staff of Grand Lodge Office will not send out a receipt if the box is not marked.

A vote of thanks goes out to M.W.Bro. Norman F. Oslund and all Grand Lodge Officers for the Publicity given to the fund during the past year. Without their help the fund would probably have suffered because advertizing is the life line of any charity. Therefor, any mention of the fund at lodge meetings, District meeting, and of course Grand Lodge helps to bring the attention of the fund to the members.

Member donations for the year 1986 amounted to \$36,000 which would appear to be about 6000.00 less than the previous year. However, with the change of the Grand Lodge financial year to Dec. 31, I think that that amount in three months was admirable. Since December we have received some donations which will be included in this year. The committee thanks all those who donated and asks you to continue your support.

The Bursary Fund was able to give 52 bursaries for the school year 1986-87. For the school year 1987-88 the fund is giving 50 bursaries of \$900.00. This is being accomplished by cashing in a \$10,000 bond which the committee felt should be used to maintain the level of bursaries given in the last few years.

Brethren, the fund now has to rely on the donations we receive this year. That is all the money we will be able to give. The Committee therefore, hopes the donations will be at least \$46,000 in order to maintain our present standard.

This year your Committee asked the Grand Master for permission to present a Bursary to one student at Grand Lodge Communication. The presentation was made at the dinner on Friday night. The receipt, with her parents, was in attendance at the head table.

The young lady Miss Geraldine Marie Kupfer exemplified to those in attendance just what the bursary fund is trying to accomplish. To give assistance to needy student. What a charming lady she was and I believe a great ambassador for the bursary fund.

I was surprised when after the dinner two or three of the ladies present came up to me and said they had never heard of the fund. I think some of our members are extremely reticent in telling their wives about any of the funds of Grand Lodge. Wives should know about such things as the Benevolent Fund and Higher Education Fund. Maybe a child of a Mason requires help to attend university, and these are the funds that can help.

This year lodge, Districts and District Deputy Grand Masters are going to be given the duty of presenting cheques to the bursary recipients in their area. Again this should bring to the membership the importance of every bodies donation to the Higher Education Bursary Fund.

Every year I have tried to impress upon the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to donate. Many do and without their donation we would be unable to assist many needy students. There are many our there who have not donated. Please look into your heart and think of some child you know who may not be able to further their education because of a lack of funds. Do you want this on your conscience when with very little effort on your part you can put a 5,10,20, or 50 dollar bill in an envelope and send your donation to your lodge secretary or the Grand Secretary. Brethren, please donate and do it today. We need your help to help others.

L.D. Jeater, Chairman, Higher Education Bursary Fund.

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**"AND IF THESE MEETINGS ARE
BLENDED WITH SOCIAL MIRTH"**

Some lodges wish to have more of the above noted component as it is a requirement stated within the General Charge. There are numerous ways of obtaining this acceptable condition and here is a report of one method.

Lodge 124 1/2

The social club "124 1/2" developed over a period of time. It was started in 1982, by a group of ardent members of Concord Lodge No. 124. These brethren highly prized friendship, social mirth and a cup of coffee. In the early days the meetings were fondly and humourously referred to as "The Clandestine Lodge" as it had no charter, no name and no money.

During the term of Bro. Lang Sloan as Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge, Masons from other lodges became interested and began to gather with the group. After about a year the participants recognized it as a worthy and worthwhile institution and it was decided that a name should be chosen. The final choice was really a number - "124 1/2". Meeting days were established as Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the Calgary Coop #1 Cafeteria. Many Masons attend regularly for an hour of fellowship and conversation. Others are invited to come and share in the Masonic discussions. There are no dues, just the requirement to buy a cup of tea or coffee and join the group. There are even charter member of this worthy group in the persons of Bros. Brian Evans, Alex Richardson, Jim Colvin, Mike Ross, Lang Sloan and Dave Rubin.

The information on this special group was received by the Bulletin from Bro. Sorenson, on the formal stationary of the organization (paper table napkins generously donated by the Calgary Coop.)

If your Lodge members have meetings outside the regular Festive Board, why not inform the Bulletin. Others may be interested in starting such meetings to develop even stronger friendships.

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last.

Joseph Fort Newton

DID WE FORGET

"The part which he... played in organizing the first Masonic lodge in Calgary will never be forgotten as long as Freemasonry exists on Calgary.." (Calgary Albertan, February 3, 1910).*

On May 13th, 1883, amid rain and snow, this Scotsman from New Brunswick arrived in Calgary on the west side of the Elbow River within earshot of the Fort. He borrowed a tent from the NWMP until he built the first frame building in Calgary just three days later. This was to be his harness making shop. He put his name in the window thus having the first advertizing sign in Calgary. He purchased a lot on the "...east side of the Elbow River, south side of the lower trail..." (approximately where Frenchy's Sporting Goods is today), and had Mr. J. Rivet build him a log shack, into which he moved on July 29. He had this shack photographed with himself and two friends, McArthur and J. Grue on September 3. This photo is frequently seen.

