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March 1990

Program for the 85th Annual Communication

June 8 and 9, 1990

Mayfield Inn, Edmonton, Alberta

Thursday June 7, 1990

6:00 p.m. Grand Master's Banquet, Mayfield Inn

Friday June 8, 1990

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens in the Foyer

9:00 a.m. Board of General Purposes Meeting
Balloting shall open in the Foyer

10:00 a.m. Opening of the 85th Annual Communication
Grand Lodge Procession
Reception of Past Grand Masters
Confirmation of the 1989 Proceedings
Adoption of the Following Reports: (as printed in the Preliminary Report, one motion covers all)
a) Grand Treasurer
b) Grand Secretary
c) Auditor
d) Grand Librarian
e) Masonic Research & Education Committee
f) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
g) Committee on Charters & New Lodges
h) Bulletin Committee
Report of the Jurisprudence Committee

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Reconvene the 85th Annual Communication
Reception of Visitors
Presentation of Colours
Presentation of Certificates to New Grand Representatives
Recognition of Grand Representatives
Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving
Motion of Loyalty
Grand Master's Address
Vote on any Recommendations of the G.M.
Referral of the Grand Master's Address
Fraternal Relations Committee Report
Notices of Motion
Notices of Motion to Amend the Constitution (those not dealt with will be carried to Saturday Morning Session.)

4:30 p.m. Adjournment

6:30 p.m. **Grand Lodge Banquet and Dance**
(Ladies Welcome)

Toastmaster:

R.W.Bro. James R. Crawford

Junior Grand Warden

Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award

Guest Speaker

Dance

10:00 p.m. Balloting and Registration suspended

Saturday, June 9, 1990

8:00 a.m. Balloting and Registration resumed in the Foyer

8:30 a.m. 85th Annual Communication reconvenes
Notices of Motion to Amend the Constitution
(any remaining from Friday Afternoon)

Committee and Board Reports:

a) Board of Benevolence

b) Board of General Purposes

c) Committee on the Grand Master's Address

d) Condition of Masonry

e) Committee on the Work

f) Finance Committee —

1990 Budget Presentation

Election of Grand Tyler

10:00 a.m. Registration and Balloting Close
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the Scrutineers Committee

Noon Lunch (numerous locations available)

1:30 p.m. Installation and Investiture of Officers for 1990/91

Grand Master's Comments

3:30 p.m. Grand Lodge Closes

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Excerpt from

Society and the Mason's Moral Leadership

by V.W.Bro. J. Roberts

There has been considerable change in the arena of human rights. Human rights legislation has come about because of the obvious inequities in the treatment of human beings. There is no question in my mind that this has long been needed. Through our concern for human rights, the rights of women have been addressed; the rights of minority groups, especially our native people, have been heard in more meaningful ways; and the poor, the disadvantaged, and the visible minorities have a voice where at one time it was lost in the strident noises of society that seemed not to care. But as good as human rights legislation has been, there have been many in our society who have used — or should I say abused — the legislation in a selfish and immoral fashion. Not a day goes by without a report in the media of some form of, what I consider to be, a mis-application of what the Charter of Rights was intended to do. For many people, human rights means license for them to act in an entirely uninhibited fashion with as few restraints as possible and without any concern for what it may mean to others in society. What has really happened is that there has been an erosion of social rights and the excesses and the selfishness of a few has made a mockery of the Charter.

When human rights are based solely on individual rights, then it no longer has, what I consider at least, a true moral connotation. There must be room for the rights of society as well.

Mailbag

For those who are historians, we have had some errors pointed out in the article on James I. The following is an excerpt from a letter received by the Editor.

"When Mary Queen of Scots was deposed in 1567, her son James was proclaimed King James VI of Scotland at the tender age of one year and did not become King of England until 1603 as James I. Mary, after being accused of plotting against Elizabeth, Queen of England, was executed at Fotheringay Castle, in England, on February 8, 1587."

W.Bro. Dave Thomson
Astra Lodge No. 179

100th Anniversary Spitzie Lodge No. 6

1990 is a very special year for Spitzie Lodge as it is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. To commemorate this important occasion, the following activities are planned which are open to all brethren and their guests.

Saturday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.

