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## New Year's Message

As your Deputy Grand Master, it is my responsibility and privilege to extend to our readers warmest fraternal regards for the New Year. With each new day the New Year presents challenges which must be met as we travel into the unknown. We, as members of the Masonic Fraternity, have onerous duties to perform.

During the past year we have again witnessed atrocities of war in a world torn by jealousies and animosities. The very atmosphere is vibrant with discord and the clash of human passions. What is required at this juncture in history, more than anything else, is to learn the lesson of brotherly love. On earth there is no organization so well-equipped as ours to carry out and teach this lesson. If our fraternity, and indeed civilization, is to advance and grow, the root must go down to bedrock in the soil of righteous convictions. The temple of life must be built upon a secure foundation.

The Great Architect of the Universe has entrusted to us the lessons and teachings of a Master Mason — lessons which, if properly understood and put into practical effect, would make this world a far better place in which to live. We are therefore entrusted with one of the most sacred obligations ever delegated to man. The purpose of our being, which indeed is well understood by all of us, is the upbuilding of human character. The earth as we know it is but a speck in the great scheme and human life here is a pilgrimage to a higher end.

This world can, and must, be made a better place in which to live. To do so demands high ideals, the spirit of brotherhood, the desire to make one's own life count for the good of all; not by complacently sitting down and waiting for someone to act for us. We are the ones who must act now. We must use every resource at our disposal to reverse the moral and social decay that exists in today's world, and strive toward permanent peace among all nations.

Brethren I challenge all of you to practice, project and portray the ideals of a Freemason as we travel into the unknown of a new year. Let us have faith in ourselves and in each other, and faith in the future. We must be willing to sacrifice to attain our ideal. He who deliberately turns from the path of ease to that of sacrifice is the hero of a needy world and the mainspring of progress. Fields of influence are reached only by toiling up the steep hills of difficulty.

We, as Masons, have within us a potential force to be

reckoned with in a world of confusion and uncertainty. Let us individually prove that, motivated by an unselfish desire and armed with the Working Tools of a Master Mason, we can do much in reshaping a badly twisted world. My Brethren, may 1992 be a year of high visibility for Masonry as it reaches out to help God's children the world over.

R.W.Bro. J.R. Crawford, Deputy Grand Master

## From the Notices

"In our urgent desire to strengthen Masonry in our time we are in great danger. We hear many suggestions today that are offered as at least partial solutions to the problems that worry us. All too commonly they can be seen, on careful analysis, to offer superficial and transitory benefits only, and worse, to dilute the duties and responsibilities of Masons to the Lodge, to each other, and to the Craft. We rarely hear anyone suggest that many, perhaps most, of our problems arise from our failure to remember that we are supposed to be concerned, above all else, as Masons, with self-improvement, with fraternal care for our brothers and with service to mankind. I say that our first imperative is that we take care not to be seduced by attractive fixes or frivolities that have nothing to do with the spirit of Masonry... We will never save Masonry by abandoning or circumventing its moral, ethical, or philosophical principles, for, if we try that, we can only destroy the heart and soul of the fraternity."

M.W.Bro. Glenn Fox, Perfection Lodge No. 9

## Spruce Grove Masonic Club

A club has been formed at Spruce Grove for Master Masons who wish to meet together in harmony with some good company. It is the intention to move towards forming a new Lodge and there is presently discussion on aspects of such a Lodge, but in an informal atmosphere. The club presently meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at St. Andrew's United Church.

If you are interested in joining with the Master Masons who are meeting in Spruce Grove, just arrive on the stated evenings at 8:00 p.m. and find a welcome waiting for you.

## Proverb of the Month

What we spent we had; what we gave we have; what we left we lost.

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## Question of the Month

What is a Scald Miserable Mason?

**Editor's note:** The answers to the Question of the Month will now appear two months following the questions, due to the production time of one Bulletin overlapping the circulation of the previous Bulletin. This will allow more time to receive answers or comments.

