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Reflections

1990 — A NEW DECADE and A NEW YEAR. What lies ahead? Whither are we travelling? A time for some reflecting, an opportunity to contemplate our Grand Master's theme — DARE TO DREAM.

On the dawn of a new decade we reflect on the decade we have just passed through. A decade of ups and downs. The experiences, both personal and corporate, of recession, of tornados, of poverty, of illness, of a world still torn with strife, political unrest and indifference, all of which narrow that tunnel through which that dim light is barely visible at the other end.

Brethren, there is hope, there is a better life, if only we open our eyes and our hearts.

We have just celebrated that renewal of a new life. The joys of being together as family and friends to celebrate the joys of Christmas-time requires us to be mindful of the central reason for these celebrations. If we fail to encompass all aspects of these celebrations, we shall surely be the loser. Keeping in mind, in the proper perspective, those things and the events of the past, we now look to the future. The last decade has seen many changes

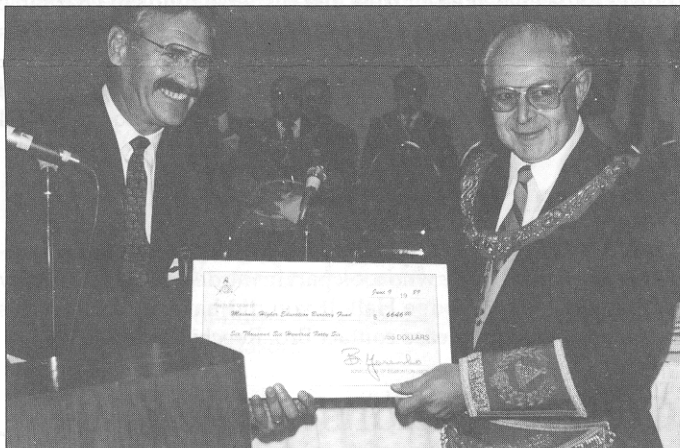
within the jurisdiction including the ups and downs of population movement as well as a fluctuating economy. Our mobile society has removed much of the stability of the past and because of this, adjustments will have to be made.

Many more Lodges in our jurisdiction will celebrate their centennial. One hundred years seems to be an unreachable plateau but in reality is but a short period of time in life, and as these events occur we all join together to give praise and thanksgiving to the G A O T U.

I see in this new decade a greater togetherness, a stronger unity and a greater bond within the Craft. These will be assisted by adjustments in physical and administrative changes. Decisions will be made as to the realigning of Lodges in Districts and to the rewriting of our Constitution. These changes will be difficult for some to accept. Brethren, if we are to grow outwardly and upwardly that light at the end of the tunnel must be stronger and brighter. By growing in unity there is strength, and in strength there is purpose. With purpose there is meaning to life. Let us all join together in peace and harmony and together we will achieve that purpose of making our world a better place in which to live. "DARE TO DREAM"

R.W. Bro. D.R. (Don) Millar, D.G.M.

MHEBF Donation



W. Bro. Boris Yaremko (Edmonton Lodge No. 7), the President of the Ionic Club of Edmonton (1976) presents a donation of \$6,646 to the Grand Master for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. The presentation took place at the 1989 Grand Lodge Communication.

The Ionic Club comprises all of the members of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 and Eastgate Lodge No. 192. Since its formation in

1976, the club has contributed more than \$234,500 to various causes in Alberta including \$127,500 to help build and run the Masonic Temple at Ft. Edmonton Park and a previous contribution of \$3,200 to the Bursary Fund.

Lodges in Alberta should be encouraged to form organizations similar to the Ionic Club or the Solid Symbol Society (Highlands Lodge No. 168) as they are a very useful vehicle to enable participation in charity rather than just talking about it.

Additional information on the Ionic Club, the presentation to the Bursary Fund or other work of the Club, is available from W. Bro. J.E. (Jim) Matheson, Secretary, Edmonton Lodge No. 7.

1990 Annual Communication

June 8 and 9, 1990

Westin Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta

The Membership is reminded that the 1990 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. will be held on June 8 and 9, 1990 at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton. Hotel registration forms will be sent to each Lodge in the near future. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Just as a reminder, all Master Masons are welcome to attend.

