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27th Masonic Spring Workshop
The Lodge at Kananaskis
Kananaskis Village, Alberta
April 10, 11 & 12, 1992

Freemasonry: Our Way of Life

The Masonic Spring Workshop is just around the corner and I hope you have already sent in your registration card which was printed in your November **Grand Lodge Bulletin**. (Additional registration cards are available from the Grand Lodge Office.)

Our theme, *Freemasonry: Our Way of Life*, is one which can lead to lengthy and very interesting discussion. This theme may assist some of the lodges that are struggling to find the answers needed to reverse the declining trend.

To deliver the theme address, our committee has chosen Bro. Paul Hodges who has been a member of the Craft for only three years but shows definite concern for our vibrant future existence.

The workshop is taking on a very different atmosphere this year, not only in program changes but also in a relocation of venue. The Lodge at Kananaskis should prove to be a first class facility and a perfect location to give us the calm, quiet surroundings needed to search our Craft's future direction. The Lodge at Kananaskis is providing us with very comfortable rooms, an excellent variety of menu choices, a games room and, for the fitness enthusiast, an outstanding weight room, swimming pool and hot tub. For

the skiing nut, Nakiska ski hill is just a ten minute drive, as is the golf course, both of which depend on Mother Nature's co-operation. The Brother who just wants to go for the short stroll or the all-out mountain endurance hike is also well accommodated. After the invigorating workout, the brother may wish to retire to the spa or massage room to relax those aching muscles. Remember, after you pay your registration fee, this area has no Park entrance fee.

The cost for this enjoyable and relaxing weekend is \$185 based on double occupancy, a single room fee is an additional \$65.

I ask each Brother to keep April 10, 11 and 12 open so that he may be one who can say he participated in this exciting change in the history of the Masonic Spring Workshop.

Freemasonry: Our Way of Life
1992 Masonic Spring Workshop
The Lodge at Kananaskis
Tentative Program

Friday, April 10, 1992

- 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Welcome
- 7:00 p.m. Theme Address
- 8:00 p.m. Who's Who

Saturday, April 11th, 1992

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Schools of Instruction
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:30 a.m. Schools of Instruction
- 11:45 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Kick Start
- 3:15 p.m. Debate of **Born in Blood**
- 4:15 p.m. Freetime
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner (Western Style)
- 8:00 p.m. Part 2 Theme Address
- 9:00 p.m. Fun and Fellowship

Sunday, April 12, 1992

- 8:15 a.m. Chairman's Remarks
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Brunch

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Masonic Car Plates



Cars no longer require a front number plate and the owner has the freedom to leave this area blank or use a custom plate.

Exemplar Lodge No. 175 saw that this would allow for the use of a Masonic Plate and has taken action. They have gained approval from the Grand Master to sell a full-sized Masonic plate (see picture above). The plate is pale blue in colour with a gold outlined darker blue square and compasses in the centre.

All monies received in excess of the cost of these plates will be donated to the upgrading of the Central Masonic Temple in Edmonton — a really worthwhile project.

If you are interested in obtaining a plate for yourself please send \$10.00 to Bro. George Burton, Secretary-Treasurer, 39 Ivy Crescent, Sherwood Park, AB, T8A 1W5. Should you wish to purchase a batch of twelve or more at one time, contact Bro. Burton at 464-1026 for a discounted quotation.

The Grand Master reminds all those that purchase these plates that they must accept the responsibility of continuing to live their Freemasonry in all their actions as they will be placing themselves under the scrutiny of all who see the plate.

