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## Masonic Renewal At The 28<sup>th</sup> Masonic Spring Workshop The Lodge at Kananaskis, Kananaskis Village, Alberta April 16, 17 & 18, 1993

Two years ago, according to the theme chosen for the workshop, we set out to "grab the future" because, as we asserted last year, "Freemasonry is our Way of Life."

Therefore, this year, let us surge ahead with investigating **practical approaches** to rejuvenating Freemasonry within our sphere of influence, let us listen to a speaker who is most competent on the issue of "Masonic Renewal," let us learn from him what he con-

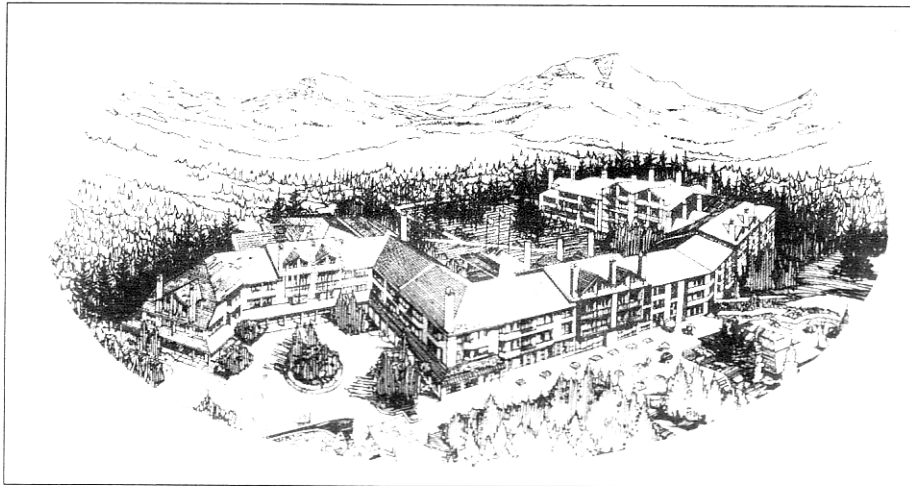
ceives to be the remedies for our various (M'ic) "ills" and challenge him — if we can — by presenting our counter-proposals, debate with him and, finally, arrive at methods of operation which we can take back to our Lodges and to our individual Brethren safely and successfully to propel our beloved Craft as an unparalleled force for Good into the twenty-first century.

Our theme speaker will be Brother Dudley Davis of Baltimore, Maryland, of the **Masonic Renewal Task Force** of North America, an individual who has taken the term "Masonic Renewal" out of the realm of slogans and soon-to-be-forgotten phrases into that of offering practical solutions to be applied by you and me. I am sure we will all enjoy the experience and profit from it. Don't miss it.

As usual, we are offered a number of choices of attending informative schools of instruction, presented by capable Brethren. Our offerings of Masonic video tapes, already introduced successfully in 1992, will be further enhanced; the bookstore will be stocked with new releases in addition to the old tried and true, and will again have Masonic jewelry and memorabilia on sale at non-profit prices. The

Worship Service in the good hands of Bros. Jim Roberts and Ted Arklie will round off a splendid weekend of "Brotherly Love and Affection" facilitated by the most congenial

treatment received from the staff — and due to the superior amenities of the "Lodge at Kananaskis," where everything is under one roof, where the food is superb and the price still reasonable, where our Lodges' hospitality rooms are not far apart and where we can



really enjoy spending these few days of Masonic enlightenment among kindred souls.

As we cannot ignore matters of logistics, I urge you to send in your registration form right away — by necessity, numbers will have to be limited and, based on the success of the 1992 experience, I expect a great deal of interest for this year's even more challenging overall theme workshop. My Brethren, I look forward to shaking your hand on arrival and, if I should miss you, make sure you come to shake my hand.

Fraternally yours,

Robert Juthner  
General Chairman, 1993 M.S.W.P.C.

## Quotes Of The Month

Nothing makes a person more productive than the last minute.

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Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head.

From The New Mexico Freemason

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## Grand Master's Itinerary

### February

- 1 Stavelly Lodge No. 33, (Stavelly)
- 11 Ashlar Lodge No. 28 (Calgary)
- 14-17 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)

## Question Of The Month

What are the meanings of the terms: fool, dotage, non-age, libertine and profane?

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

The question asked was "Can one lodge ask another lodge to give a courtesy Initiation Degree?"

The answer seems to be answered in the Regulations: Reg. 3.09.11 which states that an EA or FC may be passed or raised in another Lodge in this Jurisdiction in the same Rite. If it is in a different Rite, then the GM's approval must be sought. Therefore the answer, through omission, is that a Lodge must perform its own EA Degrees except by dispensation for the special circumstances. This is confirmed by the fact that dispensations have indeed been issued for this purpose.

## Joke Of The Month

Did you hear of the Senior Deacon who made a slight ritualistic error when he said "circumcised his desires!" There is also a Junior Warden described as the "pillow of Beauty!"