## Further Answers to the Question of the Month for October.

*The question was "Which way should the "G" face?"*

A most interesting letter and explanation was received from Bro. David Currie of Kirkaldy, Fife, Scotland in which he points out that the location of the "G" is given in his Ritual but there is no reference to direction. He further notes that the "G" in Canongate Kilwinning No. 2 is attached horizontally, exactly mid-way between floor and ceiling, the volumetric centre of the Lodge. He bases a strong argument on this fact and the various other locations which the "G" occupies — that it does not matter which way it faces, for the "G" represents "that source of light from which all goodness emanates" and a light source gives off its energy in every direction. The "G" being purely a symbol can face any way and, like the Masonic ring there is no right or wrong way, just argument over choice.

## Grand Lodge 1992

It is not too early to note on your calendar the dates of the next Grand Lodge Communication. Remember the Three Principal Officers should be in attendance — the Worshipful Master obligated himself to attend during his installation.

Grand Lodge Communication 1992 will be held on June 12 and 13 in Red Deer, Alberta.

The Lodge should have now received the Nomination Forms from the Grand Lodge Office. Have you eligible members in your Lodge?

## Get Involved!

You may want to hold office or work on a committee yourself. You may know a brother who you think would do an excellent job in a particular office or on a committee.

If it is an elected position, then the only way for a Brother to have a chance at being elected is for them to be nominated. The nomination forms are now with the Lodge secretaries and you should make sure that you do your part in the process. The deadline for receipt of nominations at the Grand Lodge Office is 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, February 29, 1992.

Remember that the changed Constitution now requires that the Grand Tyler also be elected by secret ballot.

## Grand Master's Itinerary for January, February and March

### January

- 1 Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Central Temple, New Year's Levee
- 4 Rockyford Lodge No. 123, Strathmore
- 6 Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds
- 8 Symbol Lodge No. 93, Drumheller — Suit
- 9 Nanton Lodge No. 17, Nanton
- 14 Connaught Lodge No. 69, Viking
- 16 Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Central Temple
- 20 Empire Lodge No. 62, Central Temple
- 21 Cairo Lodge NO. 32, Claresholm
- 22 Jordan Lodge No. 177, Calgary Temple
- 25 Al Azhar Temple, Calgary
- 27 Beacon Lodge No. 190, Red Deer — Suit

### February

- 6 Centennial Lodge No. 194, St. James UC
- 8 District No. 16, Bowmont — Formal
- 11 Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58, Cardston
- 12 Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, Athabasca
- 13 Ashlar Lodge No. 28, Calgary Temple
- 14 District No. 1, Calgary Temple — Formal
- 20 Acme Lodge No. 60, Acme
- 25 Crescent Lodge No. 87, Crescent
- 26 Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188, Central Temple
- 29 District No. 19, Central Temple — Formal

### March

- 2 Hinton Lodge No. 178, Hinton
- 3 Corinthian Lodge No. 22, Okotoks
- 5 Westlock Lodge No. 114, Westlock
- 10 Kitchener Lodge No. 95, Rimbey
- 12 Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff
- 16 Brooks Lodge No. 73, Brooks
- 17 Drumheller Lodge No. 146, Drumheller
- 19 Gratton Lodge No. 144, Irma
- 28 Fiat Lux Lodge No. 1980

## District Meetings

Dist	Date	Location	Reg	Meal	Mtg	Dress
1	Feb 14	Cal. Mas Temple	4:30	6:00	7:30	Off Tux Others Suit
19	Feb 29	Ed. Mas Temple	1:00	5:30	2:00	

## New Rank for Grand Master

On October 25, 1991, King George Lodge No. 59 held its annual Railroad Night. This year W.Bro. George Doerr acted as Worshipful Master and conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. R.G. Hansen. The Degree Director was W.Bro. Ron Goodman and officers and members of the team were active and retired railroad workers.

