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SEEN ON A PLAQUE IN LODGE CLINTON NO. 1244, G.R. SCOTLAND, AT SANDHAVEN, ADERDEENSHIRE

Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt
And took an obligation.
Tonight I'm closer to my God
And I'm a Mason.

Tho' heretofore my fellow men
Seemed each one like the other.
Today I search each one apart,
I'm looking for "My Brother".

And as I feel his friendly grip
It fills by heart with pride.
I know that I'm on the square
And he is on my side.

His footsteps on my errand go,
If I should such require.
His prayers will plead on my behalf
If I should so desire.

My words are soft within his breast,
As though within my own,
His hand forever on my back
To help me safely home.

Good council whispers in my ear,
And warns of any danger,
My square and compass brother now
Who once would call me stranger.

I might have lived a moral life
And risen to distinction
Without my Brother's helping hand,
And fellowship of Mason.

But God who knows how hard it is
To resist life's temptation,
Knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt,
And took that obligation.

Submitted by Bro. J. Cowie, Bow River No. 1

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

Honesty knows no compromise - one is either honest
or dishonest; either steals or doesn't; either
lies or tells the truth.

Harold Warp

SPECIAL RECOGNITION EVENING

On Saturday February 20th, 1988 there was the presentation of 50 year Jewels to two members of Concord Lodge No. 124. This was an auspicious occasion in its own way, because the recipients had a very special relationship between themselves and one other member present at the meeting. The two brethren receiving Jewels were V.W.Bro. Roy Austin and W.Bro. Stan Knight (now resident in Vancouver). The third person present was W.Bro. Murray Lloy who was celebrating his 92nd birthday on that day. The unusual relationship was that these three had occupied the three senior officers' chairs of the lodge in 1948. R.W.Bro. Austin had been Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Lloy was his Senior Warden and W.Bro. Knight was the Junior Warden. These three esteemed brethren once again sat briefly in the chairs as they had done exactly 40 years previously.

This was a most unusual evening of celebration that allowed the brethren of Concord Lodge to pay their respects to these three Past Masters.

The brethren throughout the jurisdiction join with Concord Lodge in congratulating these three brethren.

COMMITTEE ON THE WORK RULINGS

All lodges in the Jurisdiction have received a copy of the up-to-date rulings from the committee on the Work. These have been in the hands of the Secretaries for some months. There is another opportunity for every brother to review these rulings as they are now published at the back of the new Constitution of Grand Lodge (Printed February 1988).

The new Constitution, obtainable through your Lodge Secretary at a cost of \$6.50, is completely current and with the Rulings, becomes even more valuable to every brother in the Jurisdiction.

While the Rulings can form the basis of lodge education programs, it is most important that they be understood by every Director of Ceremonies for he shares with the Master the responsibility for the accuracy of the ritualistic work of the lodge.

The creation of a period within a lodge meeting where the Rulings can be reviewed would be most valuable time spent.

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ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The Question of the Month for March asked "Can an elected lodge officer be voted out of office by his lodge?"

The answer is that if that elected officer is the Tyler, he may be removed for cause at any time by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

No other elected officer can be removed by this simple expedient.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

From what were the Pillars of King Solomon's Temple said to be made, brass or bronze?

**GRANDE PRAIRIE LODGE NO. 105
RECEIVES 100 YEAR OLD PILLARS**

On the 13th of May, W.Bro. Mack Prentiss presented Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 with a set of very ancient pillars, possibly the oldest set in Alberta.

These pillars were originally purchased by San Miguel Lodge No. 285, F. & A.M., San Miguel, California (about 50 miles north of Los Angeles). The lodge minutes of May 22, 1887 state that they paid \$10.98 for freight on the same as well as \$3.55 for a telephone call concerning the pillars.

This lodge operated from 1887 to 1968. It then amalgamated with Paso Robles Lodge No. 286, F. & A.M., Paso Robles, California. At this time the pillars became surplus and stood in the ante-room of Paso Robles Lodge.



