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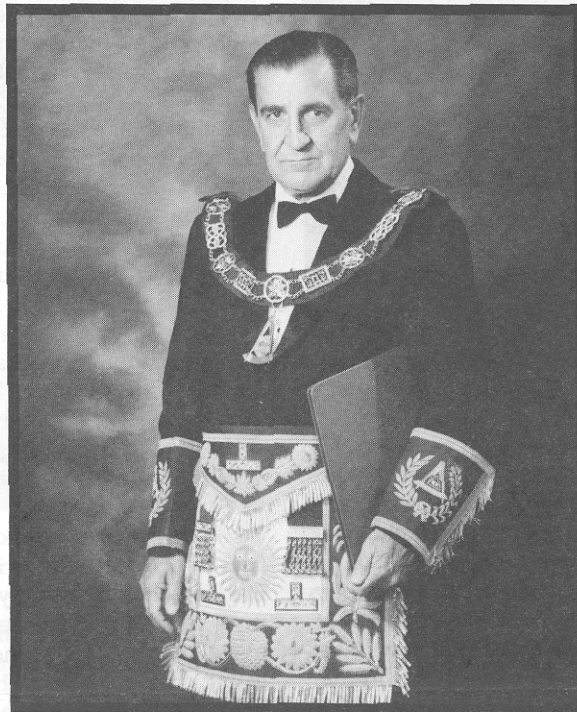
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M.W. Bro. Frederick Glenn Fox Grand Master 1972-1973

M.W. Bro. Fox was born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, but his family moved to Innisfail when he was very young, and he grew up and attended school there. He prepared himself for his life's work by attending the University of Alberta where he received both a Bachelor and Master's degree in Geology. He then attended the University of Oklahoma where he received, as a doctor of Geology, his Ph.D. He was a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and also of the Geological Association of Canada and a member of the Alberta Society of Petroleum Geology. He wrote some twenty papers on geology, published in various magazines of the scientific journal and, in 1960, received a Medal of Merit from the Alberta Society. He was engaged in geological exploration in B.C., Alberta, the Yukon, and within the Arctic Circle.

He was initiated in Innisfail



Lodge No. 8 in April, 1946, and reared in June 1946. He became a member of Perfection Lodge No. 9 by affiliation in February 1950 and in 1957 he was installed as W.M. He was later made a life member of this Lodge. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 1 in 1967-68. He was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden in June 1969 and became Grand Master in 1972. M.W. Bro. Fox was also T.P.G.M. of the Calgary Lodge of Perfection and a member of Rose Croix and Consistory. He was coroneted a thirty-third degree Mason of the A.A.S.R. He was also an active member of the Royal Arch of Scotland.

Bro. Fox passed away February 13, 1990 following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Jean and daughter Leslie Fox Barr. A well attended memorial service was held at St. Laurence Anglican Church on Friday February 16.

Ideas for Charity

An unusual approach to charity was adopted by the "124 1/2" group of Calgary who meet regularly at the downtown Co-op for coffee. They routinely collect funds for charity and have time at their meetings to talk about its use. It was decided to approach the Sheriff King Home for women who have been physically abused, and ask for their help in identifying a mother with a child who was in need of winter clothing. The workers at the home named one woman who had two children for whom clothing was urgently required. The President of "124 1/2" approached The Bay which, on hearing of the project, promptly added 25 per cent to the \$300.00 proposed. A social worker from the Home then went to The Bay with the mother and picked up enough clothing to outfit both children fully. The members of "124 1/2" were recipi-

ents of photographs of the boys, thanks from the Sheriff King Home and a letter from the mother.

Lodges may not have thought of all the possible ways of helping those less fortunate than themselves. If you have an unusual form of assistance in your lodge or through a Craft-related Masonic group, please send details to the Editor. Others may welcome the idea.

Dues

The struggle for existence of many Lodges is because many members pay their dues at the end of the year instead of the beginning. The Lodge then faces serious cash flow problems. Have you thought of thinking of January as the latest month to pay your dues? Then watch the smile on the Secretary's face.

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insignificant compared with all that these booklets offer which is directly applicable in this jurisdiction.

Meeting the Challenge is a comprehensive and thoroughly detailed textbook on the government and administration of a Lodge of Freemasons. It is aimed at assisting the reader in achieving high standards of efficiency, effectiveness and etiquette while at the same time fostering high levels of accomplishment and enjoyment among the brethren. It is well ordered and sufficiently indexed to provide easy access to specific information and counsel without requiring that the whole text be searched for assistance on a particular aspect of Lodge affairs.

More than one-half of its text is committed to detailing the duties of officers of a Lodge and the effective use of committees. To be sure, some unfamiliar with textbook format, will find it wearisome and unworthy of being included in a bedside library — like a dictionary or the telephone directory — but even these will, on examination, find the chapters on communications, protocol and etiquette, thoroughly compelling, enjoyable and applicable to situations outside of the Lodge. This textbook merits ownership especially by the user given to red penciling and highlighting for quick referencing.