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Revised Deadlines

Revision of the Constitution

At the Board of General Purposes meeting on November 16, 1989 a motion was approved that changes the timing of the Constitutional revision.

The final date for Lodges to make recommendations to Grand Lodge for the Committee is extended to **November 1990**. This will allow the Committee to finalize the report for presentation at the **June 1991 Annual Communication**.

Jasper Park Lodge No. 143

At the dismantling of the old Jasper Park Lodge Hall on October 11, 1989, the 'time capsule' from behind the Masonic Cornerstone was located. The capsule, which had been placed there in 1928, will be opened at the Consecration Ceremonies of the new Masonic Temple. The date for the Consecration has not yet been confirmed but May is projected.

Submitted by V.W.Bro Gib Switzer



Left to right: Bro. Chessel E. Watt, Balmoral 185; V.W.Bro. Gib Switzer, Jasper Park 143; and Robert J. Watt, Kamloops, B.C.

1990 Masonic Tour to Greece

Organized by Jasper Lodge No. 14

Three weeks in Greece. Departure from Edmonton on May 9, 1990, return on May 31, 1990. Five days in Athens, one week cruise of the Greek Islands, including one day in Istanbul, Turkey. This is followed by four days in Corfu, four days in Crete, and three days on Rhodes. Accommodations have been arranged in first class hotels. Cost \$4,640.00 per person including return airfare from Edmonton, airfare Corfu, Crete and Rhodes, hotels, etc.

Masonic visits are part of the program.

If you are interested or require more information, contact Afaganis Travel in Edmonton, phone 426-5721.

Submitted by R.W.Bro Don Maskell

Question of the Month

In the letters, T. G. A. O. T. U., what does the 'A' stand for?

Answer to November's Question

In response to the question of the month in the November copy of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, the word "eleemosynary" can be found on page 138 of the Book of Constitution.

Eleemosynary can be defined as having compassion or the giving of charity or alms. Other definitions, as outlined by Webster are:

"To pity, appropriated to charity, founded by charity (an eleemosynary institution), relating to charitable donations, supported by charity."

Section #5 of Appendix F of our Constitution states that it allows the G.M., officers and members of Grand Lodge (The Corporation) to:

"have power to sell, convey, exchange, alienate,.....and the Corporation may also from time to time invest all or any of its funds and moneys and all or any of its funds and personal property which may be vested in or acquired by the Corporation for eleemosynary, masonic or educational purposes aforesaid in and upon any mortgage, security of lands, tenements and hereditaments and in other securities....."

The above statement implies that "the Corporation" has the power to receive, hold in trust and disperse funds to charitable organizations as well as be a recipient of charitable donations itself.

W.Bro. A.J. Friesen, Hinton Lodge No. 178
 W.Bro. L.T. Haverstock, Lamont Lodge No. 94

Special Request

R.W.Bro. Tony Rocchio of Hinton Lodge is compiling a permanent record of all those who took part in the dedication ceremony of the new Hinton Lodge Hall. If you did have any role in this ceremony, can you please contact Bro. Rocchio at 865-3128.

Congratulations

Another Mason who practices "out of the Lodge those great moral duties that are inculcated in it" is Bro. Howard Bullick a member of Coronation Lodge No. 72. For his many years of public service he has been awarded the **Citizen of the Year** award from his town of Coronation.

We join with the members of his Lodge in congratulating Bro. Bullick on his well-deserved award.

Lodge Notices

In examining the Lodge notices over the years it was thought that the Bulletin Committee should comment on the "Most Improved Notice of the Year." This accolade goes to St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, Calgary.

The notice has been increased in size and is an 8 1/2" x 14" sheet folded into four pages. One side has all the usual 'fixed' information and includes the location and times of all local Lodges, as well as the fee structure and cost for the year—a handy addition.

On the 'variable' side, in addition to precise information on the upcoming meeting, there is a paragraph on the next practice, information on the Building Society and a paragraph on the Masonic Education Program. The Junior Warden has a paragraph on social activities and the Senior Warden has a section on the health of members. There are notes on District Meetings, Bursary Fund and Visitations. In addition, the Secretary has an area to comment on correspondence from members and other information. Finally the Worshipful Master has a column that is full of Lodge information.

