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New Year 1991

"The name of January is adopted from the name of a Roman deity called Janus who was represented by two faces looking opposite directions at the same time. The faces were turned towards the past and the future in an effort to teach that one should profit from the past, with anxious anticipation for the future."

A Masonic Thought For Each Day of the Year, compiled by Alphonse Cerza.

We have reached that time of each year when we reflect on what has transpired over the past year, and contemplate the future. We have approved the **Masonic Charitable Foundation of Alberta**, which is now nearing completion of the formation stage and should be ready for our support in 1991 and the years following. The amount of funds available for distribution by the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund Committee reached a new high during 1990. With each one of us practising the cornerstone of Freemasonry — Charity — always remembering it is a warmer and happier feeling to give than it is to receive, the world about us will benefit because of our efforts. We look forward to a year of advanc-



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ing the comprehension of our Masonic Charges — for whatever good each and every Mason does is a responsibility fulfilled.

The past is for us to learn from: taking that experience forward for the benefit of mankind. By accepting the lessons of yesterday, we are preparing to face the challenges of tomorrow. Displaying true fellowship towards all humanity, living our life based on the Masonic philosophy, each of us will achieve growth within ourselves.

We must always portray in our home, at work or play that Masonry is truly an organization of man that considers the Great Light to be the foundation of all truths and the keystone for our strength and progression.

There is very little that has not been said before. All I can do is extend, to every Mason and members of his family, a sincere wish for good health and continued Masonic development. Let it not be supposed that you have here labored in vain and spent your strength for naught, for your work is with the Lord and your recompense with God. Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with you and bless you.

R.W. Bro. Calvin D. Shaver, DGM

Interprovincial Conference of the Four Western Masonic Jurisdictions — The 50th Anniversary

From the first meeting in 1940, organized by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Freemasons of the four western provinces have met on an informal basis in Banff. The conference theme is Masonic Education, presented in the format of a paper delivered by the Senior Grand Warden from each jurisdiction with moderation by the Deputy Grand Masters.

The fifth anniversary theme address was delivered to the delegates, observers, members of Cascade Lodge No. 5

and Ladies by M.W. Bro. Ted Clarke, PGM Grand Lodge of B.C. The Masonic Education papers were:

Character by R.W. Bro. J. Crawford (GRA);

The Absence of the Past Master by R.W. Bro. M.J. McKay (GRM);

Freemasonry — What Should We Do Now? by R.W. Bro. W. Manion (GRBC); and

Public Relations — Do We Really Need It? by R.W. Bro. D. McDonald, (GRS).

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The discussion and debate of the papers encouraged an excellent exchange of ideas, resulting in an abundance of information for the delegates and observers which will lead them to strengthen themselves in their current and future responsibilities.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba will host the 51st Conference at the Rimrock Hotel in Banff on September 19, 20, & 21, 1991.



Officers of the Four Western Masonic Jurisdictions together with Officers and members of Cascade Lodge No. 5 and their visitors attending the opening of the Western Masonic Conference at Banff on September 22, 1990.

Grand Master's Itinerary for January, 1991

January 1st — Grand Master's Levee, CMT Edmonton, 12 noon

- 3rd — Excelsior No. 80, Daysland
- 8th — Fidelity No. 76, Bashaw, Installation
- 9th — Meridian No. 129, Stony Plain
- 12th — Annual Meeting, Al Shamal Temple
- 14th — Board of Benevolence
- 17th — Foothills No. 174, Calgary
- 19th — District No. 3, Burns Dinner, Edson
- 23rd — Forestburg No. 128, Forestburg
- 24th — Finance Committee, Red Deer, 7:00 p.m.
- 28th — Beacon No. 190, Burns Dinner, Red Deer

