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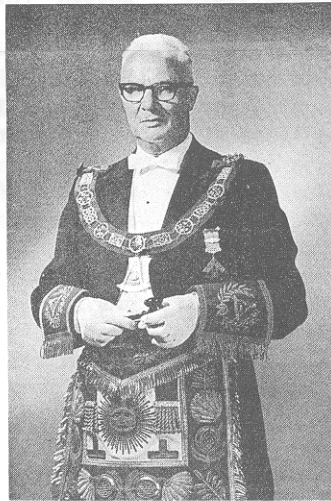
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M.W. BRO. CHARLES EDWARD PINNELL, P.G.M.

Grand Master 1968-69



August 13th, 1904 -
October 19th, 1988

Charles Edward Pinnell was born in Gloucestershire, England, on August 13, 1904, where he received his education. After serving two years in the Royal Air Force, Bro. Pinnell purchased his discharge in 1924 to emigrate to Canada to join his brother in Edmonton. Employed by the C.N.R., he was transferred to Calgary in April, 1928. In June, 1949, he resigned to accept a position with the House of Seagram as Alberta District Manager for Calvert Distillers Ltd. He then became Sales Manager, Prairie Provinces, for The Harrison Hotel,

Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., a branch of The House of Seagram.

He was a member of St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church, Calgary, and in former years served as a Vestryman at this church and also at The Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. For many years he was active in The Associated Canadian Travelers and resigned as Executive Vice President of the then Dominion Council when he was elected Junior Grand Warden, in order that he would be free to devote more time to his Grand Lodge duties.

M.W.Bro. Pinnell was initiated in Crescent Lodge No. 87 Calgary in January 1943 and served as Worshipful Master in 1951. In May, 1969, he was honoured by being elected a Life Member. In 1959 he was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies. In 1965 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and assumed the office of Grand Master in 1968.

He was active in other branches of the Fraternity and was a Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Calgary Lodge of Perfection, A. & A.S.R.; Past Commander in Chief, Southalta Consistory; a member of the Alberta Consistory; an Honorary Inspector General 33° of the Supreme Council for Canada. He was honoured by being elected to Honorary Life Member of Lethbridge Valley of Perfection in 1968 and made an Honorary 33° Mason, Southern Jurisdiction of Bellingham Valley, Washington. He was also a member of the following bodies: Otuskwaw Chapter No. 9, R.A.M.; Zadok Council, Cryptic Rite; Taylor Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland. He was also a Past Captain of the Uniformed Bodies of Al Azhar Shrine Temple.

An ardent sportsman, both administratively and actively, he was a Past President of the Canadian Soccer Football Association, a Life Member of the Alberta Soccer Football Association and an Associate Director of the Calgary Stampeder Football Club. Golf, curling, bowling and hunting were relaxing pastimes for many years. In 1969, M.W.Bro. Pinnell retired from active employment and moved to White Rock, B.C. to enjoy what he had always sought, "an ocean view and a beautiful garden".

He is survived by his wife Hilda, son Brian and his daughter-in-law Marilyn; three grandchildren, David, Lori and Dona and one Great Grandchild, Seana.

Funeral services were held on October 22nd 1988 in Christ Episcopal Church in Blaine, Washington.

M.W.Bro. Pinnell was an active, involved person who gave much to his family, his community and his Craft. He gained back the love and respect of all he met. He will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

1989, a New Year, and everybody looks forward with anticipation to a future filled with peace, love, hope and happiness. And why not - for it is a time when people have the opportunity of wiping out the old and starting something fresh.

Let me share with you a fable I read not too long ago. It is about a merchant of India.....

"A merchant in India, who wished to retire from business, had two sons, but he was unable to decide which of them was the more clever, and so should have his property. He finally chose a test; he gave to each one a coin and said 'I wish you to buy with this coin something which will fill this house.'

The house was large, with several rooms, the coin so small that it was not possible to buy great quantities of material to fill the house.

One son hurried to the market place and soon found that the cheapest and bulkiest thing he could buy was straw, so he invested his coin in straw, and carried it to the house only to find to his chagrin he had barely enough to cover half the floor.

