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*New Year's Eve Message*

## "Will You Bring Wine Or Water?"

There is a story of villagers who agreed to hold a public celebration to bring in the New Year. The Mayor suggested the towns-people contribute a flagon of native wine to a community cask which would be shared at the festivities in the town square.

On New Year's Eve he and his wife discussed the banquet. "Why", they agreed, "should we bring wine? We do enough for the people. Let us put water in our flagon. No one will be the wiser. What difference will one container of water make in a barrel of wine?"

That evening, music commenced and the happy burghers gathered, anticipating the convivialities. The Mayor strode to the cask to pour in the first offering. Undetected, he emptied his flagon of water into the container, followed by a long parade of citizens carrying their contributions.

When the festivities were about to commence, the Mayor climbed the steps to the platform where the wine cask was displayed. He picked up a goblet with a great flourish and held it below the tap. "Let the celebration begin!" he announced, grandiloquently, and dramatically turned the spigot.

A great gasp of horror rose from the crowd, for the stream which fell from the spout was clear water. It seemed that all the villagers had the same attitude: "What does my little contribution matter?" They had all brought water instead of wine.

I can't remember where or when I read this story, but every month I read notices from our Lodges. It is very clear that some Lodges have many bearers of wine, while others are merely carriers of water. Still more expect the provider to be the Master, Secretary or Grand Lodge. There is little desire to taste the "wine" of a Lodge which has a notice containing nothing more than blank pages and a rubber-stamped date.

On the other hand, a newsy, informative summons, which shows interest in the members, their families, the community and the Craft, welcomes us to come to Lodge and enjoy the fellowship. Vibrant, successful Lodges always send out bulletins with messages from the East, West, South and the Secretary, telling of their activities, speakers, future plans, words of wisdom and humour, collected from various sources.

In these Lodges, the Master has laid his plans for the

entire year, set committees to work and called upon them to report and perform. Brethren about the Lodge have been appointed or volunteered to contact elderly or infirm members, widows and orphans. Their social events are well planned to involve wives, families and prospective candidates. Reports on sick and distressed brethren are circulated and hospital visits are made by members at large.

Nothing happens by itself. Great things happen because one man shows energy and imagination and refuses to be dissuaded or discouraged by negative people who tell him it won't work or can't be done. If you have an idea to improve your Lodge, offer it and your help to make it work. You are important!

At the recent Banff Conference, our Senior Grand Warden, R.W.Bro. Ray Burton, presented a fine paper on the subject of "complacency." He prefaced his address with a profound question: "What would my Lodge be like if every member was just like me?" Our Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Jim Crawford, has challenged us to "Practice, Project and Portray the ideals of a Freemason." Both of these respected Brethren make positive points. They require individual action by you and me. That is what will make the New Year successful for Freemasonry.

A story is told that when Garibaldi set out to liberate Italy, he saw some young men loitering at a street corner. He asked them if they would like to enlist in his cause.

"What do you offer?" they asked.

"Offer?" replied Garibaldi, "I offer you hardship, hunger, rags, thirst, sleepless nights, footsores and long marches, privations innumerable and, finally, VICTORY in the noblest cause that ever confronted you."

Young Italy did follow him. They made history.

It might be said that Freemasonry has offerings similar to Garibaldi's: increases in Lodge dues and Grand Lodge assessments; struggles to retain Lodge buildings; membership losses; prospects of amalgamations and Charter surrenders, and our most insidious enemy, apathy. But, Masonry has great rewards too: victory over religious, racial and political bigotry; universal fellowship with men of goodwill who revere God without regard to dogmatic, social or cultural differences.

It is up to you and me to pay the price to perpetuate and nourish our beloved fraternity. Make no mistake, your part

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is as important as every other Mason's, regardless of title or rank.

The New Year is at hand. It is in your hands. Will you bring "wine" or "water?"

May God bless you and your loved ones with health and happiness in the New Year!