From **Tied to Masonic Apron Strings**

## Arrows And Candles?

There is a certain way in which the VOSL is studied by some groups. It was invented in Sweden in the early part of this century, in which certain symbols were used and set alongside the printed text or verses they were studying. There were three main symbols — the question mark, the candle (sometimes shown as a light bulb) and an arrow. They are self explanatory, of course — the question mark was put beside those areas where questions were raised in the mind of the reader; the candle was placed beside those areas where new insights came into the meaning of a passage; and the arrow was put in those places where the reader was motivated to do some further study and/or where some action on his or her part was indicated.

When I was asked to conduct worship at the Masonic Spring Workshop, I thought that this might be an ideal way for a Mason to look at that little volume we call "The Work." For my part, there are many questions that still puzzle me — and I am sure that I am not alone. And there are places where I have erased the question mark and put a candle there. I am sure that there also, I am not alone. But I do wonder about the number of arrows we might find — those that indicate to us something about our lives and our motives and why we are Masons and, does it make a difference that we are? Perhaps this is why we come to the Masonic Spring Workshop year after year; to find inspiration to what is often tedium; to enjoy the fellowship where we learn from each other even in the heat of debate. We come with our questions, we go from here with new insights, and many will leave with new purpose and direction or, at least, finding comfort in the fact that we seem to be heading in the right direction.

I would hope that all of us return to our Lodges refreshed and revitalized — and I am sure that a good start has been given by those who were the theme speakers this year and by those who led us in deeper thinking and awareness in the various workshops.

*From the Sunday Thanksgiving Service, April 1992, by V.W.Bro. J. Roberts, Grand Chaplain.*

*From The Notices*

## "Free" Masons!

There have been many explanations as to how the term "Free" came to be applied to Masons. Operative Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free from taxes. Their actions were not restricted to travel from country to country in following their trade or art. Masons who laboured on Solomon's Temple, legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems that some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick, free from obligations voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers, free from taking any part in the work, free from any responsibility, free with criticism.

Let us be the kind who do not wait for free time in which to attend Lodge. Let us not be the kind who believe Freemasonry is Free. We are free to do as we wish about



**1993 Masonic Spring Workshop  
The Lodge at Kananaskis  
Tentative Program**

**Friday, April 16, 1993**

- 3:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner — Buffet
- 6:45 p.m. Welcome
- 7:00 p.m. Theme Address (Part 1)
- 8:00 p.m. Who's Who Mixer

**Saturday, April 17, 1993**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Buffet
- 8:45 a.m. Schools of Instruction
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:30 a.m. Schools of Instruction
- Noon Lunch — Buffet
- 1:30 p.m. Theme Address (Part 2)
- 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:00 p.m. Repeat of some Schools of Instruction
- 4:15 p.m. Free time
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner — Buffet
- 8:00 p.m. Debating the theme with the speaker: everyone invited to participate
- 9:00 p.m. The lighter side of the Craft: Fun and Fellowship

**Sunday, April 18, 1993**

- 8:15 a.m. Chairman's closing remarks
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional Service
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast — Buffet

The Bookstore, Video Viewing Area, and the Masonic Memorabilia Display will be open throughout the weekend at times posted.

## Schools Of Instruction At The '93 Masonic Spring Workshop

While not all Schools have been fully developed yet, the following is a list of those established to December 15<sup>th</sup> (date of publication) — others may be added:

1. Leadership — Delegation of Duties and Officer Involvement.
2. Freemasonry — Growth; Organizing Work; Involvement.
3. Masonic References in Literature.
4. Self-direction of a Master.
5. Masonry and the Trade Union Movement.
6. Role of the Lodge Auditor
7. Masonic Roots in Alberta

## Promotional Video Tape.

Each District Deputy Grand Master has received a copy of the Promotional Tape for the Workshop. This tape shows short clips of the events of the 1992 workshop in The Lodge at Kananaskis. Anyone who has not been to the workshop should obtain the tape for presentation to the lodge members and then join in one of the most exciting Masonic gatherings in Canada.

The tape also has items on the bookstore and Masonic Memorabilia that are well worth seeing.

## Topics For Lodge Discussion

1. Can our Lodge get enough members to the Masonic Spring Workshop in 1993 to bring back the plaque given to the Lodge with the highest percentage of members attending?
2. Can our District obtain the District award for all Lodges attending and the highest number attending from those Lodges? (This will be the first award for "named" Districts.)

these things, but no one can be a Freemason in the true and fullest sense of the word unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time, with his energy and by use of the faculties wherewith God has blessed him.

From 3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry  
In the Notice of Grand Prairie Lodge No. 105

## Fiat Lux Lodge Of Research No. 1980

On March 27, Fiat Lux will be holding its meeting in the Lodge Hall at Viking. The meeting commences at 2:00 p.m. and concludes with a Banquet at 5:30. After the shortest possible business meeting, the Lodge will hear a number of papers presented by members of the Lodge. These papers always prove to be interesting and can lead to much

discussion. All Master Masons are most welcome to join the members of the Lodge. Aprons of no higher rank than P.M. are preferred. As meals must be pre-booked, please phone the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Tom Hargreaves at 282-8091 if you will be attending and dining.