The pillars are shown standing in their new location with W. Bro. Mack Prentiss on the left and Bro. Gordon Fee, Worshipful Master of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, on the right.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

GRAND MASTER 1988/89

M.W.Bro. David A. Bruce

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 1988/89

R.W.Bro. Stanley E. Mottershead

NOMINATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1988/89

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN 1988/89

One to be Elected



Ronald Ernest Hull
Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187

Donald Ryan Millar
Temple Lodge No. 167

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 Lodge No. 83 (Sept. 6, 1979), W.M. 1981, DDGM of District No. 6 85/86, Affiliated Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187 (April 9, 1986), Demitted Zetland (Sept. 4, 1986). Served in the Royal Navy in WW II as Lt Comm. RNVR, owned and operated a real estate company in England, 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 Strainers, Freeman of the City of London, England. Affiliated with Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Chapters. Retired in 1986. Married to Jean.

R.W.Bro. Donald Ryan Millar: Born Edmonton, Alberta, November 20, 1928. Initiated Temple Lodge No. 167 (Jan. 28, 1955), WM 1966, DDGM of District No. 3 72/73, Member of Board of General Purposes 72-74/77-79, Member of Finance Committee 1977-79, Appointed Rep. of G.L. of Nevada 1973, Member of Jurisprudence 86/87, Elected Junior Grand Master 87/88, Member of Concordant Bodies, Lodge of Perfection - Edmonton 1958, TPGM Lodge of Perfection 78/79, Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix, Edmonton 1958, Most Wise Sovereign Mizpah Chapter 69/70, 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, 83-86. Member of Board of Anglican Book Centre 83-86. Vice Chairman Board of Trinity Hall Senior Citizens' Residence from 1978. Married to Evelyn and has 3 sons and 1 daughter; 4 grandsons.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN 1988/89

One to be Elected



R.W.Bro. M.P. Dunford Zetland Lodge No. 83, Rocky-Summit No. 30
 R.W.Bro. R.E. Gordon Edmonton Lodge No. 7
 R.W.Bro. F.E. Grout Corinthian No. 22
 R.W.Bro. E. Hunter Ashlar Lodge No. 28
 V.W.Bro. C.D. Shaver Mosaic Lodge No. 176 Fiat Lux No. 1980

R.W.Bro. Melvin Percy Dunford: Born Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, February 13th, 1924. Initiated Summit Lodge No. 30 (September 7th, 1951), W.M. 1959, Grand Pursuivant 1965/66. Affiliated Zetland Lodge No. 83 (November 2nd, 1978), Honorary Life 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.

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 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 Shamal 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. 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). Married to Helen.

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 actively self-employed with 3 Paint Stores, a Wholesale

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. Affiliated to Fiat Lux Lodge No. 1980 (1987). 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 and Board of General Purposes 1986-88. Chairman of Finance Committee 1987-88. Active in various Concordant Bodies. Other activities include, Rotary Club International - Treasurer, Chamber of Commerce, Royal Canadian Legion, Navy League of Canada, Director, Drumheller Branch. Manager Commercial Banking. Married to Mary and has two teen-age sons.

GRAND TREASURER 1988/89

One to be elected

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| R.W.Bro. James A. Lore (60) | Acme |
| W.Bro. John McKechnie (83) | Calgary |
| R.W.Bro. Hugh Young (124) | Calgary |

GRAND REGISTRAR 1988/89

One to be Elected

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| W.Bro. Martin G. Bumstead (59) | Calgary |
| W.Bro. Donald G. MacWilliam (9 & 1980) | Calgary |

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Three to be Elected for a Two Year Term

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| R.W.Bro. W.A. Brown (118 & Daylight U.D.) | Calgary |
| M.W.Bro. R.L. Costigan (22 & 180 & 1980) | Calgary |
| W.Bro. Joseph A. Davis (193) | Edmonton |
| W.Bro. James G. Fowlie (184) | Calgary |
| V.W.Bro. F.L. (Bob) Taylor (2) | Medicine Hat |
| R.W.Bro. T.S. Walker (134) | Calgary |
| R.W.Bro. R.S. White (177) | Calgary |

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE

Two to be Elected for a Three Year Term

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| W.Bro. Martin G. Bumstead (59) | Calgary |
| W.Bro. A. Kingsley Dean (170) | Edmonton |
| W.Bro. Peter Fairbridge (168) | Edmonton |
| R.W.Bro. Leslie D. Jeater (1) | Calgary |
| R.W.Bro. Kenneth L. Larsen (36) | Standard |
| W.Bro. Douglas A. Sherris (21) | Didsbury |

