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Remembrance...

Let me compose a creative concept of an afterlife in commemorative remembrance of those exemplary Masons who gave their lives to keep our traditional way of life secure. Our illustrious Grand Master Hiram Abif exemplified the legendary ideal Freemasonry conveys to its initiates in the Master Mason Degree.

Remembrance Day, honouring Canada's war dead, is observed on November 11. Characteristic of this festival for the dead heroes are the ubiquitous red poppy, cenotaphs, patriotic parades of veterans, and memorial services for the Canadian casualties of worldwide wars in this century who are buried in 70 cemeteries around the globe. Myriads of those who perished were members of Craft Lodges.

A uniform headstone engraved with a maple leaf marks the place where each individual's remains have been decently interred. The Commonwealth cemeteries are landscaped fields of honour, perpetually maintained as dignified remembrances of supreme sacrifice. It is a deeply moving emotional experience to walk among the graves of fellow Canadians isolated from those who loved them.

From ancient times, the dogma of the immortality of the soul has been universally recorded by civilized peoples under various hieroglyphics and nomenclatures. For speculative Masons this hope of everlasting existence is an axiom of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe.

Most Masons believe that the soul is immortal and lives



A typical cenotaph erected to commemorate the Canadians who fell in three wars during this century: 1914-18; 1939-45 and 1950-53. This one is in Edmonton.

on after bodily death. Immediately upon demise, the body is buried and an ecclesiastical decision made as to where the soul will go. Some souls have been willfully alienated from their Creator. For other souls there will be an intermediate state for purging, but most souls immediately enter the Elysian Fields. Such souls are usually in a youthful state and are capable of further spiritual growth.

On the day of righteous, merciful and final judgment, bodily resurrection will occur and reunification with the soul will take place. In this perfect and incorruptible form, with a distinct identity and personality, human beings will live continuously in a perpetual paradise of peace, joy, and blessedness which is beyond our mortal power to comprehend.

So mote it be.

We Will Remember them!

Noted in reading the Reader's Digest

A Master Mason in Lodge No. 53 on the Register of the Grand

Lodge of Manitoba, a survivor of the Dieppe raid and a company commander in the Princess Pats during the Korean War, Capt. J.G. "Wally" Mills — now retired and living in Edmonton — won the Military Cross when he called for artillery fire on his company's position to stem the tide of Chinese troops overrunning a Commonwealth defensive line. No Canadians were killed in the bombardment by a New Zealand battery.

...Lest We Forget!

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Grand Lodge Proceedings

Two copies of the book of the Proceedings have been mailed to the Secretary of every Lodge in the Jurisdiction. If your Lodge has not complied with the directive on page four — that selections are to be read in open Lodge and that reports of committees are to be studied and presented for discussion at a convenient time — you are urged to ask the Worshipful Master to see that this is done.

You are cordially invited to:

Diamond Jim Norwood's

2nd Annual Roast



in honor of

The Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Alberta

Most Worshipful Bro.

D. R. (Don) Millar

on Friday, November 16, 1990

at Central Masonic Temple

Limited Seating

\$30.00

Cocktails	5:30 pm
Dinner	7:30 pm
Dress	Formal or Business Suit

Past Grand Masters

The Past Grand Masters of Alberta met for dinner in Red Deer on September 4 for a time of fellowship and to become better acquainted with the current Grand Lodge Officers who were also in attendance. There was not a set agenda for this third annual meeting.

Board of General Purposes

The Board of General Purposes met in Red Deer on September 13 and elected R.W.Bro. James A. Lore as President. R.W.Bro. Douglas G. Simmonds was elected Vice-President. In keeping with the Constitution, the Grand Secretary remains the Board's Secretary.

A number of Lodges have written the Board to protest their placement in the 15 proposed new Districts. Requests by Hussar Lodge No. 130 and Mountainview Lodge No. 16 to remain with the Lodges they have been associated with will be referred to Grand Lodge for consideration. It was also noted that District 14 wrote to protest the redistribution but the Board declined to consider the matter because it was ruled that only Lodges can register a letter of protest. Districts cannot!