R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk, Deputy Grand Master

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### January

- 4 Evergreen Lodge No. 166 (FH Edm.)
- 6 Balmoral Lodge No. 185 (St. Albert)
- 12 Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54 (FH Calgary)
- 14 Nanton Lodge No. 17 (Nanton)
- 18 Charity Lodge No. 67 (Lethbridge)
- 21 Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15 (Wetaskiwin)
- 27 Forestburg Lodge No. 128 (Forestburg)

### February

- 1 Stavelly Lodge No. 33, (Stavelly)
- 11 Ashlar Lodge No. 28 (FH Calgary)
- 16 Conference of Grand Masters of North America (Little Rock, Arkansas)

### March

- 2 Gleichen Lodge No. 36, (Gleichen)
- 10 Dominion Lodge No. 117, (Edmonton)
- 12 King George Lodge No. 59, (Calgary)
- 19-21 All Canada Conference (Winnipeg)

## First Reminder

Now that you have your 1993 calendars, be sure to put in the dates of the Grand Lodge Communication for this year. It will be held at the Mayfield Inn, 16615 – 109 Avenue, Edmonton from Friday June 11, through Saturday June 12, 1993. Try to ensure that your Lodge is represented and, in fact, has a good representation at this important Masonic function.

## Masonic Foundation Of Alberta Banquet

The Masonic Foundation of Alberta is holding an inaugural banquet to raise funds to promote individual development of people, particularly the youth of our province and country. The banquet will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Calgary, on Saturday March 6, 1993.

The theme speaker will be Mr. Alvin Law. Mr. Law, a thalidomide baby, was born without arms. He is an outstanding speaker. He became the second youngest person to receive the George Vanier Award for outstanding young Canadians. He has travelled extensively throughout Canada and the U.S.A., speaking to people of all ages, encouraging them not to give up — no matter what. He says "what you see when you look in the mirror, should be the beauty of individuality, not the ugliness of perfection, and the next step would be seeing others that way as well".

The cost of this dinner will be \$100.00, and an income tax receipt for \$75.00 will be given with each ticket sold.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Frank Gathercole

## Nominations For Office, Committee And Board Membership.

Your Lodge Secretary should now be in possession of a batch of these forms. Please look around your Lodge and locate those who you feel could make an active contribution to the running of our Grand Lodge. When you locate these Brethren, talk with them and encourage them to allow their names to stand. It is only through participation of the nominators that we find the many outstanding Brethren working in, and for, Grand Lodge. Please do your part.

## "Englishman's Team"

West Edmonton Lodge No. 101 held a Fellowcraft Degree on April 22, at which time Bros. Harold Hortness, Richard Neumann and Victor Tucker of Ivanhoe Lodge No.142, along with Bro. Mark Peterson of Balmoral Lodge No.185, were passed.

All members of the team, under the direction of W.Bro. Geoff May, were English born, with the exceptions of V.W.Bro. Ted Arklie, the Organist, W.Bro. Rick Newcombe, Master of No.142 and W.Bro. Wing Keely, the Official Interpreter. These three brethren, who were the exceptions, received certificates as Honorary Englishmen from West Edmonton Lodge No.101!

Submitted by Bro. Geoffrey May  
Secretary Treasurer.

## Topic For Lodge Discussion

Is there any value in going from labour to refreshment to have a good discussion in the Lodge without the formalities which have to be observed while at labour?

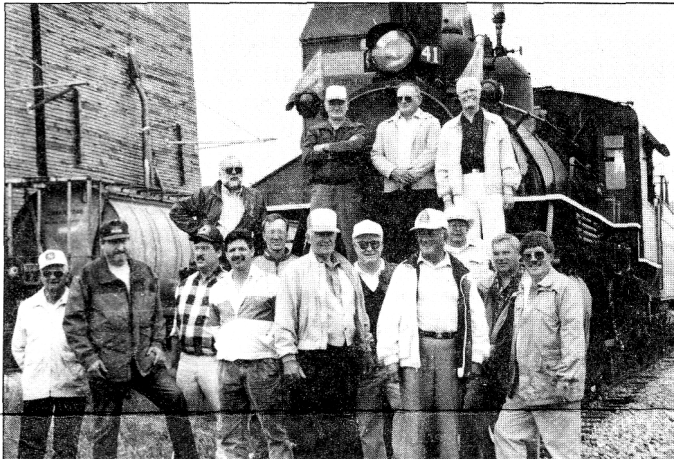
## The First Alberta Masonic Steam Train Tour