## Marked Demit

At the 1992 Grand Communication approval was given to allow WMs the prerogative to issue a 'Marked Demit' rather than automatically suspending for NPD. It seems clear that the impact on a Brother's future Masonic career could be significantly altered by this gentler approach. There appears to be some confusion over what this means.

A Marked Demit is simply a regular demit on which is

clearly stated that the member owes a specified amount of money to his Lodge at the time of the issue of the Demit. If that member then wishes to visit Lodges, he has the usual privileges of a demitted member and then, if he wishes to rejoin the Craft, he must first clear the indebtedness. The Lodge being joined has the responsibility to collect this money and remit it to his former Lodge.

## Is Your Lantern Lighted?

Many years ago, near the centre of a large city, there was a busy and dangerous railroad crossing. This was before such devices as automatic gates, wig-wag signals, flashing red lights, and warning bells. The safety provision consisted of a signalman, equipped with a red flag during the day and a red lantern at night.

Despite this provision there was a serious accident one night and several lives were lost. An inquiry was ordered. There was some suspicion that the signalman might have been negligent, so he was directed to be present.

No matter what he was asked, or how the questions were worded, he had but one answer, which he gave to each question. "I was at my post and was swinging my lantern!" He was finally allowed to leave the witness stand. As he walked back to his seat he muttered to himself, "Thank God they didn't ask me if my lantern was lighted."

There is an interesting parallel between this story and us, as Freemasons. Like the signalman we are at our posts. We attend Lodge at the appointed nights, and like the signalman we swing our lantern. We open Lodge in regular form, we conduct our business according to the Lodge Bylaws and the Constitution of Grand Lodge, we confer Degrees as laid down in The Ritual and we close Lodge in the time-honoured and impressive manner.

How often do we, as Freemasons, look to see if our lantern is lighted, beaming brightly with the spirit of Freemasonry, and pointing out to others a better, a richer, and a more satisfying way of life?

Look Now! Is Your Lantern Lighted?

W. Bro. R.T.C. Heaps  
The Tracing Board, Saskatchewan

## Freemasonry In Russia

In a recent issue of the *Emessay Notes*, we talked about the possibility of a Lodge having been formed in Russia. This has now been confirmed. Bro. Nat Granstein, Assistant to the Grand Master, Grande Loge Nationale Française, has provided us with the following information.

"'Harmonie Lodge No. 698' was consecrated by the Grande Loge Nationale Française, January 19, 1992. George Dergachev (Gueorgui Dergatchov) was installed as its first Worshipful Master. Alexandre Rimsky-Korsakov was installed as Senior Warden."

"This month, from September 4<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>, [the Lodge was transferred] to Moscow, where we initiated 19 candidates and regularized two brothers coming from an irregular grand lodge.

"Requests are pouring in from many persons desiring to enter regular freemasonry but we are proceeding slowly

that we may be certain that those we do accept are worthy and not those desiring to use the Craft for their own purposes."

(*Note of Caution:* If any Brother is planning a trip to Moscow and wants to visit this Lodge, please check with his own Grand Lodge first.)

*Emessay Notes*

The Masonic Service Association of the U.S.

## Recognition

W.Bro. Roy E. Keating, of Mizpah Lodge No. 35, has been presented with his 70-year bar and a 50-year Past Master's Jewel. He joined Mizpah Lodge No. 35 in 1920 and was Master in 1940. He recently celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, which recalled this occasion, and the members of the Lodge thought these two events were most worthy of note.

W.Bro. Keating attended Lodge faithfully until very recently, but he is at present confined to a nursing home. During his long life, he has represented Masonry well, having been a local Alderman, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce and been involved with many local organizations and his church over the years.

Submitted by Bro. A.G. Craig,  
Secretary Treasurer, Mizpah Lodge No. 35.

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George Burke, of Brooks Lodge No. 73, was recently presented with a certificate marking his 75 years in Masonry. Bro. Burke joined the Craft on October 19, 1917 and has been a member in good standing since that day. He is one of the very few Masons ever to reach this milestone.

Submitted by  
W.Bro Robert Kibsey,  
Brooks Lodge No. 73

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We join with Mizpah Lodge in congratulating W. Bro. Keating and Brooks Lodge in congratulating Bro. Burke on their many years with the Craft.

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An article from the *Edmonton Examiner* was submitted by Bro. J. Durnie, Secretary of Drumheller Lodge, No. 146. There is a most interesting item on Bro. Edward Carlson, who has been a member of Drumheller Lodge since 1940. While this is just over 50 years, there is one thing that the article points out, and that is that Bro. Carlson was born on October 24, 1892. Yes, we have another member of the Craft who is over one hundred years old. The article tells of the hard life that Bro. Carlson had homesteading and then surviving the Great Depression by riding the rails or hopping ship to find work. He then became a restaurant owner who was well known in Drumheller. He now resides in Edmonton at Capital Care, Norwood. All Masons in Alberta congratulate Bro. Carlson on this milestone in life.