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSESEight to be Elected for a Two Year Term

W.Bro. B.A. Allen (87)	Calgary
R.W.Bro. R.H.M. Burton (187)	Calgary
W.Bro. R.H. Cawley (101)	Edmonton
R.W.Bro. R.H. Connolly (175)	Edmonton
W.Bro. W.D. Hughes (15)	Wetaskiwin
R.W.Bro. L.D. Jeater (1)	Calgary
W.Bro. Dirk F.G. Kalverla (81)	Edmonton
W.Bro. D.G. MacWilliam (9 & 1980)	Calgary
R.W.Bro. D.C. Maskell (142)	Edmonton
W.Bro. J.(Jim) E. Matheson (7)	Edmonton
R.W.Bro. J.C. McCuaig (167)	Edmonton
W.Bro. W.D. Puffer (170)	Edmonton
R.W.Bro. N.J. Senn (176 & 1980)	Calgary
R.W.Bro. D.G. Simmonds (193 & 22)	Edmonton
R.W.Bro. A.(Al) Teuling (23)	Calgary
W.Bro. G.W.W. Trann (63)	Edmonton
R.W.Bro. Ernie Tyler (24 & 46)	Edmonton
R.W.Bro. M.A. Willmer (169)	Elk Point
V.W.Bro. Alfred Wong (192)	Edmonton
W.Bro. J.(Joe) Zenik (81)	Edmonton

FIAT LUX LODGE OF RESEARCH NO. 1980

The next meeting of the Research Lodge will be held at Acacia Lodge Hall in Edmonton on June 4th, 1988 at 2 p.m. The meeting will include the usual "debate" on a controversial topic, as well as other interesting papers. Should you wish to dine after the meeting, please inform the Secretary-Treasurer, R.W.Bro. Norm Senn at 282-8170.

THE BULLETIN AND THE COMPUTER

The Bulletin is now sent to the printers in "camera-ready" format. This means that the text does not have to be typeset. The procedure has been in operation for the last two years and has resulted in lowering the printing costs.

The estimated cost of producing the Bulletin with typesetting done by the printer is \$34,000. The cost using camera ready copy is less than half that cost, including the additional two sides that are included at intervals. This is just one way that the computer helps to hold down costs.

IS YOUR CHARTER DISINTEGRATING?

Star of the West Lodge No. 34, Leduc, had an old Charter that was showing signs of its age. They sought permission from Grand Lodge, and approval was granted to have their Charter refurbished.

The Glenbow Museum, 130 - 9 Avenue S.E., Calgary performed the work and charged just over \$100.00. The work was extremely delicate and the specialists at the Museum warned against trying "dry mounting".

The lodge is delighted with the results and their Charter hangs once again in its place of honour on the wall of their lodge hall.

CORRECTION

In the March edition of the Bulletin an error was made in the agenda of the Grand Lodge Communication. Please delete the reference to the noon luncheon of the Grand Master as this was a duplicate of a similar event on the Thursday evening.

THE FREEMASONS

Finally a professionally produced video tape has become available. It can be shown to those who have any interest in masonry: to potential applicants, to sons of Masonic age, to wives and to the brethren in lodge.

This thirty minute presentation is from the United Grand Lodge of England but covers broadly what each one of us wishes to tell others about the Craft. It is extremely valuable in briefly covering the history, the principles and the action of the Craft. While the portion on Charity is far beyond what is done in many Canadian jurisdictions, there is a growing trend to expand charitable activities beyond the boundaries of the Craft. This tape is highly inspirational to any who absorbed the lecture of the NE corner.

No Alberta mason should miss the opportunity of watching this video tape at least once.

The tape will become widely available in the Jurisdiction in the VHS format. This was chosen simply because it is the most frequently used format.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

Have you mentally looked at yourself in the mirror lately? Are you practising the Masonic virtues in the in the manner in which you deal with others?