Meeting The Challenge is a 1976 publication of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. It reflects competent authorship by various contributors obviously experienced in modern management techniques and Masonic Lodge affairs common in all jurisdictions. Members of the Research and Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with the aid of M.W. Bro. Aspeslet, are preparing an addendum for this booklet which will be published soon. This will offer the information and narrative needed to render this textbook wholly applicable for Lodges in the Alberta jurisdiction.

A Guide for Masters-Elect is a thoroughly English, 1988 publication of Lewis Masonic, which is authored by Dr. N.P. Halliday. It is pleasurable reading somewhat like listening to a dear old friend, wise and eloquent, on being a leader in Masonry and steadfastly holding that decorum and consideration for others which are inseparable virtues that lead all others in importance.

As this booklet speaks primarily of the traditions and practices of Lodges in the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England, the applicability of its counsel in the Alberta jurisdiction must be carefully screened. This, however, does not diminish its overall value, for its author devotes himself generously to advocating characteristics of behaviour and manners which are embraced universally in Masonic Lodges. Many of the customs so carefully preserved in English Lodges and expounded on in this booklet commend themselves to consideration for adoption by Alberta Lodges as a means of enhancing the personal warmth and sociability shared among the brethren.

For anyone intending to visit Masonic Lodges in England, this booklet is "must" reading if only to be prepared beforehand to feel at ease in the company of the host Lodge selected.

Look Well, A publication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, is a charming treasury of ideas and good advice. Overall, it could be described as the "Beatitudes" of Freemasonry because of its exposition of the nature and desirability of the best of human characteristics. Written by M.W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith and published first in 1975, this booklet is a series of notes addressed to "Tom" — ostensibly a young man just invested as a Senior Warden — from his "Old Mentor." All are written in homespun form and each urges Tom step by step to do, and read, and act in ways that will assure his steady personal development towards the day when he will become Master of the Lodge.

His Mentor lays out a wide path for Tom, so strewn with caring advice and inspiring suggestions for Masonic Education

Book Reviews

Working Tools For Worshipful Masters

Meeting the Challenge A Guide for Masters-Elect Look Well

"The honor, reputation and usefulness of this lodge will materially depend upon the skill and ability with which you manage its affairs."

The offices of Master and Wardens when thrust upon many, if not most, individuals invariably are, at once, awesome and bewildering, ego-pleasing and frightening, challenging and humbling. None, to be sure — even he who serves a second time — assumes these offices without some apprehensiveness as to his ability and fortitude to achieve the lofty goals which all, in their apprenticeships, have visioned for themselves. Yet, all too few of those sharing these responses to the challenge of their new tasks, avail themselves of even some of the simplest but effective resources available.

Meeting the Challenge, A Guide for Masters-Elect and Look Well, individually or taken together and preferably digested before the onset of installation-panic, are recommended medications. Not only will they lessen the user's suffering but also, having been taken beforehand, will inhibit the infection of others in the Lodge with the self-doubt and trepidation evident the moment a hushed Lodge awaits the first light from the East as the installation is concluded. All of these booklets can without prescription be obtained from the offices of the Grand Secretary.

All three are modestly priced and, long before installation, ought to be owned and well-thumbed by Masters-to-be even as early as when they occupy the Senior Deacon's chair. Masters will value them as route maps and checklists assuring them of smooth passage. Wardens will find them valuable for planning and preparation for the challenge and opportunity awaiting them a year or two hence. As all are authored elsewhere, none are wholly applicable in this jurisdiction. But even though this requires some caution being exercised by the reader, these booklets speak to universal needs and subjects common to Masonic Lodges everywhere. Whatever their peculiarity to jurisdictions elsewhere, it is

that a reader, as Gleaner, may find this booklet almost too rich for easy digestion. Lodges aiming high with ambitious research and education programs will rank this gem among the best resources available. Its identity as a U.S.A. publication is no detraction for Alberta readers, even when this identity is reinforced by down-home references, as these can be readily converted, when necessary, to more familiar terms.

W. Bro. Charles McCullagh
Crescent Lodge No. 87
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Historical Records

Many Lodges have attempted to preserve some of their history through the Historical Register. Others have photographs of their Past Masters from their inception. Still others have some sort of display — but what is placed in the display? A recent capturing of Masonic History has been achieved by Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106. As there was a recent amalgamation with Hythe Lodge No. 156, there is now an attractive display with the original officers jewels from Hythe Lodge on the wall of Lake Saskatoon Lodge Hall. Others may wish to copy this idea.

Masonic Tavern?

In many cities in New Zealand are to be found taverns such as that shown in the picture below. On investigating it appears that the majority, in spite of the name, have absolutely nothing to do with Masonry and have had no Masonic connections in the past. The name is simply a name of choice by the owner.