Congratulations on the great improvement, St. Mark's.

It is appropriate to remind lodges that the Lodge Seal is a constitutional requirement on your notice and it was requested that the names of the Junior Grand Warden and Senior Grand Warden be included in the list of Grand Lodge Officers.

From the Notices

Tradition and honour go hand in hand with Masonry. In that theme, I ran across this little article which is both traditional and an honour;

Edward VII, as Prince of Wales, was Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and when his mother, Queen Victoria, expressed concern that the 'secret' nature of our order could result in subversive activities, he replied, "Madam, there are no more loyal subjects of our realm than the Brethren of the Masonic Order, at each and every meeting they honour a toast to you and your crown."

The Queen decreed that, from that day forward, the Masonic Order had the right to couple its name with that of the Sovereign when preparing the loyal toast, a privilege never before or since granted to any other organization.

Alan Parker, W.M.
St. John's Lodge No. 25

Promoters of the Art

Robert Burns Day, January 25, 1990

The last verse of Burns' *For a' that and a' that* might well be the hope or prayer of a Mason:

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that;
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,
Shall bear the gree, and a' that,
For a' that and a' that,
It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that.

From the Master's Corner, St. John's Lodge No. 125

A New Year Prayer

As long as mortals have the nerve
To pray for things they don't deserve,

As long as conscience has a strain,
The prayers of men will be in vain.

So humbly, Lord, we ask of Thee
That princely gift, Sincerity,

That we may use it through life's span
To build on earth a better man;

And should we crave for gifts more royal,
Please make us, God, a bit more loyal,

That we may give to those we serve
A measure full as they deserve.

And make us rich with eager zest
To give our work our very best.

To know the wheat, reject the chaff —
To have the strength to stand the gaff.

O Lord, in mercy intervene
To keep our hearts both young and clean,

The will to give a man a lift —
Make this, O Lord, Thy New Year Gift.

Anonymous

Silver Anniversary Book

A rare book for reading and keeping

As a 25th Anniversary Project, the Masonic Spring Workshop Committee is publishing a book which will contain a short history of the Workshop. Following the history will be a full set of all theme speeches given over the last 25 years.

The book will be available on a pre-sale basis at a cost of \$12.95 if funds are received prior to the Workshop. Should you wish a copy please send your request and cheque to R.W.Bro. David Ingoe, c/o Grand Lodge of Alberta, 330 - 12 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2R 0H2. This money can be sent with your registration for the Workshop or by separate correspondence.

Copies will be available after the presale period at a cost of \$15.00 plus postage.

You are encouraged to take advantage of the publication of this historical book for your personal reading or giving to a friend.

Quotation of the Month

When Wisdom Keeps the Door

"Think all you speak; but speak not all you think:
Thoughts are your own; your words are so no more.
Where Wisdom steers, wind cannot make you sink:
Lips never err, when she does keep the door."

Delaune

Grand Lodge of Alberta Position Available Assistant Grand Secretary

We are now inviting applications for the position of:

Assistant Grand Secretary.

This position is open to any Past Master within a jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and who is a current member in good standing of a constituent Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The duties of this position will be to understudy the Grand Secretary and to become familiar with all the duties and responsibilities of the day-to-day operations of the Grand Lodge office. Salary and benefits will be paid in accordance with the schedule as defined by the Finance Committee and Board of General Purposes as defined under the Constitution.

This position is under the direction of the Grand Secretary as defined under the Constitution.

Applications must include an outline of qualifications within the context of a complete resume and must be submitted to the

Chairman of the Finance Committee
c/o Grand Lodge Office
330 - 12 Avenue S.W.
Calgary, Alberta, T2R 0H2
Phone: 262-1149, Fax: 290-0671

All applications must be received at the above address not later than 12:00 noon, January 31, 1990. All applicants will be advised of their status within ten days of the closing date. Grand Lodge reserves the right to re-open the competition should no suitable applicant be found.

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