



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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275th Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England and Charity

To celebrate the 275th Anniversary of Grand Lodge, which coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the Grand Master's Installation, the Grand Charity and the Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys have decided to make a donation to four charities active in the field of mentally handicapped adults; an area previously virtually untouched by Masonic

charity.

The sum to be donated in this special year is approximately \$5,200,000. Yes, brethren, a donation of over five million dollars for this one year! The generosity of the members of the United Grand Lodge merits the approbation of Masons throughout the world.



'92 Masonic Spring Workshop

A final reminder that you still have time to get those last few registration cards in. Do not miss the chance to enjoy the Workshop at the new venue in Kananaskis. Contact Grand Lodge if you do not have the November Bulletin with the registration form in it.

The topic is timely; the surroundings glorious; the book store an exciting source of Masonic literature, jewellery and Masonic items of interest; the friendship superb; the conversation stimulating; the food great; and the general atmosphere of enjoyment all-pervading.

Don't miss it!

Grand Lodge 1992

Are your plans made? Have you carefully blocked out 12th and 13th June, 1992 on your calendar? These are vital days in the life of Alberta Masonry and all are welcomed to Grand Lodge. Red Deer is the place for all those who have a vote to be — and for those who do not have a vote, you

are welcome anyway. The forms will soon be with the Lodge Secretaries and it is vital that you see what motions are to be presented, who is standing for the offices and that, in your Lodge, you discuss the things that are going on. This is **your** Grand Lodge and your participation at the Lodge level is the first step in supporting Masonry. Be sure that those from your Lodge who will be attending, some for the first time, know the views of the Lodge before they leave.

This year we have negotiated an excellent price for accommodation and meals — only \$68 for a premium room and \$60 for a regular room. Oh yes, there has to be GST and Hotel Tax on those prices, but the rooms are for double occupancy! The meal price is even better — only \$60 per person for the four meals which includes the Grand Lodge Banquet and Dance on the Friday night. Bring your lady to an excellent weekend of Masonry with the shops of Red Deer only a step away for the ladies, if they have any spare time.

Last Post

Bow Island Lodge No. 57 is no more an independent body but is now an integral part of Quarry Lodge No. 70. Prior to the amalgamation, the membership decided to make their final donations to places where they thought help was needed. These were not the routine charities in every case, but were well thought out. A total of \$6,700 was given to Medicine Hat Masonic Temple Society to help all Medicine Hat Lodges and an additional \$300 to Burdett Community Hall for their kindnesses in the past. The Bow Island Golden Age Club received \$1000 to keep it solvent and add to the enjoyment of the Seniors. A single bursary of \$100 was given to "the best student" from one of the three Medicine Hat high schools and the final \$1000 went

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to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

These donations were very well-received and the press covered all presentations, with resultant good public relations. The letter from the student is heart warming. That is really a case of going out with your flags flying.

Lodge Notices

The Grand Lodge Bulletin is always seeking interesting items from the Lodge Notices but there is a problem about this. When a Lodge uses an item from some other source, it should put the title of the source or the author of the item below the article printed. When the Grand Lodge Bulletin publishes material and puts the Lodge's name below an item when it really came from a book, it does not appear correct to the perceptive reader, or to the Editor when he finds it somewhere else. Please give credit to the author or publication for the material published in your Notice. If the source of the material is really not known, then "Author Unknown" should be placed below the article.

Lodge Properties

The Calgary Masonic Temple Limited, 330-12 Avenue, Calgary, T2R 0H2, is seeking additional Lodge furniture. If you know of pillars (B and J), rough and perfect ashlar, corner tassels, stars, altar or wands, etc. that are stored and not used, please contact R.W. Bro. Chuck White, at the address above or phone collect to 269-7292.

Changes to the Ritual

All Past Masters should note that, if they are involved in any part of the Installed Masters' Degree, an amended page has been produced and is available from the Grand Lodge Office. Each Master who is due to be installed should ensure that the Officers who will be installing him are aware of these amendments.

Grand Master's Itinerary for March, April and May

March

- 2 Hinton Lodge No. 178, Hinton — Formal
- 3 Corinthian Lodge No. 22, Okotoks
- 5 Westlock Lodge No. 114, Westlock — Suit
- 12 Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff
- 14 Loyalty Lodge No 197, Harvey Officer's Mess — Formal
- 16 Brooks Lodge No. 73, Brooks
- 17 Drumheller Lodge No. 146, Drumheller
- 19 Acme Lodge No. 60, Acme — Suit
- 24 Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148, Mayerthorpe — Suit
- 28 Fiat Lux Lodge No. 1980, 2:00 p.m. Lethbridge — Suit