Grand Master's Itinerary for February, March and April

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 Gratton Lodge No. 144, Irma
- 22 Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 Amalgamation with Lucerne-Doric No. 31, Noon — Suit
- 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
- 12 Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff
- 16 Brooks Lodge No. 73, Brooks
- 17 Drumheller Lodge No. 146, Drumheller
- 19 Acme Lodge No. 60, Acme
- 24 Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148, Mayerthorpe
- 28 Fiat Lux Lodge No. 1980, 2:00 p.m. Lethbridge

April

- 1 Waskatenau Lodge No. 154, Waskatenau
- 2 Whitecourt Lodge No. 153, Whitecourt
- 6 Evergreen Lodge No. 166, Edmonton CMT
- 7 Elbow River Lodge No. 180, Bowmont — Formal
- 9 Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Edmonton CMT
- 13 St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, St Mark's
- 14 Highlands Lodge No. 168, Highlands
- 16 Barrhead Lodge No. 171, Barrhead
- 20 Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge
- 21 Irrican Lodge No. 137, Irricana
- 25 Kitchener Lodge No. 95, Rimbey, 75th Anniversary & Ladies Night — Formal

Notice to Alberta Lodges Outside Calgary

Do you have members now residing in the Calgary area who, you suspect, may need assistance (financial, transportation, help because of a medical condition for instance, etc)? The Calgary Masonic Board of Relief can help.

Write to us through the Grand Lodge Office or call our Chairman, R.W.Bro. Don Buck, Calgary Lodge No. 23 (Res. 243-6495 or Bus. 279-8333). All matters are treated in confidence. Resources are available. Let's use them!

Quote of the Month

Be such a man, and live such a life, that if every man were such as you, and every life like yours, this earth would be God's Paradise.

Phillips Brooks

Action in the Community

Norwood Lodge has turned its 75th Anniversary into a benefit for a group of special youngsters. The following item was printed in the *Alberta Senior Times* for November, 1991.

As part of its 75th Anniversary, Norwood Lodge No. 90 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons has begun a weekly reading program for children attending Norwood Elementary School. Retired members of Norwood Lodge have taken to reading to children in the school who suffer from reading problems.

"I originally thought I would read for one child one day a week, but it has ended up being two children three days a week," says Ron Williams, a retired civil servant and member of the Norwood Lodge reading program. Williams feels that the program has been very successful with the children. He points out that one of his young students would not read aloud in class but, after a few weeks of Ron reading to him, he overcame his reluctance and is now one of the first students to want to read aloud in class...

"This program is very important for our school. We have various students with reading and literacy problems and not enough time to deal with them individually. Having the members of Norwood Lodge read to the children has helped them and our staff," says Otto Menstinsek, Principal of Norwood School.

The program consists of adults reading books aloud to children who have learning problems. The readings happen once or twice a week for thirty minutes. Staff at the school have noted a marked improvement in the students who are part of the reading program. Besides the reading program Norwood Lodge members organized an end-of-school barbecue for the students and staff this summer, providing the food, cooks and entertainment.

Norwood Lodge is now in the process of working out a long term community relations program between itself, the school and the Edmonton Public School Board. Norwood Lodge Education Co-ordinator Allan Bell, a retired school teacher, is organizing the formal continuation of the reading program and looking at organizing senior volunteers for a variety of jobs needed by the school. Any [brethren] who would like to volunteer for this very worthwhile reading program are asked to call Allan Bell at 482-1114.

Double Celebration

Bro. Harry Melville Hunter was initiated in Perfection Lodge No. 9 in February 1929 and raised in April of the same year. He has therefore served the Craft for 60 years, and the word really is **served** in Bro. Hunter's case for he has remained active in his Lodge, is a member of Otuskawan Chapter, R.A.M. and has been extremely active in the A.&A.S.R., having been coroneted as a Thirty-Third Degree Mason of that body.

Health has restricted Brother Hunter's attendance at Lodge in recent years, but after 60 years in the Craft he had truly earned his 60 year bar. It took a little time to present this jewel in his home, but when the presentation was made on October 17, 1991, it was the occasion of Brother Hunter and his gracious wife Flora's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Present on this special occasion were R.W. Bro. C.H. White, R.W. Bro. A.B. Cartwright and W. Bro. Hugh Lowe for Perfection Lodge, and R.W. Bro. Vic Ramsbottom on behalf of Otuskawan Chapter.