Each one of us needs to review our own activities as part of "making a good man better". Do you usually presume others have ulterior motives? Do you criticize others in their absence? Do you repeat stories to others with the justification that "all should have the right to know" even if the story is based on second-hand information? Do you react to what others say without talking to them to ensure there was no misunderstanding? Do you discuss problems with an offender before reporting their fault? Do you condemn the efforts of others while not offering your own services? Do you nit-pick on issues that are trivial? Do you say one thing to a person's face and another when they have gone?

If you answered all these in the negative then you are practicing your Masonry, you are a flotation collar rather than a millstone to the Craft. If you answered "yes" to any of these, then you have some work to do to improve that Masonic virtue of Brotherly Love.

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

The Notices of Motion to be voted upon at the Grand Lodge Communication are summarized below.

Abbreviation: Grand Lodge = GL

1. Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92. (Policy)
 - a. To place a cap of \$500,000.00 on the Benevolent Fund with any excess being expended on Benevolence.
 - b. To require that Benevolent Funds be raised only by appeal to the lodges.

2. Renfrew Lodge No. 134. (Ritual)

To have the Canadian Rite Ritual changed back to allow members to remain standing during the opening and closing of a lodge.

3. Drumheller Lodge No. 146. (Policy)

To allow members of the Craft to invite appropriate men to apply for membership.

ADMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

4. Perfection Lodge No. 9. (Sects. 19, 21 and 22)

To make it a requirement that Nominees for GL Office (except the Tyler) receive 50% + 1 of all votes cast. Board and Committee members to remain the same as present. The motion establishes a mechanism for voting.

5. Calgary Lodge No. 23. (Sect 38 and NEW 100-102)
 - a. To establish the authority of GL to create special assessments.
 - b. To establish a General Capital Reserve Fund for sound and orderly future operation of GL.
 - c. To establish a \$5.00 per capita assessment over the next 10 years to build up the Reserve Fund.
 - d. To exclude the costs and fees of GL from the 3 year prohibition on resubmitting a motion to GL.

6. King George Lodge No. 59 (Sects. 501, 501(2) & 708)

To establish to office of Lodge Historian.

7. Acme Lodge No. 60. (Sect 82)

To increase the per capita fee from \$15 to \$20.
8. Hinton Lodge No. 178. (Sects. 730(4) & 730(5))

To decrease the time from 10 years to 5 years for Secretaries and Secretary-Treasurers to be eligible for Jewels.

9. Special Committee SP4. (Sects 38(2), 306 & NEW 430)

- a. To establish the membership requirements and duties of the Jurisprudence Committee.
- b. To allow the Jurisprudence Committee to present its recommendations on amendments to the Constitution directly to the Grand Communication.
- c. To establish the appointing authority for Standing Committee chairmen.

For the full text of these Notices of Motion, please see the material which has been mailed to each lodge Secretary. These Motions should be discussed in lodge to ensure your senior officers know the views of the members before casting their vote.

The three senior officers are expected to attend Grand Lodge to represent their lodge.

OLYMPIC VISITORS

The 18th February 1988, during the Winter Olympics, was one of many nights which revealed groups of Masons from outside this Jurisdiction, enthusiastically visiting Calgary Lodges. One such visitation at Zetland Lodge No. 83 is recorded in film, courtesy of W.Bro. Vic Ramsbottom.



Bro. Dr. Manfred Berger, "Zur Wahrheir", Wien,-
 Bro. Dr. Heinz Gero, "Zur Bruederlichen Harmonie", Wien,-
 Bro. John M. Epperson, St. Brain Lodge No. 23 Longmont, Colorado (lives Chicago, Ill.)
 M.W.Bro. Robert E. Juthner, Grand Master
 Bro. Wally Graham, W.M. Zetland Lodge No. 83,
 Bro. Dr. Dieter Kalt, "3 Saeulen Im Suden", Klagenfurt,-
 W. Bro. Dr. Hans Dobida, "Die Bruecke", Graz,-

LOYALTY

If you work for a man, in heaven's name work for him; speak well of him and stand by the institution he represents. Remember - an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must growl, condemn and eternally find fault, resign your position and, when you are on the outside, damn to your hearts content - but as long as you are part of the institution do not condemn it. If you do, the first high wind that comes along will blow you away, and probably you will never know why.