April

- 1 Waskatenau Lodge No. 154, Waskatenau — Suit
- 2 Whitecourt Lodge No. 153, Whitecourt — Suit
- 6 Evergreen Lodge No. 166, Edmonton CMT
- 7 Elbow River Lodge No. 180, Bowmont — Formal
- 9 Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, Edmonton CMT — Suit
- 13 St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, St Mark's — Formal
- 16 Barrhead Lodge No. 171, Barrhead — Suit
- 20 Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge — Suit
- 21 Irricana Lodge No. 137, Irricana — Suit
- 25 Kitchener Lodge No. 95, Rimbey — Suit
- 28 St. George's Lodge No 169, Elk Point — Suit

May

- 2 Mosaic Lodge No. 176, Calgary
- 5 Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion
- 7 Edson Lodge No. 68, Edson — Suit
- 12 Rocky Summit Lodge No. 30, Frank — Suit
- 14 Bassano Lodge No. 55, Bassano — Suit
- 19 Alliance Lodge No. 135, Alliance — Suit
- 21 King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane — Suit
- 23 Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds
- 30 Yellowknife Lodge No. 162, Yellowknife

Yellowknife Trip of the Grand Master

The visit of the Grand Master to Yellowknife is scheduled for May 30, 1992. Every brother who can find the opportunity to be with the Grand Master to visit our Northern brethren is encouraged to do so. The return airfare from Calgary is \$375.00 plus tax and the estimated cost of accommodation is \$75 to \$90 per night. Ladies are most welcome.

Those who wish to accompany the Grand Master on this trip should contact Bro. Marv Foote by April 25, 1992, at 252-7575.

Quote of the Month

One should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it — and stop there, lest we be like the cat that sat down on a hot stove lid! She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again — and that's well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one.

Mark Twain

*Book Review***Stonehenge — An Ancient Masonic Temple**

Russel A. Herner

Published by Macoy Publishing, New York, 1984.

This is an interesting book on the plan, development and building of Stonehenge. The author's thesis is based on the facts and similarities between the position of the monument relative to astronomical observations and both ancient and current Masonic rituals.

The author is widely read on the subject and the book contains an extensive bibliography which, unfortunately, does not give the references in the usual way with the publisher and publication date. This makes it difficult for the reader to run literature searches for himself to read some of the source material.

The author contends that the position of the stones and their orientation to the sun can be related to Masonic ritual. The book title implies that the structure was built as a Masonic Temple. To the reviewer, the book suggests that such a theory is plausible but not proven.

It is obvious that Stonehenge was built for an ancient culture by skilled craftsmen to specifications based on astronomical observations. However, it remains an open question whether that culture was by nature Masonic, or whether operative masonry and therefore, by conjecture, Speculative Masonry developed because of this culture's influence.

The author's development of his thesis to the planning and building of Gothic cathedrals by operative masons and development of the process to the rituals of Speculative Masonry is ingenious. The relevance of the positions of the senior lodge officers in ancient, table and Craft lodges when compared to the positions of the stones at Stonehenge and cathedral floor plans, provides food for thought.

For those interested in ancient monuments and building techniques and their relationship, if any, to Masonry, this book will prove most enjoyable.

Question of the Month

Why do some Lodges have their officers wear white gloves?

Answer to the Question of the Month for January

What are Scald-Miserable Masons? We thank Bro. John Hopkins of Fort McMurray and R.W. Bro. Clyde Elford of Calgary for their answers.

They point out they are not Masons but rather groups of people organized by satirists to ridicule the Masons. In the early part of the 18th century it was common for Masons to assemble in one building and then proceed in procession, in Masonic clothing, to some other place for their Festive Board. The satirists of the day enjoyed forming mock processions and issuing prints ridiculing the Masons.

While many such prints were sold, it was in 1742 that a particular procession was formed with prints published at the same time depicting "The Freemason's Downfall or the Restoration of the Scald-Miserables" and titled *A Geometrical View of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons, designed as they were drawn up over against Somerset House in the Strand, on the 27th day of April, Anno 1742.* (Clavel's *Picturesque History*, Quoted in Mackey & in Coil) It was this incident that led to the name 'Scald-Miserables.'

Scald is interpreted to mean "beggarly or rascally" according to Shakespeare's use of the word in *King Henry the Fifth*.

50th Anniversary Commemorative Service of the Battle of the Coral Seas

If any brethren are intending to be in Brisbane, Australia on May 9, 1992, they are reminded of the special Commemorative Service which will be held in the Grand Hall of the Masonic Centre, 311 Ann Street, Brisbane, at 7:30 p.m. The Service is open and no Masonic Regalia is required.

Invitations have been extended to service and ex-service personnel from the United States, Canada and New Zealand and a large contingent is anticipated. If visiting Australia, you are invited to attend to share in this event.