Warm congratulations are extended to this well known Brother for both these anniversaries.



(l. to r.) R.W. Bro Cartwright, Bro. Hunter, R.W. Bro. White and W.Bro. Lowe

Memory

Masons are among the few groups of people to cultivate and preserve the lost art of memory. Modern Masons do this with the aid of the written word, but 150 years ago, no symbol, character, mark or figure was in any way delineated. Those Masons cultivated and preserved oral memory. Many of our current lectures and lessons are probably the result of the mnemonic devices used by those senior brethren.

Quintilian (A.D. 35-95) described a mnemonic device that employed the architectural technique to imprint the memory. An individual was to picture a large building and place furniture and ornamentation in the building. Each ornament and piece of furniture was to then represent some concept or idea to be remembered. The J.W.'s lecture in the First Degree of the Canadian Rite is an ideal example of this device. The J.W. describes the Masonic Lodge in great detail from its geometric form to its furnishings. Further, some moral, virtue or principle is linked to each of these aspects of the Lodge. For example, the moveable jewels remind the Master and Wardens that they are of temporary importance and will be replaced. Another example of the mnemonic device is the S.W.'s lecture in the Second Degree where King Solomon's Temple is described and linked to the virtues of governance and education.

Both of these lectures are, therefore, probably artifacts of Masonry's former oral tradition where they served as mnemonic devices to remind the brethren of the morals, virtues and principles that take good men and make them better. We, as Masons of the written tradition, should not lose sight of what it is we are supposed to remember by becoming too absorbed with ritual and allegory. These were (and are) important tools to remind us of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry and not an end to themselves.

Editor's Note: Some jurisdictions still work without any written Work, eg Bristol, UK

Courtesy in the Craft on Special Occasions

On October 27, 1991, W.Bro. Harold Hopkinson, I.P.M., and R.W.Bro. Wm. G. Robinson, Secretary of Cascade Lodge No. 12, G.R.B.C. of Vancouver, travelled to White Rock, B.C. to present a 70 Year Bar to the 50 Year Jewel of Bro. William L. Warke. Bro. Warke is a Life Member of Cascade Lodge No. 5 of Banff and his Lodge had asked the B.C. lodge of the same name to make the presentation on their behalf. Bro Warke who is now also an affiliate member of King David Lodge No. 93 of West Vancouver is still in reasonably good health and is soon to move, with his wife, to Courtenay, B.C. to live with their daughter.

We join with the Brethren of Cascade Lodge in congratulating Bro Warke on his 70 years of Craft Masonry.



(l. - r.) Bro William Warke and R.W. Bro. Wm. Robinson

Thanks For Your Help

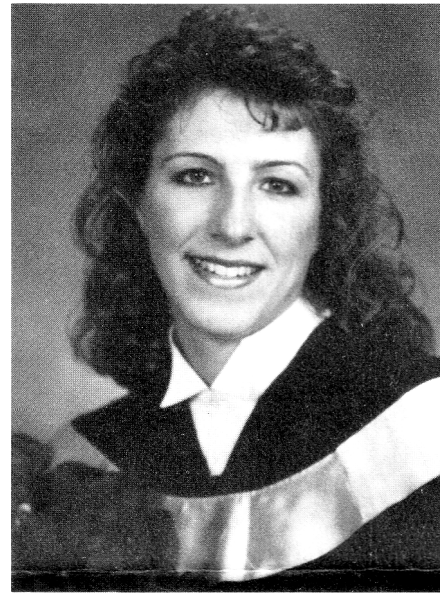
"I am writing to thank you for the bursary of \$1000.00 given to me in the summer of 1991. It was a great asset in paying for books and tuition, allowing me to concentrate to a greater extent on my courses.