Symbol Lodge No. 93, Handhills Lodge No. 98, and Drumheller Lodge No. 146 were delighted with the response to the train tour they sponsored on August 3, 1992. Three hundred and ninety four tickets were sold and, from the profit, the Lodges were able to donate \$1,050.00 to S.T.A.R.S. (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society). The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Jim Crawford, two Past Grand Masters and 13 Worshipful Masters were amongst the passengers. In addition to the many Masons, there were also members of the Order of Eastern Star, three Japanese students and visitors from Pennsylvania.

The train left Stettler at 2:00 p.m. and, after a ride of about two hours on the well-equipped and stocked train, the passengers enjoyed a beef supper at Rowley. The usually quiet town had a shoot-out on Main Street, which added to the entertainment. The train finished its journey back in Stettler at about 9:30 p.m.

The train has been booked already for 1993 and the date is AUGUST 1. As soon as you have next year's calendar in your hand, enter the date in it for a really relaxed and enjoyable day among friends.

Submitted by Bro. Doug Wade  
Secretary Treasurer, Symbol Lodge



About 4 per cent of the Passenger List of the "Masonic Train."

## Masonicalia Society Of Alberta

The Masonicalia Society of Alberta is a non-profit society organized within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Membership in the Society is comprised of members of the Craft who are interested in Masonic collecting of a generalized nature. Current members hail from Canada, Great Britain, Australia and the United States. Items gathered by its members include artwork, books, certificates, gadgets, implements, jewels, ornaments, photographs, postcards, regalia, stamps, summonses, tokens and even furniture.

The Society has its headquarters in Calgary, Alberta and two types of memberships are available:

*Regular Membership:* for members who reside within the

jurisdiction who are able to interact directly in the Society's activities through attendance and participation in locally arranged events.

*Subscribing Membership:* for members who reside at a distance or in other Masonic jurisdictions which are in amity with the Grand Lodge of Alberta and where participation is generally by correspondence.

The Society's focus is on three major activities:

1. the gathering of Masonic related items of every nature;
2. the study of such items and the dissemination of information; and
3. the safeguarding and preservation of such collectibles.

In order to encourage and foster friendly and cordial relationships between members, equality rather than rank, governs. Members are encouraged to be influenced by the 'Level.'

For information on the Society, please contact Tom Hargreaves at P.O. Box 4271, Stn. C, Calgary, Alberta, T2T 5N1, or phone: (403) 282-8091.

## Question Of The Month

Who was the first Provincial Grand Master appointed in Canada by a British Grand Lodge, and when?

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

What do lodges in the southern hemisphere do about the apparent contradictions in sun movements and related lectures, etc.?

Of course the only difference is that the sun is in the North at noon when viewed from the most heavily populated parts of Australia. There are times in the Australian summer when people living in the North of Australia would see the sun at its high point in the South, but only if they resided well north of the Tropic of Capricorn.

According to "Questions and Answers, (2nd Edition) published in New Zealand, the midday sun is assumed to be in the South at its meridian for the purpose of Lodge layout and the text of the original rituals has been kept. It is considered no more significant than the "East" of a Lodge always being where the Master sits, whichever way the Lodge room is built. (page 215)

A letter from R.W.Bro. Don Wood, PDDGM, who now resides in Australia wanted to assure us that the sun still rises in the East and sets in the West. He reminds us that they may be "Down Under" but are certainly not "Upside Down and Backwards!" He further comments that he can follow most of the lectures word for word but the floor work is somewhat different.

## White Gloves In The Craft.

A late comment has been received on the Question of the Month "Why do some Lodges have their Officers wear white gloves?" May '92.