Pincher Creek Masonic Hall

Short Emergent Meeting of Lodge for brethren

Tea for Ladies and Guests. (Registration 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

These will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, April 28, 6:30 p.m.

Pincher Creek Community Centre

Banquet and Dance: Tickets — \$20 per person

Sunday, April 29, a.m.

Church Parade

Hotel rooms are available from \$46 - \$56 per night. Contact the Secretary, W.Bro.J. Oddie at 627-4565 or write to Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Box 164, Pincher Creek, T0K 1W0 for tickets, rooms or information.

An open invitation is extended to all brethren to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Quotation of the Month

Let us be thankful for fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.

Mark Twain

From the Notices

Giving of Self is Lesson of Real Masonic Charity

There is a tendency today to use charity in a way that robs it of its beauty and leaves only a cold and inanimate word.

Many times an organization will be moved to perform an act of charity only to gain publicity and material benefits which naturally follow such publicity. Many organizations "sell" something in order that they may obtain money which in turn they will disburse to various charities. These acts may be commendable but they do not carry the true spirit of charity.

The lesson of charity as taught in the First Degree is perhaps the most important in all Masonry. If we teach the candidate Masonic Charity we go a long way toward making a Mason. If you were to look for the secret in man's climb from the mud of ignorance to his place as a spiritual being, you would find it in the Ideal of Charity. When man became conscious of his obligations to others and thus found joy in sharing with others — when man learned that he could impart something of value to others in time of joy and in time of sorrow — when man saw in others his own reflected hopes, ambitions and aspirations he became One with God.

When you consider the deductions from your income tax for the amounts you gave to various organized charities, there is little of self included. You gave because you were expected to share in an impersonal appeal. This, too, may be commendable.

But in giving of self, you follow the lesson of Masonic Charity.

Georgia Masonic Messenger
Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30

S.P. 2 Committee

The S.P. 2 Committee realizes the large task faced by members of constituent Lodges in reviewing the proposed Constitution and Regulations. It has been suggested that the committee might present some guidelines to assist in conducting this review.

The S.P.2 Committee was given a mandate to examine the constitutional and administrative structure of Grand Lodge and make recommendations which would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Board of General Purposes.

We present the following suggestions:

1. The Constitution has been divided into a new Constitution and a set of Regulations. Do you agree with the content of the Constitution vs. the content of the Regulations and their structures?
2. The committee has undertaken to better define and refine the powers of the various officers, boards, and committees. Do you agree with these definitions of powers?
3. The committee has accepted the premise that better communication is required between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge on a regular basis. The committee has therefore undertaken to confirm a central authority with all committees, boards, and district officers reporting to that authority on a regular basis. Are you in agreement with the concept and the procedures established?
4. The committee, to avoid ambiguity and obtain clarity, has modified and clarified the wording of some sections. Are there other glaring problems where changes are required?
5. The numbering system has been changed to a decimal system from the division, section, paragraph and sub-paragraph system. Your comments are appreciated.
6. Should further policies, procedures and Regulations be defined, i.e. policies re: draping of Charters?

Some Lodges may wish to work together and divide up the workload in segments to various Lodges or committees. After doing the job we are sure many questions will arise and the S.P. 2 Committee have agreed that they will, if possible, meet with various groups to answer these questions and assist with the review. However, due to the restrictions of cost and time it is requested that these meetings be organized on an area or District basis.

The committee states that every provision of the current Constitution is included in the Revised Constitution and Regulations.

It is the hope of the S.P. 2 Committee that, as a result of these procedures, this Constitution and Regulations may be a document presented from the Lodges rather than from the Grand Lodge.

Gordon D. Thompson P.G.M.
Chairman S.P.2 Committee

The Travelling Mason

M.W.Bro. His Excellency Lord Gowrie, V.C., Governor General of Australia, on a 13,000 mile journey around Australia, found time to visit one remote Lodge. He spent an evening at a small out-of-the-way settlement on the coast of Western Australia where a Lodge had been formed of only eight members who met in an old tin hut. They held a special meeting for his benefit and initiated a candidate — their ninth.

At that meeting there were Brethren who had ridden horses 160 miles to be present at the ceremony.

Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Alberta, 1938, p. 71

Promise Yourself

- Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind,
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
To forget the mistakes of the past and press onward to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
Promise yourself to allow us all to enjoy your company at our lodge meetings.

Connaught Lodge No. 69

A Poem

A man is as great as the dreams he dreams,
As great as the love he bears,
As great as the values he redeems
And the happiness he shares.
A man is as great as the thoughts he thinks,
As the worth he has attained,
As the fountains at which his spirit drinks
And the insights he has gained.
A man is as great as the truth he speaks,
As great as the help he gives,
As great as the destiny he seeks,
As great as the life he lives.

C.E. Flynn
Kitscoty Lodge No. 131

Topic for Lodge Discussion

Are our dues reasonable in light of other costs in today's world? What would be appropriate?

Question of the Month

What meaning do the components have of the statue of the weeping virgin with Time behind her?

Answer to January's Question

The letter 'A' commonly refers to the word Architect, but at certain times it can mean Artificer. One of the problems with abbreviations!

Proverb of the Month

Birds are entangled by their feet, and men by their tongues.

Special Meeting at Hanna

At the November 6 meeting of Hanna Lodge No. 78 there were two important things on the agenda. The first was the official visit of R.W.Bro. Sullivan, D.D.G.M. of District No. 14. The second was the attendance of M.W.Bro. B.K. Hansen, P.G.M. of Saskatchewan, R.W.Bro. C. Shaver, S.G.W. and most of the wives of the brethren together with some non-Masonic guests.

The history of Masonry together with its aims were explained to the wives and guests. Then each officer explained his office and his duties. This was followed by a talk on the Higher Education Bursary Fund by our S.G.W. The meeting concluded with R.W.Bro. Sullivan talking on the areas of Freemasonry that can be made known and how Masons can be more comfortable talking about the Craft.

All adjourned to the social hour and the general feeling was that a highly successful evening had been spent by all and that this activity would promote Freemasonry in the Hanna area.

Submitted by Bro. Rick Blair, W.M.
Hanna Lodge No. 78

Golf Generates Contribution

The Southern Alberta Annual Masonic Golf Classic is held at different golf courses in June of each year. This event, which was founded and hosted by R.W.Bro. Arthur Smith and R.W.Bro. George Smith, included the sale of "Mulligans" in 1989. From this sale, the \$140.00 generated was donated to the Higher Education Bursary Fund. Has your Lodge or group thought of including some charitable aspect to your fun and social events?

Thank you to the Southern Alberta Masonic Golfers.

49th Annual Interprovincial Conference of the Officers of the Four Western Masonic Jurisdictions

This annual event was held in September of 1989 and resulted in a series of five papers published in the "Proceedings" of the conference. Copies of the Proceedings are now in the hands of all Lodge Secretaries. Ask to borrow it and read the papers — you will find papers by M.W.Bro. Norman McIver, P.G.M. and R.W.Bro. C.D. Shaver, S.G.W.

From the Notices

Wages of a Mason

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy; kindness begets kindness; helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

Benjamin Franklin
Quoted by Glenbow Lodge No. 184
February 1989

Promoters of the Art

King George IV

George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales, and eldest son of King George III of the House of Hanover was initiated into Masonry at the special Lodge held for that purpose at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall on February 6, 1787. At the regular quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of England held the next day, the Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland and uncle of the Prince of Wales, presided as a unanimous resolution was passed, "That in testimony of the high sense the Grand Lodge entertains of the great honour conferred on the Society by the initiation of the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness shall be a member of the Grand Lodge, and shall take place next to, and on the right hand of, the Grand Master."

In the same year, he founded the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259 and was its permanent Master from that date until 1820 when his reign as King George IV began. Four of his brothers, all sons of King George III, subsequently became members of the Craft — Duke of York, Prince Edward, Prince Ernest, and Prince Augustus (afterwards the Duke of Sussex).

In May, 1792, the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. For the next 21 years he presided as Grand Master. While this period of English history recorded extraordinary events of political and economic upheaval, including the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812, it was also the period during which the schism of English Masonry between the "Ancients" and "Moderns" was to be eventually healed. The Prince of Wales was elected Grand Master and Patron by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, December 2, 1805. On December 31, 1879, the foundation-stone of Covent Garden Theatre was laid by the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England and Scotland.