From left to right: Bro. David White, W.M., R.W. Bro. Rave Harris, R.W. Bro. Verne Johnson.

Mentor Plans

"The Mentor Plan should be an absolute requirement in every Lodge if we are to bring forth Masons, men who are knowledgeable Masons and better equipped to practice the tenets and principles of our Order — Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth — the three basic tenets on which our Order is founded and which we have sworn to uphold... Can we not make it mandatory to use a Mentor Plan in all jurisdictions?"

M.W. Bro. Norman McIver
Theme address, Inter-Provincial Conference 1989

Quotation of the Month

Servant of God, well done, well hast thou fought
The better fight, who singly hast maintained
Against revolted multitudes the cause
Of truth, in word mightier than they in arms.

Milton, *Paradise Lost*

News from Other Sources

If you read, see or hear a Masonic-related item in the media from Alberta or elsewhere that you think is significant and of interest, write to the Editor with a description or clipping. All Alberta Masons will thank you for your help.

Final Announcement

Masonic Tour & Cruise to Alaska & the Yukon

- * Departing Aug. 20 or 27 for Whitehorse by air from home city.
- * Cost based on Calgary departure (adjusted for home city) — \$2,715
- * Cost based on per person (double occupancy) includes all air, cruise fare, motorcoach, hotels and some meals (all on cruise).
- * Cost subject to change without notice.
- * Trip cancellation and medical insurance at extra cost.
- * **Non-refundable deposit required by April 15, 1990 at the latest.**

- Day 1 — Arrive **Whitehorse** by air from your home city
- Day 2 — Motorcoach to **Dawson City** via **Yukon River**
- Day 3 — Tour **gold fields** & evening at **Gas Light Follies**
- Day 4 — Motorcoach to **Fairbanks**, cross **Alaska Pipeline**
- Day 5 — Tour of **Fairbanks** and time for **Shopping**
- Day 6 — Motorcoach to **Beaver Creek**, **Yukon Territory**
- Day 7 — Motorcoach to **Whitehorse** via **Kluane National Park**
- Day 8 — Tour of **Whitehorse** and **Yukon Botanical Gardens**
- Day 9 — Motorcoach to **Fraser**, **White Pass** & **Yukon Railway** to **Skagway**. Board **Cruise Ship** for **Vancouver**
- Day 10,11,12 — **Inside Passage** on cruise ship
- Day 13 — Arrive **Vancouver** and transfer to hotel (2 nights)
- Day 14 — At leisure in **Vancouver**
- Day 15 — Depart for home

Fulfilling Our Destiny

At the age of 19 a man left home on an expedition that spanned more than ten years. His trek took him over 11,000 miles and thirteen years later he had become King of the Greeks, Pharaoh of Egypt, Ruler of Persia, fabulously wealthy and master of the known world. What drove Alexander the Great to such heights, with no equal in recorded history for leading men in battle? Can we conceive of the drive that motivates one man to conquer significant areas of our planet by the time he was only 32 years old?

Freemasonry offers all of us the opportunity to achieve fame — a lasting fame — by working for the betterment of mankind. Consider that each of us has but one life to live on this earth and that there are usually no second chances to change that about which we are not too happy or which we didn't do. This opportunity which may never make world news or be recorded in the history books, presents itself each day, if you will, in the form of a journey not unlike that of Alexander the Great. It is available to every Master Mason and may take a lifetime. Within us, each has the ability to reach the top of the mountain that we choose to climb — in our own way — to fulfil our destiny.

As a Master Mason you can practise the cardinal virtues in your associations with others and in various vocations to influence and uplift mankind. As a Lodge officer you can enhance the degree conferrals by overcoming the rut of mediocrity and stagnation by doing a better job, setting the example, supporting your Worshipful Master, practising charity and relief of the distressed. While each of us may be marching to the beat of a different drummer than that which inspired Alexander, the tempo and rhythm of the "Masonic Drum" depends on its members, their motivation, dedication and determination.

Is your Lodge and community a better place because of what you did, are doing, or will do in the future? Are you accomplish-

ing your share? Opportunities abound in service to Freemasonry and mankind. Can we count on you? May we have your commitment?

James L. Johnston, P.G.M.
Voice of Masons in Japan
Masonic Shimbun Vol. VIII, July 1985

Topic for Lodge Discussion

How could a program be set up in your Lodge or district to educate Lodge officers in their respective duties?

Question of the Month

- a) How many symbolic "G"s are there in a Lodge room?
- b) Where is/are it/they located?

From Afar

Proverb of the Month

A man never surfeits of too much honesty.]

Prayer


Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun,
A bit o' work, and a bit o' fun;
Give us all in the struggle and splutter,
Our daily bread and a bit o' butter.

Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave wise, and free,
Our goodly best for ourselves and others,
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

From an old English Inn

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