The other son considered the small value of the coin his father had given him, and realized that only an unusual purchase would meet the requirements of the test.

He hurried to the market place and soon returned with a small package. The son who had bought the straw laughed: 'What do you expect to do with that tiny thing when I have failed to fill the house with straw?'

The other son made no reply but opened his little package and took out some candles. He placed one in each room and when he had lighted them all the house was filled with light."

A child's fable? Perhaps - but it serves to remind us that each challenge that is put to us can be solved if we consider it to be just that - a CHALLENGE, and not a problem with no solution.

The challenges that 1989 will bring into our business careers, personal lives and our Masonic associations will no doubt cause us a great amount of anxiety. But if we remember the story of the candles, we too may be able to light up our house, and even help to shed a little light so the whole world can see that Brotherhood, such as that practiced by the Masonic order, could bring peace to the world.

I wish for you and all your loved ones

ENOUGH FAITH; to allow you the opportunity of comforting one in need.

ENOUGH HOPE; to allow you the opportunity of showing other that the true destiny of man is to love one another.

ENOUGH CHARITY; to allow you the opportunity of sharing with those who are less fortunate.

And above all.... ENOUGH HAPPINESS; to allow you the opportunity of making someone else happy.

And of course, A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

R.W.Bro. S.E. Mottershead,
 Deputy Grand Master.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

A sister jurisdiction does much of its public relations through visible messages spread by Masons. What do you think of the two shown below?

The first is a bumper sticker in fluorescent orange, the second a coaster with blue printing on white absorbent card. The bumper sticker measures about seven inches by two inches while the coaster is 3 1/4" in diameter.



ANSWER TO NOVEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In the Apron Lecture there is a reference to "the Purple of the Fraternity". It is noticeable, in Alberta Craft Masonry, that there is no purple to be seen.

Since antiquity, purple has been associated with exalted office. This arose from the use of Tyrian Purple, derived from the Mediterranean shellfish Purpura murex. This shellfish, caught by fisherman from Tyre yielded extremely small amounts of dye and the dyed cloth was correspondingly high in cost. Only the rich could afford purple cloth and slowly the supreme ruler became associated with the colour.

The expression "the purple" still conveys the idea of high rank and authority. Mackey states that at one time the collars and aprons of British Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers were purple. While this is no longer the case, it is from those early years that the description entered our ritual, but today it simply means "the highest Masonic honours".

FROM AFAR

San Francisco Lodge No. 139, California gives a report of blood donations by brethren of the Lodge and refers to these blood donation as being "a very important Masonic charity".

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Another activity of San Francisco Lodge is an annual "Wine Country Tour". This twelve hour bus tour includes a morning brunch and an evening picnic for \$25.00. This is a well attended event.

DID YOU KNOW

Hedley B.C., a small town with approximately 450 residents has a Masonic cemetery.

This town on Highway 3 is near the Similkameen River and is an historical gold mining site dating back to the early 1900s.

The Masonic cemetery is seldom used but is clearly marked as can be seen in the photograph below.



A NEW LODGE U.D.

On Monday September 19th, 1988 another historic event took place when Loyalty Lodge U.D. was instituted at King George Temple, Calgary. A banquet commenced the evening with guest speaker, V.W. Bro. Jim Roberts addressing the gathering on the timely topic, "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue".

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, David A. Bruce, assisted by 18 Senior Grand Lodge Officers then instituted Loyalty Lodge, U.D. in due form, practising the Ancient York Rite Ritual. The impressive ceremony installed the first officers of the newly instituted lodge. The first W.M. is R.W.Bro. Ray Burton with R.W.Bro. Clarence Kraft as S.W. and W.Bro. Dave Blencoe as J.W. The Worshipful Master in his address to the new lodge stated that the objective of Loyalty Lodge, U.D. is 'education'.

There were 30 charter members in attendance representing 11 lodges from 3 districts. Visitors numbered 55, representing 32 lodges from 13 districts which included British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Holland.

The brethren of Alberta join in wishing success to this new lodge.