This night is one of the highlights of the Masonic year for King George Lodge and attracts a large number of visitors. This year was especially eventful with the visit of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Calvin Shaver, who took part in the Degree and was made an Honorary Member of the team and named Chief Executive Officer of the Railroaders' Degree Team.

The degree team was started by W.Bro. Don Capper and when he passed to the Grand Lodge Above, the team was under the direction of W.Bro. Harry Adams until his death. W.Bro. Ron Goodman then took charge of the team and has continued to make "Railroad Night" such a significant event in Lodge life by keeping the team 'on track.'

Over the years, the team has been presented with many railroading memorabilia but the most prized possessions are a steam locomotive bell and a piece of ordinal track originally laid in the Calgary area.



The C.E.O., M.W. Bro. Cal Shaver, GM, standing next to the new Fellowcraft, Bro. Hansen and "the Team."

## Did You Know?

The Calgary Masonic Board of Relief exists to assist Masons in good standing who now live in the Calgary area or are visiting or passing through the City but are not members of Calgary Lodges. The need could be a financial emergency, transportation required, e.g. for medical treatment, help at home, etc. If we can assist such a member of the Craft, please contact us through the Grand Lodge Office or our Chairman, R.W. Bro. Don Buck, Calgary Lodge No. 23 (Res: 242-6495 or Bus: 279-8333). Requests are treated in confidence. Resources are available. Let's use them!

## Be Prepared

Everyone should make preparations so that, should you pass on, your wife, sons or daughters, or some member of your immediate family should have knowledge of the whereabouts of your will and other important papers. They should also have knowledge of your Masonic connections. Make notes in your effects requesting that they notify the Secretaries of each of the Masonic Bodies to which you belong, should you be called away by death.

Regularly, some death notices are not received until the Secretary receives a response from a widow or family member replying to a Dues Notice sent to a last known address. This can be exceedingly embarrassing to the widow or family, and to the Secretary, to learn at a later date, of the death of a member. We earnestly solicit your co-operation in this matter. You will be rendering a great service to your family by removing this chance for embarrassment.

## Blood

It is the time of the year when the Red Cross is seeking donations to keep up its stock of blood. Have you donated yet? If you are a reasonably young Mason (less than 60) in good health, why not take up this form of charity. To give money is sometimes a pain but also the easy way out; to give blood is truly to give of yourself.

At a recent awards presentation to donors in Calgary, there was recognition of those who had given 35, 50, 75, 100 and 200 donations — yes 200! It was noticeable that a number of Masons were amongst those who received awards and who were personally congratulated by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, The Honourable Gordon Towers, P.G.M.

If you are not willing to be a donor yourself, why not contact the Red Cross and offer to set up a blood drive in your community — in the Lodge Hall if necessary.

The gift of blood is truly a gift of life to the recipient in many cases. Few donations you ever make can be as significant.

## Lodge Discussion Topic

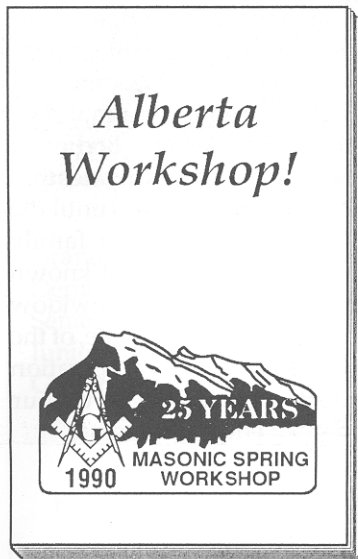
Has your Lodge ever tried a discussion yet? Why don't you ask the Master if you can lead one for just 10 minutes? Cut off the discussion at that point and find out if the Lodge enjoyed it. Try one more before giving up on the idea, because topics can vary in the way they stimulate individuals to talk.

This month try: "Sons of Masons should be allowed to enter the Craft before they are 21 (the 'Lewis' principle)."

