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IS THIS YOUR RING?

The Calgary City Police are urgently seeking information on the ring pictured below. The ring is solid gold, rotates and there are two initials on the reverse side.



If you know the owner of this ring, please contact the Grand Lodge Office at 262-1149.

ADVERTISING

The Board of General Purposes has now approved the inclusion of paid advertising within the Bulletin. The advertisements will be subject to review related to appropriateness for publication.

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THE BENEVOLENT FUND

According to its most recent report, the Benevolent Fund grants have totalled \$71,563.50 for the period January 1st - August 31st, 1988.

The anticipated income for the year to December 31st is less than \$45,000.00.

Your support is needed for of this important fund which helps those who cannot obtain help from other sources. Please send donations to the Benevolent Fund, c/o The Grand Secretary.

If you know any of these young people, or their parents, make a point of congratulating them and wish the student well in his/her studies.

Did you send in your envelope yet? Please support the deserving youth of the nation and contribute generously to this most important charity.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is "The purple of the Order" referred to in the apron lecture?

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Parallelepipedon - a variant of

Parallelepiped: a solid figure bounded by six parallelograms opposite sides being identical and parallel, also parallelepipedon - improperly parallelopipedon.
 Chambers 20th Century Dictionary.

Parallelepiped Webster's New World Dictionary
 (No reference to parallelopiped)

Dictionaries vary on this word and some give "parallelopipedon" as an alternative and this is what appears in the ritual.

Why is there any difference in this word and why does it not routinely have an "o" instead of an "e" after the third "l"?

The word consists of two parts; the first is from the Greek "parallelos" meaning "parallel"; to this is added "epipedos" meaning "on the ground, on a level with it or plane."

"epi" means "upon" and should form part of the word or it loses meaning.

Parallelogram uses "parallelos" and the Greek "gramme", a stroke in writing.

The second parts of the two words are from different roots and use of the "o" is obviously derived from erroneous spelling followed by slow adoption as an alternative by some dictionaries.

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

The business of government is to keep the government out of business - that is, unless business needs government aid.

Will Rogers

PROCEEDINGS

The 1988 Proceedings have now been sent to all Secretaries. The following is printed on Page 4.

"Two copies of this Book of Proceedings are mailed to the Secretary of every Lodge in the Jurisdiction. They are the property of the Lodge for the use of the Brethren.

One copy should be handed to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge as soon as received and the Worshipful Master should arrange for all portions of the address of the Grand Master relating to the procedure, or conduct of the brethren, to be read in open Lodge at an early date. He should delegate a member of the Lodge to study the reports of the various committees and other reports and have him bring in a detailed study for discussion in open Lodge.

One copy should be on the Secretary's desk at every meeting."

If you require a personal copy, it is available from the Grand Lodge Office at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Grand Master, M.W.Bro. David Bruce has struck or continued the following committees. All are seeking input from the Craft and written communications should be sent to the Committees through the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge Office.

SP2 To review the Constitution and the Structure and operation of the Board of General Purposes.

SP5 To review the existing district structure and propose possible redistribution of lodges within districts.

SP6 Community Relations (Previously named 'External Relations') To determine what specific community programs are in existence at the district and lodge level;

To determine what community projects are in existence, generally, in other jurisdictions in Canada, and

To identify means by which the existence of these programs can be communicated to both the Craft and the community.

SP7 To develop a proposal to form a charitable foundation.

SP8 To consider the future of Masonry in Alberta and propose action plans to address that future.

SP9 To review the process of electing DDGMs and to propose methods for more effectively evaluating their performance for recommendation of the rank of PDDGM.

GREAT EXPERIENCE IN BANFF

At 6:00 a.m. Saturday 17th September, the CBC announced a snow advisory for Banff. On Friday 16 September your editor had been in the Upper Hot Springs in a snow storm. Things did not augur well for the Mountain Top Lodge which was to be part of the Centennial celebration of Cascade Lodge No. 5. A phone call to the WM Bro. Norman Letnick assured me that everything was still going on as planned.

Driving out of Calgary in sleety rain things still did not look good but this day proved that you should never judge Banff weather by anyone else's weather. Banff was dry and bright. The snow of the previous day had melted although the mountains looked snow covered. The W.M. called the 86 brethren assembled in the Lodge Hall to order. He stated that the road to 'Sunshine' was impassable due to heavy snow and that 'Plan 2' would be used.

The meeting commenced in the Lodge Hall in Banff with the first part of the Fellowcraft Degree being conferred on Bro. Edward Scott Dawson. The appearance of the lodge was unusual due to the clothing worn by the brethren.



Left - W.M. Bro. Norm Letnick
Right - Secretary W.Bro. Les Punshon

At approximately 2 p.m. the 86 brethren boarded buses and were transported to Castle Meadows, a beautiful open clearing below Castle Mountain on Highway 1A. The paraphernalia was a mixture of regular and irregular items. The bible, wands, and gavels were transported but the altar was a chair. The seats were of all varieties from logs to benches, and the Tylers (all five of them) were armed with staves.