Submitted by Bro. Don Jackson,
King George No. 59, Loyalty, U.D.

**EXCERPT FROM
SOCIETY AND THE MASON'S MORAL LEADERSHIP
by V.W.Bro. J. Roberts**

Whenever new ideas or radical changes are introduced into our society there is a sincere desire usually to make the world a better place in which to live. No one sets out to destroy the world, for they know they too will be consumed. The desire for change normally includes making our society more efficient, more hopeful and more just. Every ideology was spawned in an imperfect society hoping that a Utopia would emerge. All have succeeded only partially, all have failed in one way or another.

GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

The Grand Lodge Bulletin should be looked at in two distinct ways. First it is the informational organ of the Jurisdiction and as such should be noted and enjoyed. Second it is an educational tool. There are questions, statements, opinions, arguments and comments which can all form excellent grist for the brethren to discuss.

Lodges are encouraged to allow time in their meetings to talk about Masonic matters of interest, some of which may arise through the Bulletin.

QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

Nothing was ever accomplished without enthusiasum.
Emerson.

**PROJECT ASHLAR
FORT McMURRAY LODGE NO. 195**

As a result of the Banff Spring Workshop this year, an exciting Lodge project has blossomed.

While heading home, one of the brethren gazed in wonder at the one mountain of granite amongst the rest which are limestone and said; "I wonder if it would be possible to obtain some of the granite to have new ashlar made for the lodge? Another replied "why not get granite from the new quarry which is opening up at Fort Chipewyan on the shores of Lake Athabasca". Great discussion and planning took place all the way back to Fort McMurray.

More research was undertaken and a project leader was nominated in the person of Brother Tony Grace who had already visited the quarry earlier in March.

The granite in this quarry is burgundy in colour and named Wild Rose Granite and is similar in structure to the deposits on the Isle of Arran in Firth of the Clyde where curling rocks have been made for over a hundred years. When squared and polished the Fort Chipewyan granite is a most beautiful ashlar.

During the first quarter of 1989 the Worshipful Master, accompanied by his Wardens and brethren will go to the quarry on the Winter road to Fort Chipewyan, and stay at the Fort Chipewyan Lodge. They will then convene a Freemasons' lodge meeting at the quarry. The speculative Masons will then take up the working tools of the operative stonemason and cut the ashlar stones from the quarry and transport them to the workshop for perfecting and squaring. When the ashlar are squared and perfected to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master; the first Worshipful Master of Fort McMurray Lodge, Worshipful Brother Lorne Youngberg assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge will oversee the final square checking at a properly convened lodge meeting later in 1989.

In addition to quarrying the full sized ashlar, a couple of hundred three quarter inch mini ashlar of granite will be obtained. These will be for presentation to each Master Mason and all future newly made Master Masons of the lodge to remind them of the effort required to bring rude matter to due form.

Submitted by W.Bro. John R. Hopkins.
Fort McMurray Lodge

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

The Grand Lodge Communication will be held in Medicine Hat on June 9 and 10, 1989. These are important dates for each lodge and the W.M. and Wardens are expected to be present. Past Masters are voting members and Master Masons are most welcome. Please watch for additional information. Time should be allowed in May for the lodge members to discuss the Notices of Motion which will be published. Please reserve the dates on your calendar and enjoy Grand Lodge and Medicine Hat.

TEN STEPS TO BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE

1. Begin the day in a calm and cheerful mood; say: "This is going to be a good day. I will be calm and cheerful today."
2. Try smiling at others. A smile is contagious and you will feel better as others smile at you.
3. Count your blessings - list them one by one. Did you ever realize the real wealth you have?
4. Enjoy this day with beautiful thoughts, pleasant memories. Live life one day at a time.
5. Be adventurous. Try walking, and see new neighborhoods, new buildings and parks, new scenery.
6. Give a friend a phone call or write a letter. Tell him you were thinking about him, encourage him. Encouragement is oxygen to the soul.
7. Be a happy person, see the bright side of life. Having a cheerful loving attitude lends itself to your best health.
8. Do a good deed, or give something beneficial to a loved one.
9. Give of yourself, offer your services to a hospital, to a church, help people. The law of giving will reward you tenfold.
10. Do the best you can each day. You are really living only when you are useful and constructive.

