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ALTHOUGH EVERY MONTH IS BURSARY MONTH THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DAVID A. BRUCE HAS PROCLAIMED OCTOBER 1988 AS A TIME WHEN ALL MASONS SHOULD ESPECIALLY CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT CHARITY - THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY FUND - AND REQUESTS ALL MASONS OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION TO DONATE GENEROUSLY TO THIS MOST WORTHY CAUSE.

"Brethren it is a privilege for me to be able to spend a few moments discussing the Higher Education Bursary Fund.

Society continues to raise the level of training and academic qualifications expected of our young people entering the work force. More and more students are now pursuing post secondary education and seeking help with the ever increasing costs of this education. Many students are required to leave home to attend a post secondary facility and incur even greater costs.

This past year saw over 200 applications submitted for consideration by the Bursary Committee. Following an initial screening, 114 applicants were interviewed. In the end only 44 students were approved for bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each. This means we were only able to assist 22% of the applications received and 38% of those meeting our selection criteria.

The reason for these low percentages is because in 1987 the fund received donations from the 13,000 Masons in Alberta of only \$36,376 (1986 total was \$36,000).

Brethren, on behalf of the Higher Education Bursary Committee I would urge each Mason in our jurisdiction to consider very seriously the importance of education and our need to substantially increase our contributions to the Bursary Fund.

Charity is often referred to in Masonry and the charity of the bursary fund was very well expressed by the late R.W.Bro. The Honorable Donald M. Fleming P.C., Q.C. (Ontario) in his speech a number of years ago at Grand Lodge, "We must devote our charity widely to help others, not merely ourselves, and not merely our fellow MASONS. Masonry was never intended to be a mutual benefit society. I should like to offer you my congratulations and recommendations on the work you are doing through bursaries for higher education. This is surely a most worthy demonstration of Masonic charity."

Brethren please help to make 1988 a banner year in this most important charity."

Ray Congdon, Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Taken from the notice of Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, Edmonton

"All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It is what you do for others". Danny Thomas

COMMUNICATION

Space is not provided in this Bulletin for you to mail back a response but the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dave Bruce is, as always, seeking feedback.

If you have ideas, suggestions, comments, beefs, praise or concerns, please write a brief letter to the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge Office outlining your point and making suggestions of methods for taking action.

The Editor

THOUGHT

Hope is the strongest weapon in the spiritual arsenal of youth. Young people can be battered down again and again, and still come up with fresh possibilities to sustain them. But they are also impressionable and changeable, so their hopes can be lost.

It is vital for members of the present parental generation to keep youthful hope and idealism alive.
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EXCERPT FROM THE 1988 GRAND MASTER' ADDRESS

One year ago, I announced the theme I had chosen for my year: "BROTHERLY LOVE EXEMPLIFIED - THE FREEMASON AS A ROLE MODEL." It followed many other pertinent themes promulgated by my predecessors, and I wish that the brethren would at all times understand that such themes are not limited to be considered for one year only: they ought to be perpetuated without end and thus become embedded in our thoughts and actions.

M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner, PGM
Grand Master's Address

BENEVOLENCE

There are two areas within the Craft at the present time where you can help others. The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund annually appeals for help and of course accepts contributions at all times. The other is the Benevolent Fund which does not make regular appeals but is now in urgent need of funds as it is helping those in distress faster than those NOT in distress contribute.

Remember these two Craft charities the next time you have funds to share with others less fortunate than yourself. It is not too early also to think of supporting these funds at your death. Have you included charities within your Will? If not, a codicil is easy to add so that your success in life will be shared to some small extent by others who have not achieved in the same way.

Charity takes many forms and financial support is definitely one of them.

The Editor

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

The human brain ... is a writing slate very resistant to the chalk of experience, and one on which even the most intense and repeated data tends to be easily erased.

General Bruce C. Clarke, 33°
New Age Magazine

PROVERB OF THE MONTH

Truth may be blamed, but cannot be shamed.

You are sitting at home or may be lying ill in early November looking through your mail and you find a curt form letter stating that you will be suspended according to section 580 of the Constitution if, on the 31st day of December next thereafter, you still owe more than one year's dues. What is your reaction - distress, annoyance, puzzlement, or hurt?

The letter suggests that you have not responded to previous requests which may have been small figures on a notice, a short note in the notice or just the fact that your dues card is dated two years ago.

