



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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Grand Lodge Of Alberta, A. F. & A. M. Nominations For The Year 1993/94

Grand Master 1993/94

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R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk

Evergreen Lodge No. 166

Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980

Residence: Edmonton

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Master Elect

Elected By Acclamation

R.W.Bro. R.H.M. (Ray) Burton

Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187

Loyalty Lodge No. 197

Residence: Calgary

Senior Grand Warden

Elected By Acclamation

R.W.Bro. G.V. (Gordon) Macaulay

Foothills Lodge No. 174

Loyalty Lodge No. 197

Residence: Calgary

Candidates for Junior Grand Warden 1993/94

One to be Elected



R.W. Bro. Basile Costouros:

Jasper Lodge No. 14

Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196

Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980

Residence: Leduc

Born in Greece on May 5, 1947.

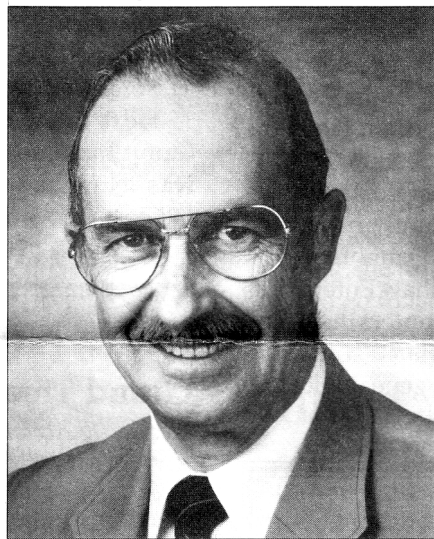
Initiated in Jasper Lodge No. 14 on

January 24, 1977, and Raised in April

of 1977. He became the Worshipful

Master in 1984 and served as District

See Costouros, Page 2.



W. Bro. R.W. (Dick) Stewart

Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106

Residence: Grande Prairie

Married to Pat and lives at 7650 –

97A Street, Grande Prairie where he

has resided since 1980. He was born in

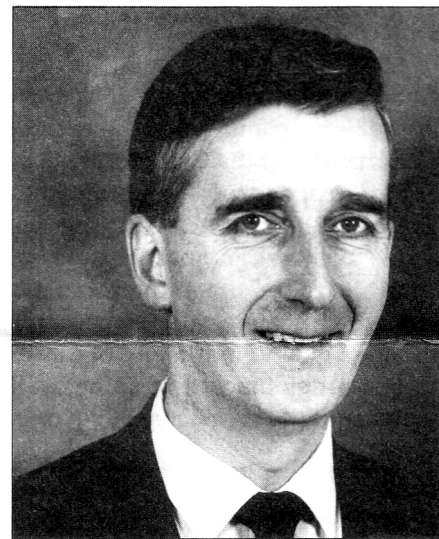
1938 and was initiated into Lake

Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 on January

7, 1982. He was passed to the second

degree on February 4, 1982, and raised

See Stewart, Page 2.



R.W. Bro. Hugh Young

Concord Lodge No. 124

Residence: Calgary

Born at Motherwell, Scotland on

November 14, 1944. Initiated in Lodge

St. Clair #427, Cambusnethan, Scot-

land on February 3, 1965.

Affiliated with Concord Lodge No.

124 on May 3, 1969 and its Worshipful

Master in 1975 and 1981. Hugh was

See Young, Page 2.

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Grand Master	M.W.Bro. J.R. (Jim) Crawford
Deputy Grand Master	R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk
Senior Grand Warden	R.W.Bro. R.H. (Ray) Burton
Junior Grand Warden	R.W.Bro. Gordon V. Macaulay
Grand Secretary	R.W.Bro. Gerald T. Webber

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W.Bro. Dick Reynolds; W.Bro. Bev Snyder

Hugh Young, from Page 1.

District Deputy Grand Master of Dinosaur District (then No. 18) for 1982/83, Grand Treasurer 1988-1990 and Prosecutor of Masonic Offenses (South), 1991-1993.

