



# Grand Lodge Bulletin

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## Masonic Renewal - An Update

There is a tide in the affairs of men  
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.  
On such a full sea are we now afloat;  
And we must take the current when it serves  
Or lose our ventures.

William Shakespeare

In August, I received my Masonic Membership Development Kit from the Committee. It is the result of two years of in-depth research and consultation of Masonic leaders from all parts of Canada and the United States. The purpose of the kits is to assist every Lodge in attracting and retaining members, projecting a favourable image in the community and encouraging family involvement. Two professionally produced videos — *I've Heard The Name, What Does It Mean?* and *Understanding What It Means To Be A Mason* — give a very bright and engaging account of what Freemasonry offers to a man, his family and society. They are produced in a down-to-earth manner, putting the viewer at ease, and are ideal for showing at "friendship nights" or other events for non-Masons and members alike.

There are 100 copies of each of three beautiful brochures contained in the kit: *Have You Ever Considered Becoming A Mason*; *Your Family Can Play An Important Role*; *When your Husband Or Father Is A Mason*. These are designed to be distributed by your Lodge.

A 250 page, 12 module instruction book is included, covering the following subjects:

- What Do We Know About Potential Members?
- Informing The public About Freemasonry.
- Attracting Men To The Fraternity.
- Friend To Friend And Other First Time Contacts.
- The Tools Available To Explain Freemasonry.
- When He Asks For A Petition.
- Visiting The New Member In His Home.
- When A Candidate Visits Your Lodge.
- Preparing For The Initiation.
- Using Information In Membership Management.
- Your Role And Responsibility In Membership Management.
- Involving The New Member In His Fraternity.

The entire kit is contained in a colourful, durable library slip-case. Grand Lodges, Districts, Lodges or individuals who purchase kits will be put on a mailing list to receive periodic updates on all future components as they become available.

To obtain a Masonic Membership Development Kit, send US\$149.00, plus US\$20.00 for shipping and handling to:

The Masonic Renewal Committee of North America  
c/o The Masonic Service Association  
8120 Fenton Street  
Silver Spring, Maryland  
U.S.A. 20910

Every Lodge should make this investment in its future! I urge you to bring this subject to the attention of your Brethren at your next regular Lodge meeting.

At the next Masonic Renewal Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, October 17-20, I will attend a seminar, using "train-the-trainer" materials, to design programs for our Lodges' practical use of the kits. A training kit and a support video are now being prepared. I expect to bring one back for use in Alberta. Soon after my return, I will organize area seminars to put the Masonic Renewal Programs to work. I look forward to your support. WE will accomplish great things for our Craft!

Victor Hugo said: "Nothing in this world is so powerful as an idea whose time has come." Brethren, the time is NOW!

R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk, DGM

*Editor's Note: Masonic Renewal is the theme of the next Masonic Spring Workshop. Dudley Davis, the man who has done much of the research for the Committee is the special keynote speaker. Book your space early.*

## Special Committee On The Review Of Publications And Forms

This Committee gave a preliminary report at Grand Lodge and has presently taken into account all the suggestions given from the extremely small number of respondents who feel that some of our forms, booklets, and pamphlets need some work. The Committee members are working hard to see that the forms are simplified, are clear and meet the needs of those who use them. You can help in the efforts of the Committee by continuing to send in your suggestions to the Committee, c/o Grand Lodge Office.