Perhaps there are clear reasons for your not paying. Perhaps you have been unemployed for an extended period and are too embarrassed to admit that you lack resources. Perhaps you are hospitalized, bedridden or institutionalized and unable to respond to the request. You may have no family to help. Perhaps your memory is not too good and as soon as you read even this letter you forget it and could be suspended.

Perhaps you just get mad and think: if they don't care enough to talk to me, why should I stay a member?

All these are possible situations but you will never know until you find out for sure if any of these apply to one of your members who is behind in his payments.

The answer is so simple but is not sufficiently used. Each Lodge should have a number of brethren (not just one) who visit and talk to those who are not up to date. This should be done early in the second year no later than March - why wait until it is too late.

If the brother is in difficulty financially the dues can be remitted - the cost to a lodge is small, the appreciation of the brother is great. There may be no financial problem but ill health, depression, loss of a loved one or just inability to cope can be identified and Masonic Love practised in helping the brother with every resource available to the lodge and its members.

This is what we are taught that we should do. We must create the opportunity to use our Masonic lessons and at the same time stop the loss of brethren through S.N.P.D. without a reason.

The Editor

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The members of the Bulletin Committee for '88 are:

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RECOGNITION SECTION

At the May 3rd meeting of Gleichen Lodge No. 36, Bro. Milton H. Ward was presented with Honorary Life Membership by the then Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner. At this event were Bro. Ward's two sons who were extremely proud to be present at this honour to their father.

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Bro. Charles Manville, who is 88 years old, was presented with his 60 year bar and Bro. Charles Baker, who is 89, was presented with his 50 year jewel at a special ceremony on April 6th, 1988. W.Bro. Harold Hanson, W.M. of Granite Lodge No. 127 made the presentation and congratulated these two life members of the lodge on their long involvement with Masonry.

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W.Bro. Alex Reid who now resides in Edmonton is 93 years young and was unable to attend his lodge in Irricana to receive his 50 year Jewel. To ensure things were done properly, three Past Masters of Irricana Lodge No. 137 travelled the 280 km to Edmonton to make the presentation to W.Bro. Reid and congratulate him on behalf of all his brethren.

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At the Regular Meeting of Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 on March 3rd, 1988, the brethren of the lodge joined in a celebration marking the 100th birthday of Bro. Frank Woodward.

Bro. Woodward was born in England in 1888 and emigrated to Canada. He became a Mason in Ionic Lodge No. 45, Alix in 1959. He is currently a Life Member of Lochearn Lodge No. 151.

Bro. Woodward is in excellent health for his age and attends lodge regularly. Congratulations go to this new centenarian.

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On March 10th, R.W.Bro. John Bell (Jack) Wallace received his 60 year bar from Bassano Lodge No. 55 through the hands of the Grand Master. He was initiated May 1st 1928, served as W.M. in 1946 and 1947 and DDGM of District No. 2 in 1949-50. On April 12th 1956 he was elected a life member.

It was during his term as Worshipful Master that many of the men returning home from W.W.II became members of the Craft. He initiated 22 members during his term in Office of 2 years. In 1950 he moved to Calgary where he retired. He has continued to be active in the Craft and is a regular and active member of Foothills Lodge.

Bassano Lodge No. 55 has been privileged to have R.W.Bro. Wallace in its midst and has deeply respected his guidance and leadership during the past sixty years.

60 YEAR BAR

M.W.Bro. Rev. Ed Thompson was presented with his 60 year bar on July 5th, 1988.

M.W.Bro. Thompson was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1970 and is a member of Temple Lodge No. 167. M.W.Bro. Thompson joined Masonry in Chicago while studying at university to become a United Church Minister. He was raised to a M.M. in Edmonton.

M.W.Bro. Thompson is not in good health, and received this recognition at his home from R.W.Bro. Don Millar, Senior Grand Warden. The congratulations of the brethren go to this distinguished Mason for his many years of active contributions to the Craft.

100TH ANNIVERSARY

A historical milestone was reached by the Masonic Order in the Bow Valley on May 25, 1988, when Cascade Lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary.

To mark the event (100 years to the night), a meeting was held in the Banff Masonic Hall which 61 members and visitors attended. The lodge's most senior member, Bill Warke, made a special trip from Surrey, B.C. for the occasion. He joined Cascade Lodge No. 5 A.F. and A.M., G.R.A. in 1921, being a member for 66 years.

On the evening of Friday, May 27, a reception was held in the lower lodge hall with over 100 masons and their wives present.