He has been active in the Masonic Spring Workshop in various capacities:

- 1975 — Theme Speaker
- 1983 — Chairman of the Schools of Instruction and Education

1984-89 — Secretary/Treasurer

He has served various terms on the Board of General Purposes as well as the Finance, Budget and Special Committees of Grand Lodge.

Hugh, who holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Athabasca University, is a 26 year member of the Calgary Police Service and holds the rank of Inspector. He is the Commander of the Community Services Section.

He is married to Margaret and they have two daughters, Sharon (22) and Tanya (20). The whole family have been active members and participants in Job's Daughters.

In his "spare" time, Hugh operates Linshaw Enterprises Inc., which deals in various aspects of computers including the creation and marketing of Masonic-related software.

His hobbies include reading, walking, genealogical research and the occasional game of golf.

Grand Master's Itinerary

May

- 1 Royal Order of Scotland
- 2 Church Parade — Wainwright
- 7-8 Grand Chapter R.A.M.
- 11 Edmonton Lodge No. 7 — Fort Edmonton
- 13 Board of General Purposes
- 13 Drayton Valley Lodge No. 182—Drayton Valley
- 31 O.E.S. — Lethbridge

June

- 1 Mosaic Lodge No. 176 — Calgary
- 5 Edgerton Lodge No. 102 — 75th Anniversary

Basil Costouros, from Page 1.

Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12 (Northern Lights) in 1990-91. He is a charter member of Ye Olde Craft Lodge No. 196 and a member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980. He became a member of the Edmonton Lodge of Perfection in 1978 and went on to serve as Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1991. He also is a member of Mizpah Chapter of the Rose Croix and a member of the Alberta Consistory and Director of the 31st degree of the A. & A.S.R. He became a member of the Al Azhar Temple of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1978 and later became a charter member of Al Shamal. He is a member of many other fraternal bodies and a member of the Greek Orthodox church.

He took his higher education in West Germany in the field of Aeronautical Engineering. He has been a Realtor and Insurance Broker. He served with the R.C.M.P. for 4 years in the Intelligence Department. He presently is the Founder and President of a franchise with a number of locations in the province. He is fluent in several languages and well known to the brethren for his ritual work and talented administrative skills. He has been married to Eugenia for 24 years and has a son George, both members of the Craft.

Dick Stewart, from Page 1.

to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on March 4, 1982.

He was installed as Master of Lake Saskatoon Lodge in June of 1987, and during that year, the lodge held 14 meetings with degree work. In 1990, he was appointed to a 1 year term on the Board of General Purposes and in 1992 was appointed as the District 13 representative to the Masonic Foundation of Alberta.

He is currently employed as Executive Director of the Camp Tamarack Association in Grande Prairie. This Camp was set up by the Shrine Club for handicapped children. He has been employed in the Hospitality Industry for 32 years, the last 20 years in senior management positions.

More Nominations for 1993/94

Grand Treasurer

Elected By Acclamation

R.W.Bro. G.R. (Rex) Dawson:

Westlock Lodge No. 114

Residence: Westlock

Masonic Higher Education Bursary

Fund Committee

Elected By Acclamation

W.Bro. Jorge W. Rojas

Canada Lodge No. 165

W.Bro. Joseph Murray

Commercial Lodge No. 81

Board Of Benevolence

Elected by Acclamation

W.Bro. Elmer W. Paul

Canada Lodge No. 165

R.W.Bro. Charles H. White

Perfection Lodge No.9

R.W.Bro. Ed Whitenet

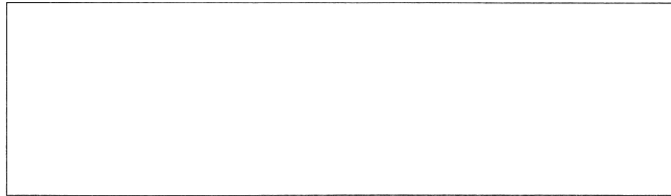
Coronation Lodge No. 72

Board Of General Purposes

Eight to be Elected for a Two Year Term

W.Bro. Fred Blunden	Canada Lodge No. 165
R.W.Bro. Douglas Brown	Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54
R.W.Bro. William A. Brown	St. Mark's Lodge No. 118
R.W.Bro. Tom Campbell	Commercial Lodge No. 81
R.W.Bro. Leslie D. Jeater	Bow River Lodge No. 1
W.Bro. Cyril W. Jenkins	Balmoral Lodge No. 185
R.W.Bro. J. Arthur Jones	Patricia Lodge No. 91
W.Bro. Hugh Kent	Palestine Lodge No. 46
R.W.Bro. R.D. Lamont	West Edmonton Lodge No. 101
R.W.Bro. Donald C. Maskell	Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142
R.W.Bro. John C. Pelletier	Loyalty Lodge No. 197
W.Bro. George Thiessen	Palestine Lodge No. 46
R.W.Bro. Donald Turvey	Mystic Tie Lodge No. 188
R.W.Bro. Ralph L. Williamson	Strathcona Lodge No. 77

Notices Of Motion To Be Presented At Grand Lodge



Yes brethren, **THERE ARE NO NOTICES OF MOTION!** Can any of you remember the last time this happened?

There are three changes which have been made to the Regulations by the Board of General Purposes and these are now in effect (Constitution 17.07.03). These will come before the body for ratification as part of the report of that Board as required by the same subsection of the Constitution.

Question Of The Month

What is the "half letter system" of identification?

Answer To The March Question

Question: "How many symbols of the level are there on a Worshipful Master's or Past Master's Apron?"

The answer is of course — none! Regulation 4.02.01.04 states they are "perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles."

What Are These?

1. The Windbags; 2. The Milky Boys; 3. The Triple Wets; 4. The Explorers; 5. The Cold Fireworks; 6. The Lizards; 7. The Pustules; 8. The Middlemen; 9. The Arizona Crew; 10. The Wet Warriors; 11. The Sloughs; 12. The Cowboy Foresters; 13. The Gentle Folk; 14. The High Slappers; 15. The Fall Guys.

Lodge Discussion Topic

What do the brethren of a Lodge want to do on a Lodge night when there are no Degrees?

Why Is A Lodge Meeting Called A "Communication?"

In Old English "communion" was "to common" — to share with others. In the church, "communion" is the common partaking of a sacrament. In a Masonic Lodge, "communication," "to common," is to gather in a "communication," signifying not just a meeting of men to legislate, but a gathering of men with a common purpose, governed by a common idea, believing in a common ideal. It is one of the precious and delightful ways in which Masonry keeps alive an old, old idea in the words of long ago.

From the MSA Digest

101 Questions About Freemasonry

Fiat Lux Lodge Of Research No. 1980

On May 29, Fiat Lux meets at Meridian Lodge Hall in Stony Plain. The meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. with the reception of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Myron Lusk on his official visit and concludes with a Banquet at 5:30. Those attending will hear a number of papers presented by members which always prove interesting and lead to much discussion. All Master Masons are most welcome. Aprons of no higher rank than P.M. are preferred. As meals are pre-booked, please phone the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Tom Hargreaves at 282-8091 if you will be dining.

Widows' Pins

Camrose Lodge No. 37 had a special event recently when they invited twenty-three widows of deceased brethren to the Lodge Hall. There, in a special ceremony, they presented the pins and also the printed "explanation." These were much appreciated by the recipients and the contact of the Lodge with the widows was considered highly pleasing to all the brethren present.

Editor's Note: Has your Lodge presented the widows of your past members with Pins? This would be a good time for the members to find out if there are any problems that they can solve for the widows.

The Basis Of Brotherhood.

It is not possible to create a true and genuine brotherhood upon any theory of the baseness of human nature. There can be no real brotherhood without mutual regard, good opinion and esteem and mutual allowance for faults and failings.

It is those only, who learn habitually to think better of each other, and who look for the good that is in each other and who allow and overlook the evil, who can be brethren one of the other, in any true sense.