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## Grand Master's Itinerary

### November

- 3 Vulcan No. 74; Game Supper
- 5 Rockyford Lodge No. 123; Strathmore
- 7 Battle River District Meeting
- 10 Northland Lodge No. 147; Fairview
- 12 Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92; Central Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton
- 14 Lakeland District Meeting
- 17 Drumheller No. 146
- 19 Barrhead Lodge No. 171
- 23 Northmount Lodge No. 189; Calgary

### December

- 1 Corinthian Lodge No. 22; Okotoks
- 2 Bowmont Lodge No. 181; Calgary
- 8 Medicine Hat No. 2
- 10 Locheam Lodge No. 151; Rocky Mtn. House
- 14 Lamont Lodge No. 94
- 16 Alberta Lodge No. 3; Fort Macleod

## District Meetings

### November

- \*6 Three Rivers District — 5:00 PM, Fort Macleod
- \*7 Battle River District — 1:00, Forestburg
- 7 Dinosaur District — Drumheller
- 7 Beaverhills District
- 14 Chinookarch District — Vulcan Lodge Hall, Suit
- \*14 Yellowhead District — 2:30, Central Freemasons' Hall, Suit
- 14 Lakeland District — 1:30, Kitscoty
- 21 Northern Lights District — Central Freemasons' Hall
- 21 Phoenix District — 1:30, Masonic-Star Hall, Didsbury

\*The Grand Secretary will meet with Lodge Secretaries by District.

## 1992 Bursary Recipients

Andreasson-Jensen, Jerrie	Wetaskiwin
Ashworth, Erik J.	Deadwood
Babuik, Charles R.	Drumheller
Badiani, Hina	Calgary
Baier, Gerald J.	Red Deer
Bear, Dinah B.	Fallis
Belcourt, Michael G.	Calling Lake
Bernes, Connie L.	Calgary
Brack, Richie	Calgary
Chahley, Jennifer M.	Spirit River
Cox, Steve	Tofield
de Moissac, Dianne	St. Paul
Dhiman, Rajni G.	Calgary
Fischer, Alana D.	Irma
Fox, Laural D.	Medicine Hat
George, Stephen L.	Calgary
Hartmen, Roberta C.	High Level
Hempel, Robert E.	Edmonton
Kuipers, Debra R.	Calgary
Kuysters, Trudy L.	Hines Creek
Lafreniere-Shipton, Joanne	Calgary
Layden, Tricia L.	Wetaskiwin
Le, Dung T.T.	Calgary
Leard, Irene J.	Calgary
Lee, Carmen K.	Calgary
Lees, Crystal A.	Medicine Hat
Maurer, Gordon Glen James	Bassano
McKenzie, Neil A.	Viking
McMeckan, Christine Z.	Edmonton
Nguyen, Duy Anh Tuan	Calgary
Ostrem, Dawn M.	Eureka River
Phung, Quang	Calgary
Piorecky, Mark D.	Edmonton
Poon, Betty	Edmonton
Price, Roberta S.	Camrose
Quach, Tim L.H.	Edmonton
Rondeau, Esther L.	Grand Centre
Rondeau, Jessica	Vegreville
Sauder, Shelley D.	Spirit River
Sauer, Laurie N.	Medicine Hat
Sellers, Stacey N.	Innisfree
Servold, Janet L.	Camrose
Slukynski, Nancy S.	Fort Saskatchewan
Steinicke, Luigina R.	Calgary
Tinoco, Ana Marcia	Calgary
Tonkin, Dawn E.	Bentley
Venables, Robert	Airdrie
Vo, Minh Oai	Calgary
Voltner, Janeanne	Viking
Weeres, Troy P.	Camrose
Wibowo, Gunadi	Calgary
Wilcox, Stephanie, D.	Camrose
Wong, Winnie T.L.	Edmonton
Ziegler, Karen R.	Medicine Hat

## Notes of Appreciation

"I wanted to thank you personally for your very generous and kind Higher Education Bursary recently awarded

me. I have long been aware of the charitable acts that Masons are known for and I am very honoured that you have seen fit to bestow this on me."

Jerrie Andreasson-Jensen, Calgary

"I would like to express to you my sincere thanks in granting me one of your Bursaries. Rewards like this make the student's pressures less severe, and they mean more than you'll ever know. These Bursaries also enable students, such as myself, who, because of financial reasons, otherwise might not be able to go to school. We are then presented with the opportunity to gain knowledge, and establish a career for ourselves. So, essentially, what you have offered is not only a Bursary, but a ticket to a promising future and an opportunity for success. Thank you again, and please remain convinced that what you are doing really does make a difference.