On Friday, August 24, 1883, the first Calgary gathering of "Masons met in the shack and adjourned." On September 14, thirteen masons met and arranged the preliminaries to form a Lodge. On October 12, November 9 and 13, more meetings were held to pledge funds, rent a hall, name the Lodge and choose the officers.

From November 29, 1883 W.Bro. George Murdoch* of Hibernia Lodge No. 3, G.R.N.B., who became Calgary's first mayor, was kept busy arranging for the furnishings in this first Masonic Lodge Hall. The location was upstairs over McKelvie and Graves Store on First Street E. and Stephen Avenue. The first Masonic Lodge meeting was held on Monday, January 28th, 1884 according to Murdoch's diary.

Such was the beginning of what was then Bow River No. 28, G.R.Manitoba, and the present Bow River No. 1, G.R.A. and such was Bro. George Murdoch's part in its organization.

Submitted by Bro. Don Jackson, King George No. 59



McKelvie and Graves Store on the Bald Prairie

TERMS USED INCORRECTLY

The lodge which you attend is a CRAFT lodge and not a blue lodge. The latter term is descriptive of some of the rooms in which we meet and not of the lodge as a whole.

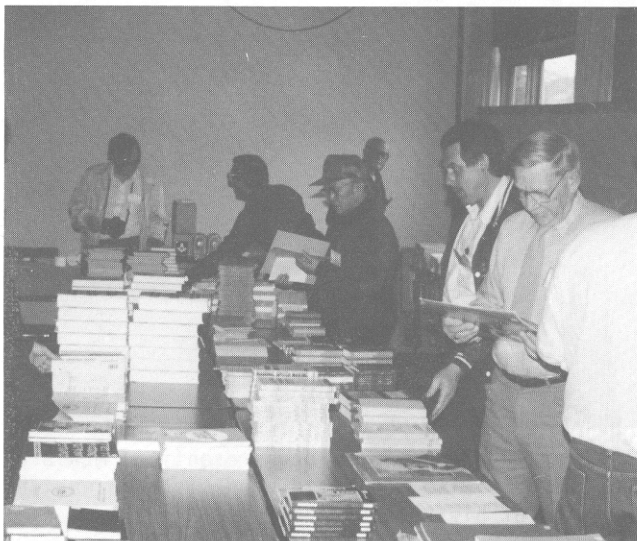
Bro. Tom or W.Bro. Fred are incorrect forms of address in a lodge or at a formal festive board. The correct use is Bro. Smith or W.Bro. Jones. Bro. Tom Smith or Bro. Fred Jones is totally acceptable alternative.

R.W.Bro. Director of Ceremonies or W.Bro. Secretary are incorrect forms of address as the office cannot have a title. The correct form is Bro. Director of Ceremonies or Bro. Secretary. If the title is to be included it is added after the office, Bro. Secretary, W.Bro. Smith.

HIDDEN FACETS

The Masonic Spring Workshop has many facets of interest to Masons. There are those who attend for the inspiring theme addresses, those who attend for the stimulating discussions, and those who attend for the wonderful fraternal relationships made and renewed. There is one facet however that is not the cause of anyone attending, but how strongly it attracts those who do attend. This subtle facet is the "bookstore" which operates in the background by just making itself available to those who wish to use it. From the very high percentage of Workshop participants who visit the "Bookstore" at some time over the weekend it obviously meets an important need of Masons. The need to expand and enrich oneself through the writings of Masonic scholars is clearly a high priority with those who visit Banff.

Although most of the books are available at any time through the Grand Lodge Office, those who attend Banff enjoy handling the books and discussing their merits with those who man the area.



The "Bookstore" during a quiet period in 1987

RULINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

The recently published "Rulings of the Committee on the Work" is now in the hands of all lodge secretaries.

This is an invaluable source for practical Masonic education when used by the lodge education committee. There is much valuable information and it can resolve many areas of dispute, such as, "How does an officer salute when carrying a wand?". The answer that he doesn't, is found on page 4, item 15.

No good source of education should be overlooked and this is one of the most authoritative in Alberta.

FROM AFAR

Professions of brotherhood in a Masonic Lodge are of no more use than professions of religion in Church - unless they are acted upon. It is in our associations, in our deeds, in our words and in our conduct in the world at large that the worth of our Masonry is to be judged and it is the purpose of Freemasonry to create in the world a band of men to whom others might look for example and inspiration - men whom others will say are men of honor, virtue and charitable feelings.