*It Has Ever Been Thus***Ritualistic Pressure**

It is the opinion of your Grand Master that in these times [1923] of rapidly increasing membership, the ritualistic work of the lodge should be separated from the executive; that while the Master should be held to accountability for the character of degree work, yet his energies should be devoted more largely to the development of fraternal relations among his members, educational programs that will instruct yet not disrupt his lodge — in short to do those things that will make his lodge a vital force for service and understanding in the community.

From an addendum to his 1923 annual address delivered by W.A. Sherman, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.

From Afar*Wascana Lodge No. 2*

For several years, Wascana Lodge No. 2 of Regina and Concord Lodge No. 124 of Calgary have been exchanging fraternal visits on Labour Day. This year the format was changed. Several Lodges in Great Falls, Montana, hosted Wascana and Concord Lodges in a much expanded fraternal visit.

Detailed planning for this Labour Day visit began in March. Several cars and a 45 passenger bus left from Regina filled with brethren and wives. A similar contingent also left from Calgary.

The activities began on Saturday when Concord Lodge of Calgary exemplified their working of the Master Mason's degree. Present for this auspicious occasion were many dignitaries, including the Grand Masters of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana.

The evening banquet was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Great Falls with each visitor being the guest of a designated Great Falls Mason who rapidly became a friend. An excellent dinner was served by the Delta Derelicts and the entertainment was an intriguing demonstration of handbell ringing.

Sunday allowed time for sightseeing and shopping. An informal get together between Wascana and Concord Lodges was also held under the direction of Dr. Borden Bachynski, the Worshipful Master of Wascana Lodge, who hosted the evening.

On Monday, the brethren and wives made their farewells, left for Regina and Calgary, and arrived home tired but happy.

Tracing Board, December 1991
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

Alberta Masonic Foundation

As you read in the February Bulletin we now have received our charitable number from Revenue Canada for donor's income tax purposes, and the official receipts for donations are being prepared.

The main objectives of the Foundation are:

1. to improve the image of the Craft generally;
2. to stimulate Lodge interests and activities;
3. to develop and support a major unsupported charity; and
4. to develop latent talent within the community.

The foundation is to be operated independently of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

An important factor to be remembered is that in no way will this Foundation interfere with the Alberta Masonic Higher Education Bursaries but, rather, it could, in all probability, enhance them by making donations to some.

The Foundation is now able to receive bequests from wills and any other donations designated to the Foundation. Alberta brethren should consider the Foundation when making charitable contributions.

If anyone has any questions about the operation of the foundation or any other reason, please contact your District Representative who was listed in last month's Bulletin.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be held in the Red Deer Masonic Temple on Saturday, March 21, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting is open to observers.

R.W.Bro. Frank Gathercole

makes an even more memorable day for the son. We have a very memorable day coming soon for a special son and father as Wayne Shaver, the son of the Grand Master, is to receive his Master Mason Degree in April.

The Grand Master invites all who wish to accompany him, on this "Highlight Day" to do so on April 18, 1992. This is the Saturday of the Easter weekend, which should make it fairly easy for travelling. The meeting is to be held at Astra Lodge No. 179, Cold Lake, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Please contact the Grand Lodge Office if you would be interested in travelling by bus from Calgary. If enough are interested in this form of transportation the cost would be approximately \$15 leaving Calgary in early morning and leaving Cold Lake to return on the same evening.

If you will be attending and have not phoned the Grand Lodge Office, please contact R.W.Bro. Jesse Carr, Secretary of Astra Lodge at 639-2586 so that he may compute numbers.

By the way, this will be the second such special day shared by the Grand Master and his son during this masonic year. M.W.Bro. Cal Shaver was a special guest at a DeMolay Awards Day last November 3 at the Al Azhar Temple in Calgary, when Wayne received his Majority from the Order of DeMolay. The Grand Master's 'travelling' Bible was upon the Altar, and many Masons and their wives turned out to show their support for the two DeMolay Chapters in the city.

Did You Hear

Two Masons were struggling with the huge Master's throne at the door of the Lodge. They pushed and tugged until they were exhausted but it wouldn't move. Finally the brother on the outside said: "We'd better give up, we'll never get this in."

The brother on the inside exclaimed, "What do you mean, get it in? I thought we were trying to get it out!"

One Hundred Years

Don't be left out when Edmonton Lodge No. 7 celebrates its 100th Masonic year with a weekend of events including a very special Lodge Meeting. Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 23, 24 and 25, 1992. To assist our planning efforts, we need to know if you are coming.

Please look to your Lodge Secretary in April for registration information and further details as to activities, time and location, and accommodation.

Proverb of the Month

Personality has the power to open many doors, but character is needed to keep them open.

High Point of a Year

Most fathers find that they are very proud when their sons join the Craft and the father is in some way able to be involved in the ceremony. If the father is a Past Master, or a Grand Lodge Officer when this happens, he feels that it