The Regency of the United Kingdom was conferred by parliament upon the Prince of Wales in February, 1811, because of the incapacity to reign of his father King George III. He, however, continued to preside over the Fraternity until May 13, 1813, when, declining his re-election, his successor the Duke of Sussex was chosen to be Grand Master. The Prince Regent afterwards accepted the title of Grand Patron of the Society. On St. John's Day, December 17, 1813 in Freemason's Hall by the Lodge of Reconciliation, one Grand Lodge was constituted. His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex was installed as the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England.

During his reign from 1820 to 1830 the Prince of Wales, who was crowned King George IV, would see proclaimed the Catholic Emancipation Act passed in 1829.

Ken Stocks
Creating a Masonic Thematic Stamp Collection
The Tasmanian Mason
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A prayer for Today

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or I can use it for good.

What I do today is important because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be done forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it.

I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74

Recognition — Long-Serving Masons

The following members of the Craft have attained a significant number of years of service to the Craft and have practiced their Masonry in the community for that length of time. The Masons of Alberta join in congratulating these worthy brethren.

Master Mason 50 Year Jewels

Kendall, Philip J.	St. John's Lodge No. 25
Michell, John Ralph	Concord No. 124
Smith, Grant	Concord No. 124
Griswold, Aubrey L.	Canada No. 165
Van Dusen, Wesley	Unity No. 51
Dunbar, David	Unity No. 51
Carswell, James Leslie	Mizpah No. 35
Spurr, James Victor	Calgary No. 23
Lloyd, Harold Cecil	Balmoral No. 185
Martins, Roy Talbot	West Edmonton No. 101
Weidenhamer, Thomas	Clifford Cornerstone No. 19
Lindeman, Leslie Wilfred	Century No. 100
Collard, Albert Melville	Quarry No. 70
Pettit, Alfred C.	St. Mark's No. 118
Fraser, Arthur Archibald	Forestburg No. 128
Lukey, John Arthur	Berry-Crocus No. 82
Glover, William John Burgess	Strathcona No. 77
Yonda, Steve	Nanton No. 17
Phillips, Frank J.O.	Spirit River No. 116
Melech, Isaiah	Unity No. 51
Newsom, William Roland	Fidelity No. 76
Congram, Samuel Frederick	Quarry No. 70
Tetley, Alex C.	Irricana No. 137
Trainer, Samuel Hunter	Temple No. 167
Shaw, Lancelot Bramwell	Britannia No. 18
Melmborg, Douglas O.	Granite No. 127
Thurber, Jack Howard	Granite No. 127
Smith, Clarence Somerville	Acme No. 60
Anderson, George Adolf	Alberta No. 3
Thacker, Herbert	Bow Island No. 57
Thacker, Joe	Bow Island No. 57
Fairbairn, Earl Ritchie	Brooks No. 73

Past Master 50 Year Jewels

Hunter, Charles Brownlow	Jasper Park No. 143
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Master Mason 60 Year Bar

Topping, Thomas	Lethbridge No. 39
Bird, Frederick Sydney	Crescent No. 87
Bloom, Carl Engemar	Crescent No. 87
Hosegood, James Garvey	King Hiram No. 21
Reid, J. Chester	Beaver-Monitor No. 56
Fairbairn, Earl Ritchie	Brooks No. 73
Jenkins, Henry G.	Bow Island No. 57

Past Master 60 Year Bar

Roxburgh, William Henry	Eastgate No. 192
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Brainstorming — A Quick Way to Find Alternatives

At various times in organizations it is necessary to look at areas of concern and find some alternative solutions to address the concern. It is usual to strike a committee and let them "work" on the problem. Sometimes the results are not far-reaching because the atmosphere of the meeting is not conducive to stimulating the minds of the participants. Brainstorming can be used to generate many ideas quickly by freeing-up the thought process and creating a self-perpetuating stimulus to new ideas.

The technique can best be used in small groups of 8 to 10 people and, should it be tried in a Lodge as a whole, the Lodge members should be divided into groups of this size. Each group should work independently and bring their results back to the entire Lodge when the session is completed.