From Good Reading
as appearing in Inspirational Thoughts

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a point of interest, Hinton Lodge No. 178 has its own "Higher Education Bursary Fund" that we give out every September to two local high school students. There is a Grade Nine Achievement Award to which the Masons donate a plaque and a Grade Twelve (Phys. 30) Award to which the Masons donate a permanent school trophy as well as an annual plaque and a hundred dollar cheque.

A. James Friesen, W.M., Hinton Lodge No. 178

REGIONAL MASTER MASONS' MEETINGS

These meetings for all Master Masons in the Province are of considerable interest to both the participants and the Grand Lodge Officers. They are meant to give information and get feedback. Be sure you attend the one being held in your area.

The last two will be in Edmonton on January 21 at 10:00 a.m. and Red Deer on April 1st at 10:00 a.m.

ADVERTISING

Lodges may advertise their special events in the Bulletin at the standard rates of \$10 per column inch (presently 3" x 1"). Should you be in business please be a "Friend of the Bulletin" and put in your business card at the special rate of \$15.00 per issue with a 10% discount for 10 insertions.

COMMITTEE NEWS

At some of the Master Masons' Meetings held in the province during 1988, presentations were made by committee chairmen. Each chairman had three minutes to give information on his committee's operation and purpose. The chairmen were asked for copies of their presentations to share with the brethren. That of the Bulletin Committee chairman was obviously close at hand and is published below.

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

First, let me tell you what the Constitution says about the Bulletin, its Editor and the membership of the committee - Yes brethren that is correct - absolutely nothing.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin started with a concept of M.W.Bro. Mitchell who was Grand Master in 1929. He suggested the publication of a quarterly bulletin with information on the activities of Grand Lodge and other matters of interest. He recommended the sending of bulletins to secretaries for distribution with the notices. He said that this would help leadership and give inspiration - both needed in the lodges.

Nothing happened for 6 years. In 1935, the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. V.A. Bowes recommended experimental implementation of the previous suggestion from September 1935 to June 1936. He added some more details. He suggested 2 or 3 pages, an editorial committee, and subscription to Masonic periodicals for source material. He also recommended that it not contain local news but rather information of a general nature and that it contain any messages of the Grand Master. He stressed it have heavy emphasis on reprinted items from other Masonic periodicals. The primary intention was for it to be educational.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin was first produced in December 1935 and it was obviously a success. In 1936, M.W.Bro. M. Downey recommended its continuation. That was a powerful recommendation for here we are some 53 years later still publishing in much the same way.

Today its principal purpose is as a means of communication but there is no specific mandate as to what must or must not be published. The contents are determined generally by those first recommendations of 1935.

It is quite clear that the Bulletin reflects the different Editors. The Grand Master can of course give direction for his particular year but most have simply supported their Editors, submitted items they wished published and gave constructive comments.

The Editor has fairly free rein. He determines the general overall pattern for the content and then selects suitable items from any available source. He also writes some material to stimulate discussion, to enthuse members on good ideas, or comments on issues that he hears about. Recognition

of events and people within the Jurisdiction has been, and remains, a high priority with most Editors. Articles sent in by the members are published when possible. Where editing is necessary, care is taken to keep the intent unchanged.

For the last three years there has been a Committee of three or four brethren who assist in developing the Bulletin. Each member has a specific task but all have a responsibility to make recommendations on every aspect of each issue. Recently the committee added another brother who has the sole responsibility to proofread each edition before the final draft goes to the printer.

The assembled material is typed into the Grand Lodge word processor and fitted into page format for the Editor's approval. It goes for its final proofread and then off to the printers as "camera-ready" copy.

The Editor and the Committee members are constantly seeking feedback on whether or not the Bulletin, in its present format, and with its present content, meets the needs of Alberta Masons. You can, and should, help to give this information because it is your Bulletin as well as Grand Lodge's. Your comments should be made, in writing, to the Editor. These comments can be compliments, recommendation, or even the statement, "keep on doing what you are doing." Any of these would give valuable information to the committee.