The C.O.M.E.L.Y. Program

At the request of M.W.Bro. D.R. Millar, Grand Master, a committee was formed under the Chairmanship of M.W.Bro. Stan Harbin, Past Grand Master, to further enhance the development and implementation of the C.O.M.E.L.Y. Program (Calling on Masons in Each Lodge Yearly). Its main focus is to make sure that Brethren are not lost to the Craft when they leave a particular jurisdiction or relocate within a jurisdiction. The District Deputy Grand Masters Elect will be asked to co-ordinate the program within their respective districts. R.W.Bro. Ed Hunter (28), Past District Deputy Grand Master (1), is assisting the committee by co-ordinating the program from the Grand Lodge Office. The program will only succeed and survive with strong commitment from all Brethren within the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Further information regarding the work of this committee will be published in future issues of this Bulletin.

The members of the committee are:

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| M.W.Bro. Stan Harbin, Chairman | Camrose |
| M.W.Bro. D.A. Bruce, Secretary | Calgary |
| M.W.Bro. W.A. (Sandy) Milligan | Edmonton |
| R.W.Bro. Gordon Astle | Beaver Lodge |
| W.Bro. Ken Ing | Red Deer |
| R.W.Bro. T.S. Band | Lethbridge |

What A Wonderful Sunday!

On Sunday morning, November 4th, 1990, all four Districts in the City of Calgary — Numbers 1, 6, 16 and 18 — combined to hold a Church Parade. It was, perhaps, the best Masonic parade that has taken place in the city for quite some time. There were representatives from each District and the attendance totalled 78.

M.W.Bro. Rev. J. Collett preached a sermon which showed the relationship between the Masonic Fraternity and the church. It was a most enlightening and informative sermon for not only those Masons in attendance, but also for the parishioners of the church. Our DGM and his wife were in attendance as were the current DDGMs and the PDDGMs, along with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Brethren from all the Lodges.

This is a "first time," and the response was very gratifying. It is understood from the incoming DDGMs that they will attempt to make this an annual event. All four DDGMs wish to extend their thanks to all of those who took part in this church parade. What a wonderful Sunday! It will be remembered for some time to come.

R.W.Bro. Clyde Elford, DDGM District No. 6

Activate the Words

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth remain just words until activated. Undoubtedly there are some of our members who give only lip service to these principles. This is unfortunate. It may well be that some have not learned their meaning. We must try harder.

Freemasonry today needs men who will become the teachers necessary to activate the words and lessons of our

Degrees — Masons who will teach others, not only by interpretations but by exemplification in their own conduct.

Racial or religious discrimination has no place among Masons. When its ugly head is raised, men whose obligations make them Masons must be the first to speak out strongly against such prejudice, whether inside the Lodge or outside of it. What we do as individuals is far more important than what we do as a Lodge or a Fraternity.

The greatest service we can render to God is true dedication and devotion to high moral principles. Freemasonry has such principles. It is us to each of us to learn, understand and better exemplify those principles.

M.W.Bro. C.R. Machee, G.L. of California

Presentation of 60 Year Bar

On October 2nd, 1990, W.Bro. Arthur R. James was presented with his sixty-year bar by M.W.Bro. Norman MacIver, PGM, in Norwood Lodge.

Bros James and MacIver have been friends for many years having both been career bankers with the Toronto Dominion bank.

As a result of the many transfers connected with his career in the banking business, W.Bro. James has been a member of more than the normal number of Lodges that most of us become members of in our life time.

W.Bro. James was initiated in Victory Lodge No. 128 at Benito, Manitoba on July 30th, 1930. Shortly after receiving his First Degree, he was transferred to The Pas where he received the Second and Third degrees on November 6, 1930 and May 21, 1931 respectively.

Since that time, W.Bro. James has been a member of the following Lodges:

Calgary Lodge No. 23, Calgary, Alberta
St. James Lodge No. 121, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Mound Lodge No. 118, Pilot Mound, Manitoba
St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, Alberta
Norwood Lodge No. 90, Edmonton, Alberta

W.Bro. James was Worshipful Master of St. James Lodge No. 121 in 1947. His father was a member of that Lodge for over 25 years. W.Bro. James is a Life Member of Norwood Lodge No. 90 and of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.