The method is for the group to name one person as "recorder" and one as "leader/spokesman". The recorder uses some "large" sheets of paper and a "bold" pen to note the ideas down. The leader presents the problem or question in written form so all can see it. The group then fires out possible ideas. **There is no discussion of ideas to be allowed by the leader.** In 5 to 10 minutes there should be a number of ideas — it does not matter who gives them or how strange or even silly they may look at this time. They must be recorded. The group then puts the ideas in order of importance for consideration — this is not supposed to be a time of agreeing with the concepts but of hard consideration of the sequence of the ideas. **Very limited discussion of the ideas should be allowed** — only related to the reason why it should be placed in a particular position. It can take another 5 to 10 minutes to do this.

The top three ideas are clearly written out to take back to the main group for full consideration. Where a number of groups have created lists on the same topic then all sets of three top ideas are placed in a visible area and all are required to find the top three of these sets.

The top three are now discussed in depth in small groups — pro's, con's, implementation plans, timelines, responsibilities of individuals.

The whole purpose of brainstorming is to get many ideas out by forcing people to think and not to find arguments why some idea should not be brought forward. It is stimulating, helpful and can find unique answers to problems. The first try may be difficult but don't give up after just one attempt - look for a lodge problem and deal with it by the technique.

Confucius Say

Study without reflections is a waste of time, reflection without study is dangerous.

Rocky Summit Lodge No. 74



25th Year of Renewal

The Masonic Spring Workshop held at Banff is a refreshing experience, as will be attested by all who attend. There are few who come away without increasing their Masonic knowledge, expanding their Masonic friendships or feeling that the beautiful surroundings have uplifted them. The workshop is for all Master Masons and there are no restrictions related to rank or jurisdiction. It is, in fact, the rule that after acknowledging the Grand Master with his full title, no other rank is used — all become "Brother." In this down-to-earth atmosphere the sharing of knowledge and experience takes place.

You still have time to register — **do so now**. Whether you are attending or not, there is an enormous amount of material available to you in the Silver Anniversary Book: *Alberta Workshop!*, a compilation of twenty-five years of theme speeches. These are the topics that make you think, make you question and make your Masonry come alive. The book can be ordered with your registration or before April for \$12.95. At the workshop the cost is \$15.00. After the workshop, orders may be placed through the Grand Lodge Office.

Book Sales

The following books are new additions to the many titles available for purchase at the 'Bookstore' of the Masonic Spring Workshop. Increase your Masonic knowledge by reading a book or two...or more. See you in the 'Bookstore.'

New Books Available

- The Ensigns of the Twelve Tribes of Israel
- English Masonic Exposures
- Freemasonry in My Life
- The Rise & Development of Organized Freemasonry
- The Collected Prestonian Lectures VIII
- Strange Masonic Stories
- Some Royal Arch Terms
- Royal Arch Matters
- Early Masonic Pamphlets
- Priest and Freemason
- The Craft in the East
- The Spirit of Masonry
- Freemason's Book of the Royal Arch
- A.E. Waite - Selected Masonic Papers
- Workman Unashamed

And Be So Great

To bear up under loss, to fight the bitterness of defeat and weakness of grief, to be victor over anger, to smile when tears are close, to resist evil men and base instincts, to hate hate and to love love, to go on when it would seem good to die, to seek ever after the glory and the dream, to look up with unquenchable faith in something ever more about to be, that is what any man can do, and so be great.

Zane Grey

Royal Arch Masons, November 1988

Message From the Past

If a Brother in sorrow or trouble or perplexity instinctively turns to a Lodge Officer for comfort or counsel and finds them, there is a successful Officer even if he cannot make a glib speech or recite his ritual with fluent perfection. If the impact of the Lodge on its Members and on the community is wholesome and helpful, its Officers are a success however unspectacular their performance.

Author Unknown

Quoted by Commercial Lodge No. 81, 1945

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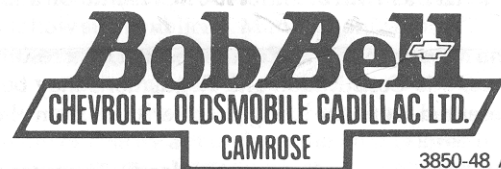
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