The Board has approved new regulations for the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund. The MHEB Board is also required to establish a list of "Qualified Interviewers" in each District to facilitate the evaluation of applicants.

The question of 'Commemorative Pins' was brought up for clarification and the Grand Secretary was instructed to research the minutes to determine if a policy has been adopted. In 1986, the Board adopted a motion "that the Grand Lodge Office be authorized to sell all pins produced and sold commercially, and that the Lodges of this Jurisdiction may, after the approval of the design of any pin by the Grand Master, be permitted to produce and distribute commemorative pins or any other pin which bears the name Alberta in word or symbol." It should be noted that this policy requires Lodges to get approval of the design first, then proceed with production.

Several Masonic Jurisdictions of North America cooperated in a survey to find out why Lodge attendance is declining. The presentation of survey results was made into a video tape and copies are being made available to all DDGMs in this Jurisdiction.

[Brethren should find this video both interesting and challenging and can contact their DDGM to make arrangements for a screening.]

The next Board meeting has been changed to Saturday, February 9, 1990 from the previous Thursday.

Words to ponder

"What is time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, summer and winter, months, years, centuries — these are but the arbitrary and outward signs — the measure of time, not time itself. Time is the life of the soul."

Longfellow
Edmonton Lodge No. 7

The Mason Behind the Statue



The War Memorial located across the street from the Grand Lodge Offices in Calgary is dedicated to Boer War veterans. The classic Cavalry Horseman is an archetype used by the Artist to represent all good men, pioneers and distinguished warriors. It is no surprise that his model was a Mason — Colonel Russel Lambert Boyle. In fact, Colonel Boyle was the first person to petition Crossfield Lodge No. 48 while that Lodge was still under dispensation.

Russel Boyle began his military career as a trumpeter at the age of 14. In 1900, he sailed with his regiment for South Africa and took part in several actions including the relief of Mafeking, Rhodesia, Transvaal, East and West Pretoria. It was at Orange River Colony where he was wounded and awarded the Queen's medal with Clasps.

After Africa and until the out break of World War 1, Boyle was a very active farmer and rancher at Crossfield. He also served the people of Alberta and the North West Territories as a Justice of the Peace. When war broke out in 1914, Colonel Boyle was given command of Alberta's 10th Battalion and led his regiment into action at St. Julian Wood during the second battle at Ypres. The battle was fought against great odds because this is where the Germans first used poisonous gas. Colonel Boyle was wounded and died two days later on April 23, 1915 in Flanders. He was mentioned in dispatches and was given a posthumous award of the Oak Leaves.

Today, Colonel Boyle commands a place of honour on his horse across from the Colonel Belcher Hospital (left background) in Calgary where the wounded of several wars are still being treated. Masons of Alberta should be proud of such a man, and of all men and women who gave their lives in the defence of freedom.

Lest We Forget!

W.Bro. Gerry Webber
Crossfield Lodge No. 48

From Lodge Notices

Crescent Lodge No. 87

On September 25, our distinguished guest was R.W.Bro. A.F. Aylesworth. Since June 1984, when he became Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., R.W.Bro. Allen Aylesworth has given this office his total commitment. Even moreso, he has brought to his task patience, creativity and dependability. He has touched us all in some way and we are the better for it. It is with profound regret that we must accept his resignation from this office. On this special evening to honour our distinguished Brother, we had the opportunity to give some expression of our gratefulness and great respect for the honourable work he has completed.

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

An old legend which comes to us from the Napoleonic Wars tells of a youth too young to fight who was permitted to carry the regimental banner. During one bitter engagement, his unit was advancing under heavy enemy fire. In his youthful zeal the boy went so far ahead of the regiment that he was almost out of contact. The commanding officer sent a runner bearing the message, "Bring the Standard back to the Line." With heroic recklessness the lad sent back the reply, "Bring the Line up to the Standard!"

Food for thought about the young Knights of Jacques De Molay.

Diamond City Lodge No. 65

We all have heard of a double take. Well, it was doubled to a quadruple take at the April meeting of the Lodge at Coalhurst. Seated in the East was the Worshipful Master, R.W.Bro. August Hann, his nephew W.Bro. Ronnie Hann, hisson-in-law W.Bro. Vern Dennis, and his grandson W.Bro. Val Dennis. These three visiting Worshipful Brothers were from Chinook Lodge at Cowley. Four Masters in one family is remarkable!