A special 100th anniversary meeting was held on Saturday, May 28, at the Masonic Hall with 97 Freemasons in attendance, which included the Grand Master of Alberta, Robert E. Juthner. A rededication service was conducted by the Rev. Duncan Barwise, a member of the lodge now residing in Cold Lake.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening at the Banff Springs Hotel with over 180 members, visitors and guests present. Dave Day, superintendent of Banff National Park, was the keynote speaker and entertainment was provided by the Louis Trono Orchestra.

These special events attracted Freemasons from as far afield as Florida and Victoria, and representatives from more than 40 lodges throughout Canada were recorded as being in attendance.

Cascade Lodge No. 5 held its first meeting on May 25, 1888 in the Carlin Lake Co. Building in Anthracite, but was forced to relocate to Banff in 1905, after failure of the mine and the demise of the town itself.

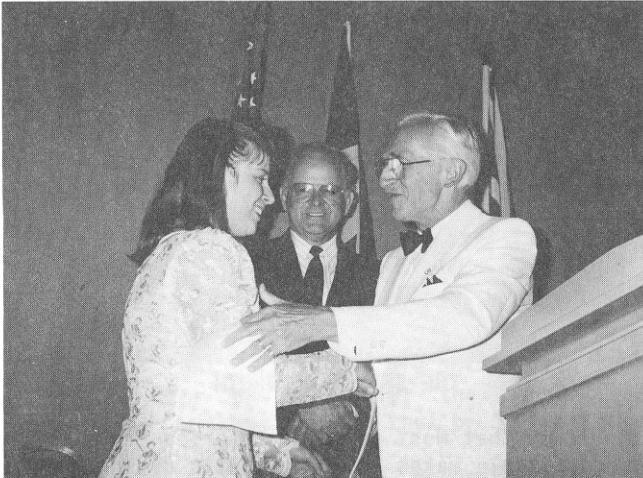
Among its earliest members was Tom Wilson, the first white man recorded as seeing Lake Louise, and Bill McCardell and his friend Frank McCabe who discovered the Lower Hot Springs.

Les Punshon, Secretary, Cascade No. 5

BURSARY RECIPIENT

At the Friday night banquet of Grand Lodge on June 6th, 1988, a student representing all Bursary recipients for this year was in attendance.

Miss Anita Hunt, accompanied by her parents and sister, was presented with a \$1000.00 Higher Education Bursary by the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner and the Chairman of the M.H.E. Bursary Committee, R.W.Bro. Gerry Gibbs.



Anita who is the Junior Princess-elect of Bethel No. 1, Calgary, International Order of Job's Daughters, thanked the members of Grand Lodge for their assistance towards her education. She noted that without such help, she and many other students would be unable to achieve their educational goals.

Anita, the daughter of Bro. Ron Hunt, a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 28, was given a standing ovation.

FROM AFAR

Bro. George Wood of Beacon Lodge No. 190 sent newspaper clips from two different North Yorkshire, England papers to show that the news from England is often very positive.

The first is an article in the Scarborough "Top Trader" dated March 24, 1988 that pictures the Secretary of the Provincial Grand Charity donating a cheque to St. Catherine's Hospice. The almost 2,000 pounds was a small part of the 550,000 pounds donation being made to 80 hospices in England and Wales over a five year period. The article then lists many other organizations which have received large contributions from the Masonic order.

The second clip from the "Scarborough Leader" dated the 10th March 1988, gives a description of the laying of the first stone of the North Shore Seawall and Promenade now known as Royal Albert Drive. This was done with full Masonic ceremony in 1886 with an estimated crowd of onlookers of 10,000 and the necessity of calling the Rifle and Artillery Volunteers to keep order. The article points out that Masonry now keeps a low profile but this was not always the case.

ITINERARY 1988/89

**M.W.Bro. David A. Bruce,
Grand Master**

07/01/88

* Confirmed by letter

NOVEMBER 1988:

- 1st * - Star of the West Lodge No. 34, Leduc
- 2nd * - West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton
- 4th - District No. 15 Annual Meeting, 4:00, Irricana
- 5th - District No. 5 Annual Meeting, 1:30, Forestburg
- 8th * - Kitchener Lodge No. 95, Rimbey
- 10th * - Lochearn Lodge No 151, Rocky Mt. House
- 12th * - Strathmore Lodge No. 53, Strathmore
- 14th * - Lamont Lodge No. 94, Lamont
- 15th * - Bowden Lodge No. 42, Bowden
- 17th - District No. 1 Annual Meeting, 5:30, Cochrane
- 18th - District No. 18 Annual Meeting, 5:30, Didsbury
- 19th - District No. 20 Annual Meeting, 1:00, Wetaskiwin
- 24th * - Ashlar Lodge No. 28, Main Temple, Calg
- 25th - District No. 14 Annual Meeting, 4:00, Craigmyle
- 26th - District No. 16 Annual Meeting, 1:00, Strathmore
- 30th - Regional M.M.'s Meeting, Calgary