Tricia Layden, Wetaskiwin

"Just a letter to express my most sincere gratitude to your organization for granting me one of your Higher Education Bursaries. When you are having to finance your own education such as I am, every little extra dollar counts for so much. You have truly made my year a whole lot easier as I can now put all my focus into my studies and not have to worry about finding part-time employment to subsidize my educational costs.

Again, thank-you so very much and may you continue the good work.

Glen Maurer, Bassano

## Public Presentation Ceremony



Fourteen out of seventeen area recipients of the 1992 Masonic Higher Education Bursaries gathered at Calgary Freemason's Hall September 5 to receive their awards in front of their families, friends and several interested Brethren. R.W.Bro. Les Jeater, Chairman of the Bursary Fund, introduced the proceedings while the presentations were made by the DDGMs of the three districts in Calgary: R.W.Bro. Doug Sherris of Phoenix District (front row, extreme left); R.W.Bro. Doug Brown of Calgary-Highwood District (front row, extreme right); and R.W.Bro. Roy Monroe of Alpha District (back row, extreme right).

## November

The month of November, the third month of the autumn season, is the eleventh month of the year. One of the accomplishments of the Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar, was a reforming of the calendar, in which two new months,

January and February, were added. Before this, November was the ninth month, and took its name from a Latin word meaning "nine." The name was not changed following the reform.

An old tradition assigns the topaz as the jewel, and the chrysanthemum as the flower of this month.

## Did You Know

The Masonic colours, like those used in the Jewish Tabernacle, are intended to represent the four elements. The white typifies the earth, the sea is represented by the purple, the sky-blue is an emblem of the air, and the crimson of fire.

From *Masonry Defined* — Johnston

## Quote Of The Month

All the people like us are **We**,  
And everyone else is **They**.  
And **They** live over the sea,  
While **We** live over the way.  
But - would you believe it? -  
**They** look upon **We**  
As only a sort of **They**.

Rudyard Kipling

## Past Masters' Night

This is the night when you recognize the Past Masters of your Lodge and the contributions they have made to the Craft. There can be many variations of the program and a great deal will depend on how many of our Past Masters can attend. Some Lodges have made it traditional that the Past Masters assume the stations and places of the Lodge Officers for the conferral of a Degree. Note, however, if there is no candidate, the Past Masters really don't need the experience of doing an exemplification. Then you can use one of the variations.

In one, the Past Masters are lined up west of the Altar, called by full name and years of service. Then they are each greeted individually by the Master (and sometimes presented with a token gift to mark the occasion). Frequently, one Past Master is called upon to respond for all of the Past Masters. Sometimes the oldest Past Master is singled out for special recognition, with a short biographical sketch given on his Masonic career. Other times the Past Master is specially recognized who presided when the current Master was raised. One successful twist on this was a "This is your Life" type program honouring the Past Master. (It was a beautifully planned audio-visual presentation.) It's always a nice gesture to recognize all Past Masters who are present at a Past Masters' Night. And don't neglect the Past Masters of your Lodge who couldn't be present. You might consider having everyone present sign cards to be sent to them. There are so many ways a Lodge can honor its Past Masters. Think about it! One of these days you'll be a "Past Master." So why not plan a program that would be meaningful to you, if you were on the receiving end? (For additional ideas, see the Short Talk Bulletins of January 1931, April 1935, February 1941 and October 1943.)

From *Short Talk Bulletin*; October, 1985

## Now This Is Really True!

Overheard at one of the stalls at the Hospital fund raising fete:

*Customer:* "How much for that ash tray?"

*Stall Holder:* "Fifty cents, sir."

*Customer:* "I'll give you thirty cents for it."

*Stall Holder:* "No sir, fifty cents."

*Customer:* "Thirty cents because I'm a Mason."