Kitchener Lodge No. 95

General Douglas MacArthur said:

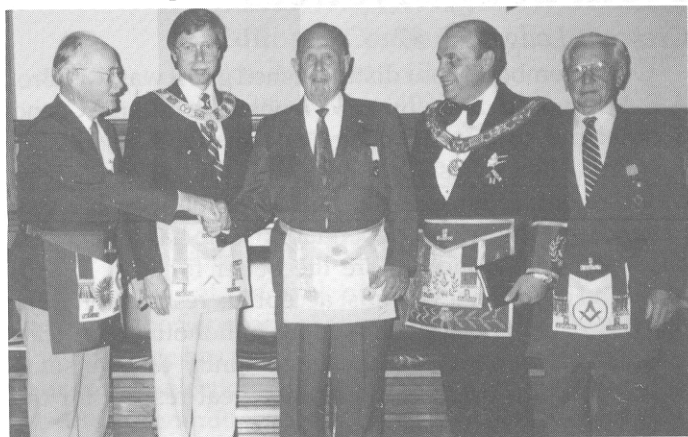
"Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People only grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle your skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair — these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Whatever your years, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching,

childlike appetite for 'what next' and the joy and the game of life.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. In the central place of your heart, there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage, so long you are young. When the wires are all down, and your heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then — and then only — are you grown old."

Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142



Bro. Louis McCulloch, a Life Member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, was honoured recently with the presentation of his Sixty Year Bar. The presentation was made by R.W.Bro. T.E. Bate, PDDGM and Past Master of 142. Shown above are (l. to r.): M.W.Bro. Kenneth L. Crockett; W.Bro. Neil Sheidow, Worshipful Master Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142; Bro. Louis McCulloch; R.W.Bro. Basile Costouros, DDGM District 12; and R.W.Bro. T.E. Bate.

Quotations of the Month

"Some people read just enough to keep themselves misinformed."

Scottish Rite News

"If you have eaten the morsel of black bread on Wednesday, do not look for it on Thursday."

Russian Proverb

"Four things come not back — the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity."

Arabian Proverb

Truth

(An edited version of a paper by R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk)

"What is truth?" Pontius Pilate demanded 2000 years ago. But the rabble clamoring for the crucifixion of Christ were not prepared to comprehend the answer to that rhetorical question. Selfish, blind desire to witness a gruesome spectacle distracted them from learning the Truth about the human condition. Apathy, fear, ignorance, intrigue, jealousy, prejudice, selfishness combined to wreak vengeance on their benefactor.

Today, betrayal of private and public trust, corruption of officials, fraud, greed, hypocrisy, licentiousness, mindless materialism, perversion, profiteering, and self indulgence all come under the scrupulous scrutiny of the electronic media. Public exposure tends toward a restriction of these abominations. But awareness of the Truth is not enough. Corrective action must be taken — and not by enforcement agencies only. Each individual must correct his own behaviour and that of his neighbours in this global village.

Truth, one of the Masonic virtues and a divine attribute of a Freemason, is synonymous with sincerity, honesty of expression and plain dealing in all circumstances. Every day we must seek for the Truth beneath the surface of our selfishness. It means admiration of talent rather than envy, encouragement to others instead of derision. Truth is always positive, never negative; creative, never destructive; works for good, destroys evil. Truth is recognizing our own shortcomings, not blaming others for our failures.

Perceptions of Our Dad

Age 4 — Dad can do anything.

Age 5 — Dad knows everything.

Age 7 — Dad knows a lot, a whole lot.

Age 9 — Dad doesn't quite know everything.

Age 12 — Oh! Well, fathers don't understand.

Age 14 — Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned.

Age 21 — That man is out-of-date.

Age 25 — He comes up with the odd, good idea.

Age 30 — Must find out what Dad thinks.

Age 35 — A little patience, let's get Dad's input.

Age 50 — What would Dad have thought.

Age 60 — I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

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