Bro. Gerhard Irrittje, of Flensburg-Muerwik, Great Grand Lodge of Germany writes, "When I read the question, something immediately struck my eyes: 'Some lodges

have their Officers wear white gloves...?' Why, for a German Mason this choice does not exist! White gloves for a German Mason are a MUST according to the Code — at least, according to the Code of the Great Grand Lodge of Germany. So, I said to myself, 'Why not try to let the Canadian Brethren know what members of the Craft on the other side of the ocean do?'

"Quote from the Code of the Great Grand Lodge of Germany: 'At all Ritual Meetings the Brethren shall wear the following: Dark suit, dark top hat, white bow tie, white gloves. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master may cancel the wearing of the top hat.'

"Quote from the Standing Operational Procedures to the Code: 'After the Candidate has duly been initiated he shall leave the Lodge to put on proper clothing. He shall then re-enter the Lodge, be called to the Altar, and receive the clothing he was divested of, the Apron and the white gloves. He shall receive three pairs of white gloves. The first pair he shall keep for his journey into the Grand Lodge Above. The second pair he shall wear during the Ritual Workings. And the third pair he shall hand over to her whom he chooses, or will chose, to be his partner in life.'"

Accompanying this letter was a picture of Bro. Irrittje wearing his full regalia which looks most impressive.

## Magna Borealis Lux

(Masonic Computer Bulletin Board)

MBL is looking for some missing **Dormer Masonic Study Circle** papers which we would like to put into computer format. The missing papers are:

7, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 55, 104, and 105.

We are also looking for 'old' Masonic papers which we will make available for download purposes from MBL: i.e. The Installed Master's Association of Alberta or similar.

If you can help, please contact Bro. George Helmer at 478-2965 (leave a message).

## What Is The Duty Of A Mason?

The duty of a Mason as an honest man is plain and easy. It requires of him honesty in contracts, sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing. To sleep little, and to study much; to say little and to think and hear much; to learn, that he may be able to do; and then to do earnestly and vigorously whatever the good of his fellows, his country and mankind requires. This is the duty of every Mason.

## Forget-Me-Not Tour

The second Forget-Me-Not Tour for Alberta Masons and wives is tentatively planned for three weeks in May 1993. Visits to the American-Canadian Grand Lodge in Germany, and to Lodges in Switzerland, Italy and Austria are on the agenda, along with cultural events and sight-seeing at a leisurely pace and the lowest fares available. Those interested please contact M.W.Bro. Robert Juthner, 14103 Buena Vista Road, Edmonton, AB T5R 5S2 or phone 483-5124 for details.

## Presentations At Diamond City Lodge

In May 1992, two presentations were made at Diamond City lodge No. 65. The first was to R.W.Bro. Thomas Parker, PDDGM who received a 50 Year Jewel from W.Bro. Olaf Mehlen, PM at the regular meeting. The second was to W.Bro. William J. White, PM and this was presented by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Glenn C. Anderson on a visit to W.Bro. White, who now resides at the Auxiliary Section of Lethbridge Regional Hospital.

Congratulations go out to these two brethren who have contributed, between them, a century of Masonry to Southern Alberta.

*The World According To Student Bloopers  
(Original Spelling)*

## Greek Mythology

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns — Corinthian, Ionic and Doric — and built the apocalypse. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the river Styx until he became intollerable. Achilles appears in the Illiad, by Homer. Homer also wrote the Oddity, in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death his career suffered a dramatic decline.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. e reward to the victor was a coral wreath. The Government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbours were doing. When they fought with the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Eventually, the Romans conquered the Geeks. History calls people Romand because they never stayed in one place for very long. Julius Caesar extinguished himself in the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out the words "Tee hee, Brutus." Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Rome came to have too many luxuries and baths. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlics in their hair. They took two baths in two days, and that's the cause of the fall of Rome. Today, Rome is full of fallen arches.

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## Joke Of The Month

They had to discontinue the Roman holidays because of the overheads — the lions were eating up the prophets.