*Stall Holder:* "In that case, to you it's a dollar."

The NSW Freemason

## From The Master's Lectures

### Visitation

When we talk of visitation we usually refer to visiting a Lodge. This should not always be the case, as we each have responsibilities to brethren who are in nursing homes or are home-bound by circumstances of health or age. These brethren who, in the past, have been active like yourself, are usually delighted to receive a Masonic visitor. There is more than one type of brother in this situation. There are those from your own Lodge and those who have moved to the city in later years and are not members of city Lodges. Each group would welcome your visit.

This is frequently a situation where we think "George" will do the visiting — but in this case, you are George. What we need, in areas across the province, are a few generous-hearted brethren who would organize visits to the home-bound Masons and those in nursing homes by small teams of "Visiting Brethren."

Worshipful Masters should immediately check that their own older members are being visited on a regular basis and, if not, organize visitations. Individual brethren who know of a brother who is alone a fair bit of the time should visit at intervals.

The visits need not, and indeed should not, be too long for people can tire easily. Also, mutual agreement on time and place is sometimes essential, especially where a brother being visited has many hospital or treatment visits scheduled.

The whole point is that each Mason should consider his own life and ask himself the question — When I cannot get out, would I like a brother with similar interests to myself to come and chat with me at intervals to keep me up to date? The answer for most of us is, "Yes." Create the pattern today, my brethren, for by starting a regular visitation pattern in the Craft now, you may be organizing your own visitors for the future.

## International Bulletins

### Legal News

The St. Petersburg Times of Florida ran a front page story on September 4, 1991, reporting an \$8 million settlement awarded to a Florida man who was paralysed from the neck down during a Masonic Lodge initiation rite. He is guaranteed \$8,500 a month for the rest of his life.

According to the newspaper report, Vern Johnson, 34, was blindfolded, pushed onto a canvas blanket and tossed

into the air. He claims to have been bounced over and over again, sometimes as high as four feet in the air. At one point, Johnson landed in the blanket on the back of his neck injuring his spinal cord. He would never walk again.

Johnson's attorney filed lawsuits against the paramedics, the ambulance company and several doctors for poor care that he says permanently crippled his client. Attorneys for the defendants claim Johnson is partly responsible for the injuries because he refused to tell medical personnel what had happened stating that "he was sworn to secrecy by the Masons."

After years of litigation, the last of several settlements was made in September with one of the doctors who treated Johnson. This settlement brings the total of all settlements to eight million dollars.

Johnson's attorney, Jon Krupnick of Fort Lauderdale, reported the events of the night of October 20, 1983: "A friend invited him to attend a meeting of ... Joshua Lodge No. 105 ... in St. Petersburg. When Johnson arrived at the Lodge, several members invited him to join... Several members told Johnson he could join that night because they were holding an initiation ceremony. Johnson reluctantly agreed. He was blindfolded and pushed onto a canvas. Lodge members began bouncing Johnson. Then he



## The Lodge at Kananaskis 16, 17 & 18 April 1993

### Registration

To attend the workshop, you must have received all three Degrees of Masonry. Registration fee of \$198.00 is based on double occupancy, and it includes two nights accommodation and five meals starting with supper on Friday evening and ending with brunch on Sunday. Single accommodation is available at a fee of \$280.00.

The fee must accompany your registration. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted. Please make cheque payable to the M.S.W.P. Committee. Your cancelled cheque or charge card billing is your receipt.

No refund available after 29 March 1992.

To register, cut out this form, fill out the other side and send it with the required fees direct to the MSWPC.

Do not submit to your Lodge Secretary.

landed on the blanket painfully on the back of the neck and shoulders."

Joshua Lodge No. 105 is not a constituent lodge of the regular Grand Lodge of Florida, F. & A.M., and is not listed in Pantagraph Printing Company's List of Lodges Masonic.

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On Friday, December 13, a Lexington jury rejected a damage claim of \$236,000 against Oleika Shrine Temple.