W.H. Moran.
Indiana Freemason.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An opinion on the question raised in "Comment" in the June Issue.

"The Most Worshipful The Grand Master" or "The Most Worshipful Grand Master"? That is the question. In my view, the terms are equally erroneous.

"Most Worshipful" (or "Worshipful" in the case of Master of a Lodge) is a designation conferred upon a brother of the Craft to indicate his status as (Grand) Master, and should therefore be used only in conjunction with his name. Since "Most Worshipful" and "Grand Master" are synonymous terms, to use them in conjunction is a redundancy. I would suggest the correct reference would be "Most Worshipful Bro. _____, Grand Master of _____" in the event of introduction, with subsequent reference either to "M.W.Bro. _____" or to the Grand Master.

There is one other point I would raise. Following the line of reasoning presented in the June Bulletin, since no one refers to the Worshipful Lodges, why do we find it necessary to refer to The Most Worshipful (The) Grand Lodge?

Bro. Fred Allan, P.M.
Lodge Riddrie, Glasgow, No. 1340 (G.L.S.)
St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118, G.R.A.

THE GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

"Brotherly Love Exemplified - The Freemason As A Role Model"

How do we go about exemplifying the Brotherly Love we have for all mankind? A good start would be to practise daily what the degrees of Freemasonry have taught us, and not to limit ourselves to exerting an influence for the better on our personal acquaintances only, but to reach out far and wide, even transcending our political borders and the boundaries set to us by nature in the physical environment of the continents. We must practise Brotherly Love in the context of the universality of the Craft!

These are lofty aims, but not all of our work in the sense of acting as role models is to be directed to the outside world - much has to be done within our own membership. It ought to be unthinkable that one Brother would speak about another in derogatory terms. One who has absorbed the teachings contained in the Five Points of Fellowship can only defend his Brother's good name in his absence as he would in his presence, or, in the words of one of the most meaningful charges of one of our rituals: "Remember you have promised to remind him in the most tender manner of his failings, to aid his reformation, and to vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced." It is, therefore, incumbent upon us "... to suggest in his behalf the most candid and favourable circumstances (and to) let the world see how Masons love one another."

What is being advocated in all this should not be misinterpreted. It is not meant to rubberstamp another Brother's actions merely on the grounds of his being a so-called Brother. Let us have constructive criticism, but let it be offered in the only acceptable way, to that person's face. Also, Brotherly Love shall not be misinterpreted as "buddy-buddyism" or lead to the forming of cliques, but shall be understood as that refreshing kind of human association as it should also exist between husband and wife, that which has been called "being of one heart and one mind." Is not that truly "Brotherly"?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert Juthner
Grand Master.

ANSWER TO JUNE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The June Question of the Month asked how a lodge can suspend its bylaws to carry out actions which are contrary to those bylaws.

This is simply answered by quoting Section 253 of the Constitution:

"A lodge shall not suspend any of its bylaws at any time."

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

When giving Grand Honours to a visiting dignitary, how many times does one stamp and with what foot?

RECOGNITION

FIVE LODGES HONOUR PAST GRAND MASTER

Brethren from five Edmonton Lodge gathered at Acacia Hall, on May 13th to honour M.W.Bro. Sam Hardin on his 90th birthday.

M.W.Bro. Hardin is a member of Acacia, Avon Glen, Balmoral, Eastgate, and Greisbach Lodges, whose members banded together to organise a party, following Greisbach's regular meeting.

Present for the celebration were the 1986-87 Grand Master M.W.Bro. Norman F. Oslund; Deputy Grand Master R.W.Bro. Robert E. Juthner; Grand Secretary R.W.Bro. A.F. Aylesworth and numerous other Grand Lodge officers past and present.

The Grand Master and the Grand Master of Ceremonies, M.W.Bro. Gordon Armstrong both paid tribute to M.W.Bro. Hardin and the example he has set for many Freemasons. They led the brethren in wishing him a Happy Birthday and hoped that they would all be present on his 100th.

M.W.Bro. Armstrong presented M.W.Bro. Hardin with a wood inlaid picture of Lake Louise as a token of the Brethren's good wishes. In a characteristically humorous reply, M.W.Bro. Hardin outlined his philosophy for growing old: "It is a case of mind over matter - it doesn't matter if you don't mind"

Submitted by Michael K. Smith W.M.
Greisbach No. 191.



M.W.Bro. Gordon Armstrong presenting M.W.Bro. Sam Hardin with an inlaid wood picture on the occasion of his 90th Birthday.