"Through the experience of post-secondary education I have been exposed to new ideas and my outlook on the world has broadened, allowing me to enjoy life in many new ways. I am a volunteer at the local radio station CJSR where I have learned skills which will aid me in my post-university career of broadcasting.

"I would also like to thank you for the time taken to interview me for the scholarship. It made me feel special and helped in the preparation for this wonderful university experience!

"Yours truly,
"Shzan Plandowski"

"In my beginning years of University I was privileged enough to have been granted bursaries from your organization. In April 1991 I graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Alberta. Without



your financial support I would not have been able to achieve this Degree.

"I must send an appreciative thank you to the members of your organization for providing me with the opportunity to attend University. Bursaries such as the ones you provide give students a chance to achieve their

goals and have an incredible start towards their chosen career.

"Sincerely,
"Debbie Zandbelt"

These excerpts from two letters received from recipients of Bursaries show the impact a Bursary can have on the life of the individual. Remember, if you have not made your contribution yet, there is still time, for there is no time limit — donate throughout the year — but **Do Donate**. Students have an increasing need for financial help in our inflationary economy. Can you practice your special form of charity **now**? If you have no special envelope, just send your cheque to the Grand Lodge Office and include your Lodge name and number.

Did you Hear?

A local Mason, who is also a rancher, sat down at the banquet after lodge and was brought a steak that was rare — VERY rare. The brother demanded that it be taken back and cooked.

"It's already cooked," the server snapped.

"Cooked," roared the brother, "I've seen cows hurt worse than that and they got well."

Proverb of the Month

Our worst misfortunes are those which never befall us.

Ties — Ties — Ties

If you want to be the wearer of one of the smartest Masonic ties available, send to the Grand Lodge for the "Alberta Masonic Tie." This attractive blue tie shows the square and compasses above three Alberta roses. The tie stimulates many questions and, at visits to other jurisdictions, it is not unusual to leave your tie behind in the hands of an admirer.

Send just \$18.19 for each tie to the Grand Lodge Office — the new stock is in. Buy one for yourself and buy some extras for your friends.

Answer to the Question of the Month for December

The following District names have been chosen and sent in to Grand Lodge at the date of publication. All are subject to approval.

Old Number	Proposed Name
District No. 1	Not Selected Yet
District No. 2	Palliser
District No. 3	Yellowhead
District No. 4	Central
District No. 5	Battle River
District No. 6	Calgary-Highwood
District No. 7/11	Chinookarch
District No. 8	Three Rivers
District No. 9*	Not Applicable
District No. 10	Lakeland
District No. 12	Northern Lights
District No. 13	Mighty Peace
District No. 14*	Not Applicable
District No. 15	Dinosaur
District No. 16*	Not Applicable
District No. 17*	Not Applicable
District No. 18	Phoenix
District No. 19	Not Selected Yet
District No. 20	Beaver Hills

* These Districts are being amalgamated into other Districts.

From the Mail

A further answer has been received from Bro. Wm David Maddin of Redwood Lodge No. 193 regarding the wearing of a Masonic ring. He said that it had been explained to him that the ring is worn so that the wearer sees his own ring as he would from his position in the Lodge when at the Altar. This would either be from the West or the East. This means that a W.M. and a P.M. would wear it one way while Brethren who had not assumed the Chair would wear it another. This is a most interesting answer.