## Did You Hear?

The Masonic golfer had just come in from a long afternoon of golf, a game he played regularly throughout the year. His wife kissed him and remarked that their son had just come in too. "He says he's been caddying for you", she remarked. "By golly," exclaimed the golfer, "no wonder that kid looked so familiar!"

## Anniversary Book of the Masonic Spring Workshop



Remember that the theme speeches given at the Workshop over the last 25 years have been gathered together in a single volume — *Alberta Workshop* — and copies are still available from R.W. Bro. Dave Ingoe, c/o Grand Lodge Office. This book is loaded with inspiration, ideas, stimulation and good common sense about a variety of Masonic topics. This is not heavy reading and can be appreciated by all. If you do not have a personal copy or know of friends for whom you would like to buy a gift, or you are a Lodge that gives a copy to each new Mason, get your copies now through the Grand Lodge Office. Send \$16.05 made payable to the MSW Committee.

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### Quotation of the Month

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Georg Wilhelm Hegel, 1770 – 1831

### Special Event at Vulcan Lodge No. 74

In the July, 1990 meeting at Vulcan Lodge Hall, W.Bro. David Mitchell acted as K.S. and raised four candidates. Three of these candidates were his sons Winston, Scott and Lyndon. The fourth candidate was Michael Whiteside whose father, Cody, was the G.S.W. in the Degree (York Rite).

This is the sort of event that every father dreams of but rarely can he see it come to fruition with the timing to have all three wish to enter Lodge at the same time. Congratulations to Vulcan Lodge on this significant event.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. S.F. Campbell, PDDGM

### Masonry is Alive & Well

On Monday November 4, 1991, a group of PDDGMs and a PGM formed a Degree Team under the direction of R.W.Bro. Donald Buck, DDGM District 6, and travelled to Stavely Lodge No. 33, in Stavely, Alberta, to confer the Master Mason Degree on a very proficient candidate, Bro. Clayton Wasend. The number of Brethren taking part was 28, yes that is right, 28! All PDDGMs and a PGM.

The evening was an outstanding success and a great tribute to Masonry as the Degree was performed with perfection. The candidate stated it was an evening he

would never forget! Special mention must be made of W.Bro. George Blakley, who conducted the meeting with precision and dignity, and of the candidate who performed in a remarkable manner in proving up. This is a credit to his coach.

Brethren, Masonry is not dying! On the contrary, it is alive and well and will continue to progress as long as we have Brethren who are dedicated enough to travel to outlying Lodges to visit, confer degrees and participate in the fellowship and brotherly love that is extended to them.

Submitted by R.W.Bro. Clyde H. Elford

### With Sincere Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all those who were a part of my receiving a beautiful Royal Doulton figurine as a wedding gift.

This was such a kind and generous gesture. My new husband, Jim, and I have our one and only Royal Doulton in a "safe" place of honour.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years at Grand Lodge and I thank people like you for making my job even more enjoyable.

Thanks again for the great kindness shown to me.

Judy Rivers (Reece)

### Affinity Cards

At last the long promised application form for the Grand Lodge of Alberta Affinity Card issued by MasterCard® is enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin. Consider taking out a new card or changing your existing card after reviewing the information given. The choice is yours.

### A Good Deal

If you need to stay in Edmonton and are considering accommodation near the Central Masonic Temple, remember the River Valley Inn, an 'All Suite' Hotel at 9710 – 105 Street. This hotel offers a special rate to all Masons of \$39.00 plus tax and has a toll free line for making your booking, 1-800-661-7385.

### 275 Years of The United Grand Lodge of England

On Wednesday 10 June 1992, the Regular Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England will be held at Earls Court, West London to celebrate the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Grand Lodge and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Other events are planned for the period 9 to 13 June for the guests of the United Grand Lodge. On 24 June (St. John the Baptist's Day) there will be Thanksgiving/Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Grand Master at the time, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Representative, have been invited to this joyous celebration of British Freemasonry.