Earlier, The Wall Street Journal issue of November 4, 1991, carried a front page story with sensational headlines that read, "In the Hot Seat: Joining the Shriners Can Be Electrifying," and "Michael Vaughn Was Jolted by a Shocking Initiation; Secret Rites Laid Bare."

The story reported that Michael Vaughn, a 44-year old bricklayer, sued Oleika Shrine Temple for injuries he says he received during his initiation. His description of the initiation ceremonies included "the use of electrical shocks applied to the bared bottoms of initiates for the amusement of the membership."

An Associated Press article on the trial reported that "a court-ordered video tape of the temple's initiation devices confirmed much of Vaughn's story, including the existence of an electrified bench and mat."

Judge George Barker was quoted as saying "Some people would laugh the plaintiff out of court. Others would sock it to the Shrine for being a bunch of idiots."

Robert E. Manley, a Cincinnati attorney, specializing in fraternity law, was interviewed in the article. He said, "The event sounds like hazing and that is generally looked upon as unlawful."

Vaughn's attorney, John Hamilton, had asked jurors to give his client \$20 a day for the next 30 years following the June 1989 initiation.

After the verdict, Vaughn said he harboured no ill will toward the Shrine. Leaving the courthouse he was quoted as saying, "I accept the verdict of the jury. They just didn't see it my way. I'm disappointed, but I think I've done my job. I hold no animosity."

No mention was made of the Masonic fraternity, Freemasonry, or Masons, anywhere in the Wall Street Journal article.

American Masonic Review, March, 1992

### Masonic Spring Workshop 1993 Registration Form

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Second Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it should be on your Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office \_\_\_\_\_

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Attended before?	

Rank: M.M.  W.M.  P.M.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Smoking.  Special requirements due to health (near elevator, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to room with: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

(Cards should be received together to ensure request filled.)

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail (along with cheque or credit information) directly to:

**Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee**  
Box 265, Didsbury, Alberta  
TOM OW0

### Question Of The Month

What do Lodges in the Southern Hemisphere do about perambulation and ritualistic wording when talking about the position and apparent movement of the sun which is opposite in their countries?

### Answer To The Question Of The Month For September

This question asked how the Fellowcraft, assisting in the drama of the Third Degree, quoted the MM penalty.

In Carr's *The Freemason at Work*, there is a portion of the section The Hiram Legend as a Drama which covers the illogicalities of the Third Degree. In this section, it suggests that when the original two Degrees were split into three Degrees, there were a number of areas which were not made internally consistent. The readings of a number of early exposures show that the MM word and the FPOF were known to Fellowcrafts before the year 1700.

It is well worth reading this section of Carr's book, as it adds much to understanding the Third Degree.

### Lodge Notices (Summonses)

I have had my knuckles gently rapped for using the word 'Notices' in articles when what I am talking about is really a 'Summons'. I prefer to use the reference in Regulation Sect. 3.06.06, rather than that of 3.06.05, and what I am writing about is the informational portion of the Summons, not the first few lines telling you to be at Lodge. Unless some of you readers object violently, I will continue to write of your Lodge notice.

It is becoming more interesting by the month to read the Lodge notices due to a major improvement in their quality and content. There are still a few Lodges which print sheets which they fill in with minimal information, but these are few. It is hard to see why this is necessary in the era of the copying machine.

The Lodges with the improvements in quality are pro-

ducing notices on computers and obviously using laser printers to make the document look clean and clear with up to date information and even pictures. Redwood Lodge No. 193 and Pembina No. 126 are just two with crisp notices.

In the Redwood Lodge notice they have an interesting item entitled "Know Your Brother," which contains over half a column describing the life and Masonic history of one of their brethren. This is a great way to share interesting information and link the Lodge more strongly. Quarry Lodge No. 70 produces its notice like a letter on the back of the regular printed Lodge information page. In June they had a paper presented which had been originally given in 1936. It was felt to be relevant still. What a good idea.