M.W.Bro. MacIver; W.Bro. Ken Montgomery, W.M. of Norwood Lodge; W.Bro. James; and R.W.Bro. Don Dygert, DDGM District 10.



Grabbing the Future

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Bill Pellow — PGM Ontario

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April 19, 20 & 21, 1991

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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

Promise Yourself on New Year's Day

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 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. *Adapted.*

Robert Burns Day, January 25, 1991

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.

Resolutions

A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;
 A little less of arrogance because of all we know;
 A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight;
 We are such trivial candles compared to stars at night;
 A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind;
 A little more desirous the word of praise to find;
 The words of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice;
 A little more careful to speak with gentle voice;
 A little more true eagerness to understand each other;
 A little more real striving to help an ailing brother;
 A little more high courage to each task that must be done;
 These be our resolutions — and God help us everyone.

Author Unknown

From Lodge Notices

Commercial Lodge No. 81

At the September meeting, 16 Brethren from the Lodges "Die Bruecke," "Die Vereinigten Herzen" and "Erzherzog Johann" from the Orient of Graz, Austria, were received with Grand Honours and introduced by M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner.

R.W.Bro. Karl Doppler, an officer of the G.L. of Austria, brought greetings from the G.M., M.W.Bro. Franz Hausner, and presented us with a "travelling gavel" (of olive wood from the Holy Land) which originated in Minnesota and which we now have the honour to pass along to be further admired. A very interesting book-gift, suitably inscribed was presented to our Lodge by W.Bro. Dobida.

R.W.Bro. Doppler stated that our visiting Brethren were well able to follow our proceedings, although they were

only in part conducted bilingually.

At the October meeting, the Ladies came to join us in a **Mixed Table Lodge**, the first of that type to be held in these parts of the Masonic Universe.

This event was superbly organized by our J.W., Bro. Ron Smith, and we plunged into it with the joy and fervour expected of Commercial No. 81! R.W.Bro. Lusk contributed to the conduct and the success of the Table Lodge. It was he who introduced this old ritual in Alberta and he gave a very entertaining historical talk on the subject and very effectively assisted in the "action" which followed. His assistance was most welcome to your W.M. who had little experience in these matters.

The Audio-Visual presentation on Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the Composer, the Freemason and the Human being, by M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner kept the audience spellbound and was rewarded by a great show of gratitude and appreciation by all those who had the good foresight and participated in this Festive Board.

Hopefully, more opportunities will be created to allow our Ladies to partake in the social life of the Lodge.

North Star Lodge No. 4

A Creed

I wish I were big enough to honestly admit all my shortcomings: brilliant enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant: tall enough to tower above deceit: strong enough to treasure love: brave enough to welcome criticism: compassionate enough to understand human frailties: wise enough to recognize my mistakes: humble enough to appreciate greatness: staunch enough to stand by my friends: human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbour and righteous enough to be devoted to the love of God.
(York Rite News)

Vulcan Lodge No. 74

Benefits

It is only after a time that the newly raised Brother discovers that there is a whole history and philosophy underlying the ceremonies of the Craft and that there develops a peculiar relationship between himself and his Brethren, which results in substantial calls of many kinds being made upon him, particularly during his occupation of the Chair; but that there are on the other hand, impalpable yet most valuable benefits to be derived from membership in the fraternity.

Masonic Sun

Fidelity Lodge No. 76

"It Rains"

It was the custom among the English Freemasons of the mid 19th century, when conversing together on the subject of Masonry, to warn of the approach of the profane (non-Mason) by announcing in a whining expression, "It rains."

The phrase was used to indicate that a Cowan (an eavesdropper or spy) was present and the topic must be suspended. It is derived from an ancient punishment of an eavesdropper, which was to place the culprit under the eaves of a house in rainy weather and keep him there until the dripping water ran in at his collar and out at his shoes.