DECEMBER 1988:

- 6th • - Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Red Deer
- 8th • - Carstairs Lodge No. 20, Carstairs
- 9th * - Temple Lodge No. 167, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton
- 10th * - Commercial Lodge No. 81, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton
- 20th - Crescent Lodge No. 87, Calgary (Installation)

JANUARY 1989:

- 1st - Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Levy, Edmonton
- 2nd - Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds
- 4th - Redwood Lodge No. 193, Edmonton
- 7th - Rockyford Lodge No. 123, Rockyford
- 10th - Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54, Main Temple, Calgary
- 12th - Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose
- 17th - Irricana Lodge No. 137, Irricana
- 21st - Regional M.M.'s Meeting, Edmonton
- 23rd - Beacon Lodge No. 190, Red Deer

FEBRUARY 1989:

- 1st - Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, Acacia Temple Edmonton
- 2nd - Westlock Lodge No. 114, Westlock
- 7th - Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion
- 9th - Nanton Lodge No. 17, Nanton
- 14th - King Hiram Lodge No. 21, Didsbury
- 16th - Barrhead Lodge No. 171, Barrhead
- 19th-22nd - Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Arlington, Virginia

MARCH 1989:

- 6th - Evergreen Lodge No. 166, Edmonton
- 7th - Norwood Lodge No. 90, C.M.T., Edmonton
- 9th - Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton
- 10th - Jubilee Lodge No. 173, Crescent Temple, Calgary
- 14th - Craigmyle Lodge No. 132, Craigmyle
- 17th-18th - All Canada Conference, Winnipeg
- 20th - Empire Lodge No. 63, CMT, Edmonton
- 21st - Drumheller Lodge No. 146, Drumheller

APRIL 1989:

- 1st - Regional M.M.'s Meeting, Red Deer
- 4th - Vulcan Lodge No. 74, Vulcan
- 5th - Balmoral Lodge No. 185, Edmonton
- 11th - Connaught Lodge No. 69, Viking
- 13th - Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, Wetaskiwin
- 14th-16th - Banff Spring Workshop
- 18th - Perfection Lodge No. 9, Main Temple, Calgary
- 25th - Crescent Lodge No. 87, Crescent Temple Calg. (GM's 30th Anniversary as Mason)

MAY 1989:

- 9th - Crossfield Lodge No. 48, Crossfield
- 16th - Eastgate Lodge No. 192, Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton

JUNE 1989:

- 9th-10th - Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., Medicine Hat

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is an "eavesdropper"? Is this an "old" word? What is said to be the Masonic punishment for eavesdropping?

QUESTION OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE

In an effort to find out if the Question of the Month was read, there was no Question in the June issue. Two brethren contacted the Editor to ask about this. 2 out of 13,000 is 0.0154% of the membership. A somewhat distressing statistic.

The questions resume in this issue because the brethren do talk about the questions when they are printed.

OPPORTUNITY

Kamloops Lodge No. 10, G.R.B.C and Mount St. Paul Lodge No. 109, G.R.B.C. are holding a Masonic Education Seminar at Kamloops, B.C. on Saturday, October 22, commencing at 9:00 a.m. On that occasion the keynote speaker will be the Prestonian Lecturer for 1988, W.Bro. Andrew I. Pearmain, P.G.Org., who will deliver the Prestonian Lecture entitled "Music and Freemasonry".

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION IN THE LODGE

Why is it appropriate for the applicant's name to be withheld from lodge members in cases of benevolence and charity?

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

There are many Masonic symbols visible to us in various walks of life. These symbols are usually old and have been in place for many years. There are, however, still symbols being placed on structures and one such is the square and compasses on the chimney of a cottage at Pigeon Lake. R.W.Bro. Jack Manson of Jasper Lodge No. 14 is shown beside the chimney of a stone fireplace he recently built



THE SPIRIT OF YOUTH

The fact that most youthful theories prove to be impracticable makes seasoned adults disinclined to take them seriously. Parents are forever protesting that their teenaged children won't listen to them, but they are frequently guilty of the same offence in reverse.