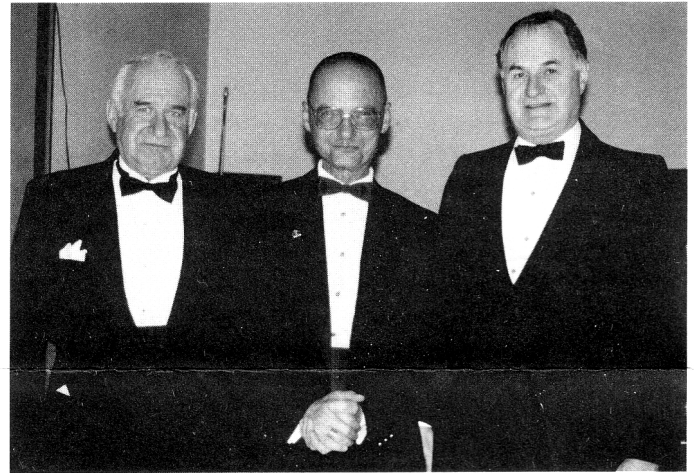
Roast of a Grand Secretary

November 1 was Allen Aylesworth Appreciation Night at Calgary Lodge No. 23 to pay tribute to our Past Grand Secretary. Joining M.W.Bro. Cal Shaver to honour R.W.Bro. Aylesworth were sixteen of his current Grand Lodge Officers plus M.W.Bro. Ken Aldridge, Grand Secretary of Québec and M.W.Bro. Bob Davies, Grand Secretary of Ontario (a surprise guest). Despite the bad weather, Brethren from 33 Lodges were present to pay tribute to Allen.

During the Lodge meeting, W.Bro. Wes Aylesworth presented his son with his Past Grand Secretary's Apron on behalf of Calgary Lodge. (This was especially moving for Allen since his father also clothed him in his Lambskin, Master Mason's Apron and Past Master's Apron.) M.W.Bro. Shaver then presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Afterwards, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet hall where R.W.Bro. Aylesworth was duly 'roasted' by distin-

guished Brethren under the guidance of M.W.Bro. Bill Graves. The evening concluded with the presentation of the 'Working Tools of the 4th Degree' by W.M. Garth Cochran and with gifts from the Brethren. It was a marvellous tribute to R.W.Bro. Aylesworth and a true evening of fellowship enjoyed by all present.



(l. - r.) M.W.Bro. Bob Davies, Grand Secretary of Ontario; R.W.Bro. Allen Aylesworth, Past Grand Secretary of Alberta; M.W.Bro. Ken Aldridge, Grand Secretary of Québec.

Notice Recognition

After carefully viewing the notices received (there are still some Lodges that fail to send the two required copies to Grand Lodge), it was decided that the best overall notice for this year was that from St. Mark's Lodge No. 118. The congratulations of the Bulletin Committee go to the editor of the St. Mark's notice and all those who contribute to it.

The notice is well laid out, it is interesting, it contains humour and information. All senior officers contribute appropriately and it is a real communication to the Lodge members. It also has the seal and lists the G.Sec, DDGM, and the four senior Grand Lodge Officers, as has been requested. It also has the name, address and phone number of the Master and Secretary. (How do some notices miss these important things?) An excellent notice — keep it up St. Mark's.

Alberta Masonic Foundation

It has been nearly a year now since we began the process of establishing the 'Masonic Foundation of Alberta'. Finally, in early December, 1991, the last hurdles were cleared, the incorporation documents received their final revision and Revenue Canada issued the all important 'Charitable Number' without which we could make no serious attempt at raising funds.

The next immediate step will be to have 'official receipts' prepared, and issued, to those who have donated to the Foundation over the past year.

A committee consisting of Bros. Dave Bruce, Bill Scott and Frank Gathercole are now at work determining the 'major' projects to be undertaken by the Foundation. Bros. Dave Bruce, Rob Ross, Ken Stuparek and Don Maskell are

acting as a 'central committee' to determine the format of the fund raising 'kick-off' meetings to be held in various locations around the province in mid 1992.