LET US IMPROVE THE SPEECHES
BY HERBERT B. COLLIER, VIKING

The above noted paper in the Bulletin did not bear much fruit in 1939. Perhaps the following excerpts bear repeating.

"A good speech is a tonic. Solomon expressed his appreciation by saying "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

The science of using words correctly is called rhetoric, and when these words are spoken in a pleasing and convincing manner, it may be termed oratory.

In the course of instruction the candidate is urged to become proficient in seven specified sciences, rhetoric being one of them. The ability to convey thought in a pleasing manner through public speech is a most desirable accomplishment. Even in a small gathering the man who is able to demonstrate a mastery of rhetoric is a valued member of the group giving pleasure and profit by enlightening the understanding and pleasing the imagination.

At the "Refreshment Hour", the Master has an opportunity of doing more for "rhetoric" than at any other time. Often his method is unfortunate. By calling upon a brother without a moment's warning, the element of surprise is apparent in the victim. The result is unfair to both speaker and audience. Without preparation, no one can make a speech worth listening to. Some of our best orators tell of 10 hours preparation for 10 minutes of talk and even gifted speakers have floundered hopelessly at times under the burden of the surprise attack.

With a little forethought a Master can improve the speeches at the refreshment period. Notify the prospective speakers in advance. Even five minutes warning may enable the speaker to arrange a few thoughts. But for a speech worthy of remembering, surely the listener is entitled to have the speaker make due preparation of an hour or more, though his talk may be confined to five minutes.

It would appear desirable that toastmasters refrain from the surprise feature and thereby seek to elevate the quality of the speeches. To set the limit of speaking time is permissible and usually results in more acceptable efforts.

SPECIAL EVENT

An exciting possibility is being investigated for Saturday September 17th, 1988.

Cascade Lodge No. 5 is taking the necessary steps to hold an "Open Air Mountain Lodge" at Banff. This could certainly be the "high point" of your Masonry. Why not note the date as a "possibility". Further details will follow.

PROVERB OF THE MONTH

Talking comes by nature, silence by understanding.

EGO

Extracts from "EGO" published in "The Short Talk Bulletin". Published monthly by the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

All-too-frequently we hear of Masonic leaders being on an "ego trip". Or, we hear that they are "stumbling over their own egos." Then there are such remarks as, "He turned into a 'monster' after he went into office," or "whatever happened to 'meeting on the level'?"

Those comments are not all without some foundation. There are, and have been, Masonic leaders who are carried away with their own importance. Yes, and there are some who let the title go to their heads, and who forget from whence they came.

Ego is a strange thing. We all should have a certain amount of it to demonstrate our pride in our abilities, in our accomplishments, and in our self respect. It is only when we get to the point that we tend to believe that we're better, smarter or more important than the next fellow that ego gets in our way.

Masonry has never been considered a democratic society. The Master of a lodge is not only its leader, but more importantly he is its greatest servant. As such, he has an obligation to serve his lodge and his brethren, not for his own glory and honor, but for the good of the lodge. He must be prudent in all of his words and actions, and if necessary, subjugate his own desires to those of the lodge.

Masters, though, are not the only ones whose egos have a tendency to hurt the Craft. Longfellow said, "into each life some rain must fall...." The phrase might well be reworded to "In almost every Lodge there is a nitpicker." Or so it seems. There are some of our brethren who are never satisfied. They look for an excuse to: criticize; complain; to "jaw", to sound off; to grouch; to nitpick. Their ego, as shown by their need to be heard, is frequently a thorn in the side of the Master and officers. They have a tendency to ruffle feathers.

And then there are PAST officers whose egos won't let them relinquish the gavel. Two people with their hands on the steering wheel at the same time can make it an unpleasant trip for the other passengers. If the Master is not in control of the lodge, it's an unpleasant experience for the brethren. The old expression, too many cooks spoil the broth, is equally applicable to the management of a lodge or a Grand Lodge.

Yes! An overzealous ego can and does damage our Craft. It is a by-product of poor leadership traits, which we need to identify early in our progressive lines. In many cases, ego can be tempered by "whispering words of wise counsel in the ear of an erring brother". In a 'worse-case scenario', when it is obvious that the over-blown ego cannot be controlled, it may be necessary to pass the brother over at the next election.