Albert Pike

Quotation Of The Month

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

Abraham Lincoln.

A Pilgrim's Path

This latest book by Bro. John Robinson, author of **Born in Blood and Dungeon, Fire and Sword**, is now available. This book helps Masonry in facing its most vicious attack in 100 years. No conflict has brought more turmoil, anger, and confusion to North American Masons than the events surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis which considered allegations that Freemasonry is not compatible with Christianity. **A Pilgrim's Path** arms Freemasons with the answers to their attackers and its great message should instill in every reader an even greater pride in Freemasonry.

You can help to defend Masonry!

A Centre for Masonic Information has been set up within the Masonic Service Association. By arrangement with the author and publisher, a cash contribution of \$5.00 will be made to the Centre from each purchase made between now and June 1, 1993. Total cost is \$11.95 U.S.

Send U.S. Money Order to Masonic Service Association, Dept. M E, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Southern Baptist Convention: June 1992

As reported in **The Journal of Scottish Rite Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction** by Fred W. McPeake, 33^o.

Some three weeks before the beginning of the convention, the public press had widely publicized that a physician in Beaumont, Texas, had distributed 5,000 copies of a 58-page booklet to the leadership of Baptist congregations over the entire nation. Another 5,000 copies were to be distributed at the convention. I had obtained a copy and had studied it thoroughly. The booklet contains the standard criticisms of Freemasonry that have circulated for well over 100 years, namely:

- 1) Freemasonry is a religion;
- 2) It is a pagan religion;
- 3) It is anti-Christian and anti-Christ;
- 4) Masons are devil worshippers;
- 5) Masons are disruptive in local Baptist churches and should not be permitted to hold any position of leadership in the church.

All of these charges are false, but they have been circulated in periodicals, on radio, and on television so long, without official response or denial, that many, many uninformed people are led to believe they are true.

Early in the business session, the floor was opened for motions. The Texas physician made his motion that a "study" be made of the Fraternity of Freemasonry to determine whether or not it is compatible with Baptist faith and practice. The motion was accepted and the presiding officer announced that a time would be set for debate. I asked for the opportunity to oppose the motion when that time arrived. I was assured that this would be given. Later in the day, it was announced that the debate would begin at 11:00 a.m. the following day and each speaker would be limited to three minutes.

That evening I carefully prepared my remarks for three minutes in opposition to the motion. When the time for debate arrived, the presiding officer announced that the time limit for the debate would be fifteen minutes, that each speaker would be limited to three minutes, and that there will be no discussion of the merits of Freemasonry. Since my prepared remarks included mentioning the merits of the Fraternity, I quickly made revisions and used some two minutes in opposition to the motion. The motion was then amended to refer the matter to the Interfaith Witness Department with instructions to study the Fraternity and come back to the 1993 convention with a recommendation. This motion passed as amended.

Dr. Gary Leazer is director of the Interfaith Witness Department. His doctorate is in philosophy of religion. I'm convinced that he and his staff are making a fair, unbiased, and accurate study. However their recommendation to the convention will not be final. The ultimate decision will be by vote on the convention floor of the Houston, Texas, Astrodome June 15, 16 and 17, 1993. The critics are marshalling forces for a massive vote to condemn Freemasonry. Their efforts are widely publicized in Baptist communications.

It is urgently important that Masons who are Baptists get themselves elected messengers by their local churches, attend the convention and vote. It is relatively simple to be elected a messenger. Find out the time and procedure for election in your local church. Any one can attend the convention as an observer, but only messengers can vote.

In the past, the pastor, his family and paid staff of the churches have been the principal messengers. Very few lay members of the churches, men who may be Masons, have been attending the conventions. This time it is urgently important that we be there and vote.

Fellow Masons/Messengers, meet me in the Astrodome June 15, 1993!

Are We Perfect?

It seems to be inevitable that some important changes must be made for the continued well-being of the craft. No change is necessary in the philosophy or purposes but, in methods of presentation and adjustments in ritualistic ceremonies, there is much need for consideration.