These committees are actively looking for input from all members of the Craft, relative to both activities noted above, and would welcome this input through your District Foundation representatives who are as follows:

- District 1 — Frank S. Gathercole, Calgary
- District 2 — Don Murray, Brooks
- District 3 — Peter Morely, Spruce Grove
- District 4 — Robert E. Ross, Ponoka
- District 5 — Arden R. Olsen, Camrose
- District 6 — Bill Scott, Calgary
- District 7/11 — Ernest Malacko, Lethbridge
- District 8 — L.A. Johnson, Stavely
- District 9 — Wendall A. Warman, Castor
- District 10 — Ken H. Montgomery, Edmonton
- District 12 — Don Maskell, Edmonton
- District 13 — Representative still not named
- District 14 — Andrew Duff, Hanna
- District 15 — Orest H. Lukey, Acme
- District 16 — Len Wathen, Strathmore
- District 17 — Gordon Corcoran, Wainwright
- District 18 — Dave Bruce, Calgary
- District 19 — R.H. Connolly, Edmonton
- District 20 — Ken Stuparek, Edmonton

We hope to have regular reports on the activities of the Foundation appearing in the Grand Lodge Bulletin and earnestly solicit your active support of this endeavour which, with that support, will become a model of Masonic Charity.

From The Notices

Wisdom, Strength and Beauty —
 Strengthens our Minds,
 Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth —
 Strengthens our Principles,
 Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice —
 Strengthens our Virtues,
 The Volume of the Sacred Law —
 Strengthens our Faith,
 Faith, Hope and Charity —
 Leads us to Eternity.

W.Bro. R. Hammel, Acacia Lodge No. 1

The Birthday List

Do you read the list of birthdays which the Secretary records each month? Why not take the opportunity to call an old friend and wish him well.

Rocky Summit No. 30

"As I have stated on occasion, it is my belief that the term 'Masonic Family' was not meant to include just other Masons or Masonic Fraternities, but also the families of the Masons involved.

I see it as a necessity to keep our families involved and interacting with the Lodge as much as practicable."

St George Lodge, No. 169

From Afar

"When There is no Wind..." These words are perhaps not as significant today as they once were but, during the ages of the tall ships, the wind was of paramount importance. With a strong breeze at its back, a ship could go anywhere; without it, it could go nowhere.

When a ship's captain found himself in a becalmed sea for a prolonged period of time, he had but two options. He could lie dead in the water and wait for a breeze (a sometimes costly, if not dangerous solution), or he could lower the longboats and actually row his ship into a wind (an arduous task to say the least). The choice, however, was entirely his — do nothing and pray that the Almighty solve his problem, or effect his own solution by hard work and determination.

Freemasonry is a lot like those tall ships. When we have a strong breeze at our backs — when we carry a full complement of officers and members at our meetings, when our work is perfection itself — it is smooth sailing for the fraternity.

What happens when there is no wind, when things don't go our way — when there are no candidates, when the sidelines are empty, when our work is less than perfect? Do we lie dead in the water and do nothing? Do we hope and pray that someone, or something else, will solve our problems? Do we honestly think that by lamenting our situation, the Supreme Architect of the Universe will somehow take pity on us?

No — the answer, my Brother, is — **When there is no wind, row!**

New Mexico FreeMason

From the Past

Cochrane Lodge Burned Out Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1928

On the evening of September 23rd, the building in which King Solomon Lodge, No. 41, Cochrane, met was burned down. Thanks to the courage of W.Bro. W.H. Matthews, the then Senior Warden, who forced his way into the Lodge room at great personal risk, the Charter, books and other records were saved. Fortunately, considerable insurance was carried and the Lodge was not entirely crippled. Arrangements were made to occupy the Orange Hall temporarily and, thanks to the kindness and generosity of Mount Lebanon, Calgary and Bow River Lodges, considerable paraphernalia was presented to King Solomon.

The never-say-die spirit, which has been so characteristic of this little Lodge is again in evidence, and a small school building has been purchased and is now being remodelled and will be occupied almost immediately. The brethren of Cochrane number only 27, with 15 resident members, but their tenacity and pertinacity are qualities which make them a Lodge of which we all should be proud.

Did You Hear

George Washington is said to have never told a lie, but then he wasn't a golfer either.