Older people are quick to "pull rank" in discussions with their juniors by invoking their superior experience. Experience is certainly a good teacher but, as Mark Twain advised, we must be careful to take from it only the value that is in it: "...lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again - and that is well: but also she will never sit down on a cold one any more."

It is one of life's ironies that youth puts too much stock in the possibilities of trial while age puts too much in the consequences of error. The inner voices of novices may urge them into actions which they may later regret, but the inner voices of veterans warn them, often falsely, to fear the worst.

The Spirit of Youth, New Age, April 1987

LOVE IS

- Slow to suspect -- quick to trust;
- Slow to condemn -- quick to justify;
- Slow to offend -- quick to defend;
- Slow to expose -- quick to shield;
- Slow to reprimand -- quick to forbear;
- Slow to belittle -- quick to appreciate;
- Slow to demand -- quick to give;
- Slow to provoke -- quick to conciliate;
- Slow to resent -- quick to forgive;
- Slow to hinder -- quick to help;
- For Love's baptism -- let us plead and pray!

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS

The Fraternal Relations Committee Report is always good reading and M.W.Bro. W.E. Foster has found interesting comments from many countries. Part of the Grand Master of the Philipines' address read,"

(M.W.BRO. PEDRO W. GUERZON)

Allow me to respond on my emphasis on a return to our basic commitments. This emphasis has been based on the recognition that many Master Masons do not have a thorough knowledge of the basic principles of "Freemasonry", that many have forgotten, or perhaps have not really learned, the sacred obligations of a Master Mason, that many do not understand the basic foundations and the basic lifestyle relative to Freemasonry.

Decidedly, without these principles, without these obligations, without these foundations, and without this lifestyle, we become members of just another organization.

It is different from the rest because it supports the very principles our nation was founded upon, and the very principles moral men need to continue with-- the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God-- dedicated to making the best of men-- and making them proud to be Master Masons.

Through renewed emphasis on our basic commitments, I have hoped that our Brethren come to realize that Freemasonry has greater principles and greater goals than any other fraternal organization.

Through renewed emphasis on our basic commitment, I have hoped that our Brethren will put their Masonic tenets into daily practice, so that we will have something to say to those who would attempt to undermine our foundations and shred the moral fibers that unite us.

FROM THE NOTICES

The following was found in the notice of Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, Wembley. The author is unknown but it is a delight to republish it.



Seen in the notice of Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick:

"Hi, this is your friendly computer, so far only you and I know that your membership dues are late. If you don't send in your payment soon I'll have to tell my human."

FROM THE NOTICES CONT'D

NOW

NOW is the watchword of the wise and the banner of the prudent.

NOW is the need for sober and serious analysis of the troublesome problems of the day.

NOW is the time for a Mason to meet the issue of citizenship with sane judgement, conscious of his own position in society and his responsibility to it.

NOW is the time the country needs men whose vision is clear, whose lives are clean, who dare to do right, whose enlistment is for moral and spiritual upbuilding of human character.

NOW is the only time that is really ours.

Scottish Rite Sun. Copied from, The Virginia Masonic Herald January 1937. Kitscoty No. 131

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

At the Grand Lodge communication the following statistics were presented by the Credentials Committee:

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| Number of lodges represented | 129 |
| Number of lodges U.D. | 1 |
| Number of lodges NOT represented | 28 |
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| Number of W.M.s | 106 |
| S.W.s | 64 |
| J.W.s | 47 |
| P.M.s | 447 |
| M.M.s | 30 |
| Visitors | <u>7</u> |
| Total present | 701 |
| Those present carried | 804 votes. |

TRUTH

"In these days of fear and confusion let us remember that the endless repetition of a lie or the multiplication of an empty promise does not make a truth. Truth is something more than the greatest common denominator of mass ignorance and greed. It is never determined or demonstrated by majorities or pluralities of popular error and appetite. Ultimately, with God's aid, it always emerges and finally prevails. Supreme in its power over the destiny of mankind, and terrible in its retribution for those who deny, defy, or betray it."

Virgil Jordan

THE TRAVELLING MASON

In Alberta we place great emphasis on memory work, however there is another side to this coin. When the degree team of Britannia Lodge visited Bielefeldt, W. Germany in 1985, they discovered one German-speaking Lodge in which the opening and closing ritual was read from books. When they inquired why this was so, they were informed that during the Nazi regime, when the Craft was suppressed, the memorizing of ritual was discontinued on the basis that what the brethren did not know could not be tortured out of them.

From the proceedings of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research