This need for change is more deeply concerned with the educational, fraternal and present day application. Those leaders of old fully realized the approach of change when they began momentous, even drastic, revisions of all their previously revered procedures. These changes were made to harmonize with conditions of that particular period of history.

Those, who so loudly resist making any change, overlooked, or ignored, the fact that, if Freemasonry has already reached the point of perfection where there is no need for change or improvement, it is the first man-made and man-managed institution to do so.

From **The Story of Oklahoma Masonry**, 1978

By J. Fred Latham
Past Grand Master, Oklahoma.

Northern Alberta Veterans' Degree Team

On February 9, members of the Northern Alberta Veterans' Degree Team held a formal dinner at Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton, to celebrate the 11th anniversary of the team's formation. The team consists of former members of the armed forces and the RCMP. It presently numbers 22 brethren. Since its formation, the team has presented the Third Degree in the Canadian Rite and the Fellowcraft

Degree in the York Rite at Lodges as widely separated as Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie in the North and Calgary and Hanna in the South. The team is available to present or exemplify either of these degrees in any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. Requests for the team should be in writing to the team secretary, H. Canning, 30 Applewood Rd., Sherwood Park, AB T8A 0L3. Phone 464-0508.



Team picture. Seated, left to right: R.W.Bros. J. Forbes and D. Maskell; M.W.Bro. N. MacIver; R.W.Bro. J. Forsdick, Team President; M.W.Bros. G. Armstrong, W.A. Milligan, G. Thompson and S. Harbin. Standing, left to right: R.W.Bros. T. Drolet and R. Shaw; V.W.Bros. E.H. Arklie and D. Oberg, Grand Tyler; W.Bro. H. Canning; R.W.Bro. N. Lonsbury, Grand Organist; W.Bro. E. Gilbertson; R.W.Bro. G. Tetzloff and Bro. J. Findlay, Piper. Missing: M.W.Bro. S. Mottershead, R.W.Bros. R. Broberg, G. Reid, D. Simmonds and V.W.Bro. J. Wild.

From Labour To Refreshment

In an older age, as the evidence from old Minute Books and Records show, our Brethren were accustomed to enjoy refreshment, not only after "labour" but even during, and even before, "labour." Lodge rooms were arranged differently then. Our ancient brethren — in the 18th century — sat at tables around the room and toasts were interspaced with the work. Wine, along with other liquids, was freely consumed in the Lodge.

"You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating everyone according to ability, but avoiding all excess of forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going where his occasions call him."

The learned Dr. Thomas Oliver tells us that, for the purpose of refreshment, there were tables extended from the pedestal to the place where the Warden sat, which bore, not only the emblems of Freemasonry but, also, the materials for this refreshment. That some of the Brethren sometimes overstepped the bounds of propriety may be deduced from the fact the provisions were made for fines for breakage of glasses. In these olden days, while the refreshment was being enjoyed, they worked the old "Lectures," which actually were catechism questions being asked by

the Master in the Chair and answered by Brethren, one by one. Since Labour and Refreshment were so closely intertwined, the Junior Warden's call to cease from refreshment and to go to labour, or vice versa, was a real command.

From *The Quebec Journal*

Illness

When a Mason becomes ill, we go out of our way to visit him and send cards to let him know that we are thinking of him. This can only happen if we know about the illness. It is therefore our duty to inform our secretary when we become ill. Our brothers want to help us when we have problems, so we must keep them informed about our own welfare. Because of a natural tendency to ignore this fact at the time when it is most important, each of us should tell our families that our brethren want to know when we are sick. Our family members should feel obliged to inform the Master or the Service Committee Chairman. Tell your family about the times you have felt upset because you did not know about a brother's distress, and were therefore unable to comfort him.

From *Short Talk Bulletin*, July '92
Masonic Service Association

Ritual

"Not every Mason is interested in the ritual."
 "Without the ritual, Freemasonry cannot survive."
 "There is more to Freemasonry than the ritual."
 "Ritual is the backbone of Freemasonry."