To carry out the second part of the F.C. Degree, the steps were required and the photo below shows how these were marked.



While the degree was being concluded, the lecturers competed with squirrel chatter, bird calls and absolutely magnificent scenery. The degree was called off for a short while due to the arrival of a large group of hikers. They must have wondered what was going on!

The brethren present, while wrapped warmly, were most impressed with this approach which, while casual, retained its dignity. Many recommended that it be repeated in the not too distant future.

Many photographs were taken at the mountain site and these were made more impressive by the number of Grand Lodge Officers of Alberta and other Jurisdictions who attended. The major reason for this large attendance was that the "Banff Conference" was being held over this period. In addition to our own Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Bruce there were the Grand Masters of Minnesota and North Dakota, Past Grand Masters of Alberta, British Columbia and N. Dakota; Deputy Grand Masters from Alberta, B.C. and Minnesota; two DDGMs from Alberta, Junior Grand Wardens from Alberta and B.C.; Grand Secretaries from Alberta, N. Dakota and Minnesota; the Grand Registrar, Grand Tyler, Grand Organist and two Grand Stewards from Alberta.

Most of these can be seen in the photograph.



On returning to the Lodge Hall an excellent steak barbeque was provided for 120 people as a number of wives had "spent" the day in Banff and joined the brethren.

The overall consensus was that this was a most worthwhile day spent amongst some of our finest Alberta scenery. It will be a day remembered by many in addition to the candidate.

Norman Senn, Editor

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

...there is talk of hospices for the terminally ill. People say, "Let's be as kind as we can to these people."

My response is that we are all terminal cases. We are now, and have been all our lives, only about five heartbeats from eternity. Why wait until some definite date of departure has been set before we begin being as kind as we can to each other?

Henry W. Dusenberre, The New Age.

PROBLEM! DO YOU KNOW FOR SURE?

The 1987 amendment of Section 511 of the Constitution has created some interesting problems. The change modified the dates on which a lodge can have its Installation Ceremony. These new times can be on the anniversary of the Institution or Consecration dates or no later than the next regular meeting following the Anniversary. Some lodges attempting to change their date of installation have found that the date they have published for years is not in fact the correct date.

There are four different dates associated with establishing a new lodge:

- signing of the dispensation to meet.
- the vote by Grand Lodge to grant a charter.
- Institution.
- Consecration.

Before you attempt a change, carefully review your historical register and minutes to find the correct date.

A second problem created by this motion is that the leeway around the feasts of the two Saints days was excluded in the motion. Theoretically all lodges this year must have their installation precisely on one of these two days ONLY.

Pending the possible revision of the Constitution by the SP2 Committee, the Grand Master will be issuing a ruling to allow greater flexibility.

RECOGNITION

50 Year Jewel

Congratulations go to R.W.Bro. Walter F. Sick PDDGM District No. 4, a Past Master of Bowden Lodge No. 42 on receiving his 50 Year Jewel in June 1988.



L-R R.W.Bro. M. Tessmer, DDGM No. 4; R.W.Bro. Walter Sick; M.W.Bro. W.E. Foster, P.G.M.

DISCUSSION TOPIC OF THE MONTH

How do you apply the "apron" lecture to your life?

GOOD WORKS

The Camrose Masonic organizations pledged \$4500.00 toward building and furnishing the visitors maternity patient lounge in the new St. Mary's Hospital in Camrose. The photo from left to right shows Bro. Paul Schnell, O.E.S., Sister Sheila Langton, Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, W.Bro. Elwyn Grattidge, W.M. Camrose Lodge No. 37 and M.W.Bro. Stan Harbin, R.A. Chapter No. 17 presenting a cheque for \$2,000 as part payment of the commitment.



Fund raising is still going on and support is sought.

FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Early August saw a most unusual event in Prince Albert when members of the Knights of Columbus joined with the Masonic Order and laid the cornerstone of the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church. There were over 400 parishoners attending in addition to the members of the Craft and the K of C.

Prince Albert is one of the earliest locations of Masonry in Saskatchewan, and Northern Star Lodge No. 216 worked with the St. Joseph Council, K of C to plan this special event. This is the first time that such a joint venture has been undertaken. It is a outstanding example of toleration that is contrary to the events that have been observed in the English Synod of the Anglican church.

The procession of Grand Lodge officers was led by Albert Tebbertman, Tyler of Kinistino Lodge No. 1, Prince Albert. In addition to the G.M. of Saskatchewan, M.W.Bro. Donald Orr, there were many Grand Lodge officers and the W.Masters of the three Prince Albert Lodges.

The church dignitaries present were Bishop Blaise Marand of Prince Albert Diocese; the pastor of St. Josephs and the heads of the Parish Council Building and Fund Raising Committee. The cornerstone foundation deposits contained many current items and included a commemorative coin from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina and a Masonic scroll - a lasting reminder of co-operation.