It is clear in the notices that many Lodges have their Masters perform more than one stint in the chair. While regretting the necessity, it is admirable that these brethren are willing to commit themselves to further service for the Lodge.

It would seem from the notices that the occasional presentation of a Table Lodge, similar to those held in the 17th Century, is still a great hit with Lodges. If you have not tried it you should contact a Lodge that has made such a presentation and create a memorable evening. York lodge No. 119 held such a meeting in June.

Keep up the good work, brethren, and let that 'Notice Committee' relieve the Secretary of the task of producing the Notices.

## Courtesy Presentation



### Presentation made on behalf of a Saskatchewan Lodge.

On May 4th, Raymond Robert Campbell, an 89 year-old member of Kerrobert Lodge No. 90, G.R.S., was presented with his 50-year pin and certificate on behalf of his Lodge. Present at this ceremony were (left to right): M.W.Bro. Stan Mottershead, PGM; R.W.Bro. Clarence Comrie, PDDGM; M.W.Bro. Donald Millar, PGM; Bro. Raymond Campbell; R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk, then SGW; M.W.Bro. Sandy Milligan, PGM; and M.W.Bro. Gordon Armstrong, PGM. Also present (but not pictured) was Bro. Joe Downey, a 90 year-old friend of Bro. Campbell who resides in the same seniors' lodge.

Congratulations to Bro. Campbell.

## Magna Borealis Lux

Magna Borealis Lux (The Great Northern Light) is a computer Bulletin Board Service (BBS) dedicated to the use of Alberta (and other) masons and is under the guidance of George Helmer — the *mad scanner*. It is available at (403) 475-6061 (Baud rate 300 to 9600 V42 BIS; N-8-1).

If you own a computer, Magna will let you:

- a download over 1,000 Masonic and other related files;
- b post messages for other masons throughout the jurisdiction;
- c place classified ads or advertise your Lodge's functions;
- d carry on 'electronic conversations' with other Brothers who are BBS members; and
- e check the Masonic Calendar for each district.

If you don't operate a computer, you can contact us by mail or telephone Freemason's Hall, Edmonton at (403) 428-6476 and Magna can do the following :

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- b provide you with a 'hard copy' of any Masonic papers in the computer library; and
- c put Lodge functions or personal messages 'on line.'

Magna Borealis Lux has set for itself the goal of becoming the premier Masonic BBS in North America. In doing so, it hopes to give Alberta Masons an electronic window to the world. Whether you operate a computer or not, contact us for a membership and become part of Alberta Freemasonry in the 90s.

## Workshop Tapes Available

Two VHS video tapes of sessions at the 1992 Masonic Spring Workshop are being made available to the Brethren.

- 1 Contains the entertaining and informative **Born in Blood** debate between R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk and Bro. Eugene Plawiuk; plus a panel of distinguished Masons under the Chairmanship of M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner answering questions from the audience on the role and function of the Lodge Secretary.
- 2 Contains the inspirational (and very funny) Reverend Jack Stewart discussing the Irish Question in a unique, uplifting and conciliatory way; Advice for Lodge Officers from W.Bro. Bruce Johnston; and the closing Church Service under the direction of the entertaining and thought-provoking W.Bro. Rev. Jim Roberts.

The cost is \$22.50 for one tape or \$40 for the set of two tapes. Prices include postage & handling. To order, write: Doug Sherris, Secretary, Masonic Spring Workshop Box 265, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 or call (403) 335-4384; or Fax (403) 335-2398.

## Where Is Travelling Gavel?

A travelling gavel belonging to Perfection Lodge No. 9 is missing: head about 3" diameter by 4" long; handle about 2 to 2½ feet long; in a blue bag with a string tie; with a register about 8½ by 11 inches. The last Lodge known to have it was King Solomon No. 41, January 1990. We need this gavel for our installation in January 1993. Please contact Hugh Lowe at 246-4801 if you know where it is.