Opinions regarding the importance of the ritual to our Craft vary 180 degrees — from the belief that good ritual is the key to a Lodge's success; to the conviction that the degrees, obligations and proficiencies should be minimized and nearly eliminated.

One fact remains. The proficiency ritual is the vehicle by which a Lodge first communicates Freemasonry to the Candidate.

The new Entered Apprentice spends more hours in the company of his coach than with any other Lodge member. Through scores of hours, with a competent instructor, our new Brother learns about tenets, cardinal virtues, architecture and the Hiram legend; while becoming a proficient, well informed and educated Master Mason.

In order for a candidate to become an interested, knowledgeable and dedicated member of our Fraternity, it behooves each Brother, participating in any part of the work, to do his very best for the initiate! And the next time, do even better!

The "free will and accord" petitioner deserves the best possible Degree that we — individually and collectively — can possibly confer.

Freemasonry is not a computer—it is people—brethren striving to perform the degree work better than yesterday.

Yes! The ritual is important!

Ron Brinkman, New Mexico Freemason

Favourite Lines From The Bible

1. In the twinkling of an eye. (1 Corinthians 15: 52)
2. The powers that be (Romans 13: 1)
3. The fat of the land - (Genesis 45; 18)
4. Out of the mouths of babes (Psalms 8: 2)
5. By the skin of my teeth. (Job 19: 20)
6. Like a lamb to the slaughter. (Isaiah 53: 7)
7. An eye for an eye (Exodus 21: 24)
8. There's no peace for the wicked. (Isaiah 57: 21)
9. The salt of the earth (Matthew 5: 13)
10. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26: 41)

From **St. George's Banner**
 St. George's Lodge No. 41, BC

Answer To "What Are These?"

A few very irreverent Masons got together and worked through the District names. They attempted to come up with a name for the group within that District — some were not complimentary. You may have to stretch your mind to work some of them out. Perhaps you have your own names — let us hear them.

Alpha, Palliser, Yellowhead, Central, Battle River, Calgary-Highwood, Chinookarch, Three Rivers, Lakeland, Northern lights, Mighty Peace, Dinosaur, Phoenix, Athabasca and Beaverhills.

By Way Of Contrast

Some men wouldn't get to Lodge if you furnished them with a motor car. Others would walk miles to get there.

Some would like to pay their dues. Others would go down in their pockets to pay yours, if necessary.

Some men gain their experience in fraternalism at the bedside of the sick. Others only gain it on the sick bed.

Some men remember the orphan children. Others forget them and leave them by the wayside.

Some men can install the Officers or be installed into any Office and fill it with credit. Others cannot work their way into their Lodge.

Some men sit on the sidelines and let everybody know that the Brother giving a charge has just made an error. The same fellow puts on a robe and makes ten mistakes, where the other Brother makes only one.

Some smile, some don't — some build, some tear down.

Which do you prefer?

Which are you?

From **The Texas Grand Lodge Bulletin**

Heads Bent Low

A stooped old man and a young man
 Chanced to meet one day;
 The young man said to the elder,
 In his usual braggart way:
 "Why don't you walk up straight like me?
 That's no way to grow old
 It's all a form of habit,
 At least, that's what I am told."
 The old man gave him a knowing look,
 And said, "My dear young friend,
 Have you ever examined your wheat field,
 And noticed the heads that bend?"

If not, just look them over
 As the harvest-time draws nigh.
 You'll find the heads that are empty
 Are standing tall and high.
 But the heads that count in the harvest
 Are filled and bending low,
 Awaiting the reaper's sickle.
 Their time is short, they know."
 And as the young man passed on by,
 He slowly bowed his head.
 No doubt he pondered many a day,
 On the things that old man said.

Anonymous
 From **St. George's Banner**

Joke Of Month

An elderly brother was asked, "If you had your life to live over again, would you make the same mistakes?"

"Sure would," the old Past Master cackled, "only I'd start a lot sooner."

From **St. George's Banner**