BURSARY RECIPIENT RESPONDS IN KIND

"In 1968 I entered university in the Faculty of Education. My father had been severely injured in an accident and my family could not afford to send me to university; however, with the help of various scholarships, bursaries, and student loans I managed to graduate in 1972, and I even succeeded in achieving first class honours in my final year. I was proud of my accomplishments then and have been well-satisfied with my chosen career over the years. My life has been made fuller with the practise of a skill that I have enjoyed, namely the teaching of young people.

During the years I have often thought of the agencies that enabled me to go to university and the wonderful gift they gave, not only to me, but to other students like me.

Your bursary grants are truly valuable in the betterment of both individuals and society. Please accept my gift towards the continuation of your efforts.

Sincerely, Inge Bohn (nee Riedel)"

HAVE YOU SEEN IT

Calgary Lodge No. 23 has lost its travelling square. Would you please check your minute book, records or storage lockers. If found, would you please notify R.W.Bro. Al Teuling, 507 McIntosh Road N.E., Calgary, Alberta, T2E 5Z2

CONCORDANT BODY CALENDAR

The Grand Secretary was given permission to meet with representatives of the Concordant bodies to try to work out a Master calendar of events and thus avoid conflicts. This has proven very difficult but with discussion, compromise and good will, the bodies are working to resolve any problems.

The Board of General Purposes also gave permission for the Grand Secretary to inform those concordant bodies concerned, of demits, deaths and suspensions in our membership where Craft 'good standing' is a requirement for their membership.

MAILBAG

A letter was received from Bro. David Currie, of Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland who is a Past Master of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, G.R. Scotland. He is currently Curator of the Scottish Grand Lodge Museum and Library. After complimentary comments about our Bulletin, he wrote the following:

"I do not know if you are aware that in the Grand Lodge Museum, here in Edinburgh, there is displayed a beautifully illuminated parchment scroll at the head of which there are, fronting a log cabin, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a Frontier Pioneer. The parchment, which bears a message of congratulations from the Grand Lodge of Alberta to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is backed by a buffalo hide. It was presented in 1936 on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge, and is signed by Bro. V.H. Macaulay, Grand Master, and Bro. J.H.W. Kemmis, Grand Secretary."

Thanks go to Bro. Currie for his letter and information. Brethren visiting Scotland should visit this museum and see this link between our two jurisdictions.

RESEARCH PAPERS AT COMMERCIAL LODGE

Commercial Lodge No. 81 will be presenting two interesting and unusual papers at its regular meetings on January 20th and February 17th at 2 p.m. in the Central Masonic Temple in Edmonton.

On January 20th, Brother Tren Cole's topic will be "PARALLELS" - a comparison of symbols and allegories historically used by the Sioux and other Plains Indians with the Masonic ritual.

On February 17th, Brother David Roth's topic will be "AN OVERVIEW OF THE TEACHINGS OF ALL AGES" - establishing the interconnection of the Masonic ritual with world religions and spiritual phenomena.

Both presentations offer the suggestion that the true antiquity and meaning of Freemasonry lies in its universality.

INFORMATION ITEM

A number of excellent quotations are placed in our Grand Lodge Bulletin and credited to the "New Age". This is the publication of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, based in Washington, D.C. This magazine has absolutely nothing to do with the New Age Religion.

TOPIC FOR LODGE DISCUSSION

How do you, as an individual, deal with situations when the morality taught in lodge is of a considerably higher standard than that practised by the general public?

ITEMS SOLD BY GRAND LODGE

The lodge Secretaries have now received the most recent copy of the Grand Lodge Price List.

There is a very broad range of items carried by your Grand Lodge. Ask your Secretary to see this catalogue and consider Masonic gifts for your friends or yourself.

Masonic "Olympic Hat" pins are now collectors' items but are still obtainable from the Grand Lodge Office for only \$2.00 each. Shop early and pass these on during your Masonic travels.

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