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New Year Message

Time has honoured a custom, in many parts of the world, to extend our New Year's greetings and good wishes to family, friends and acquaintances. In this era of hustle and bustle, the age of the "me generation", we question whether these good wishes are always offered with sincerity — or are they offered automatically, because it is the thing to do, without any thought by the giver or the receiver as to the true meaning of the words.

The dawning of a new year is a time for celebration — a hope for renewal and a time to take the opportunity to perform those acts of kindness which were left undone. Let us reflect on the past and learn from our experiences, then look hopefully forward beyond the problems that now

surround us. Suffice it to say that those who continually look backward, unfortunately, lose sight of the future. *My brothers, the future is ours.* Let us go forth, with a firm commitment, to remember and assist those who need help, by giving of our time and talents and, not necessarily, in a material way. It is a time when we must pledge ourselves to live and act by the principles of Masonry, which we solemnly vowed to preserve.

My brothers, it is my wish that your New Year's greetings, when offered, are as heartfelt and sincere as my wishes, which go to you and your loved ones for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

RW Bro. Ray H. Burton, DGM

Important Message To The Craft

Nominations For Elected Positions Of The Grand Lodge

Application forms must be completed and in the Grand Lodge office no later than the last working day of February. At the last meeting of the Board of General Purposes, it was formally adopted that **ALL NOMINATIONS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE BROTHER'S BUSINESS AND CRAFT HISTORY.** It was further adopted that a supplement to the Grand Lodge Bulletin will be published, so that all brethren may have the opportunity to know more about those for whom they are voting.

Should you be nominating someone or be nominated by others, be sure that you fill out the NEW Form 170 and

that the person nominated includes the required historical information.

Grand Lodge 1994

WMs, Wardens and all other officers should mark their calendars with the date of Grand Lodge, which will be held at the Crossroads Hotel, Calgary, June 10 & 11, 1994. Masters have promised, at their Installation Ceremonies to attend Grand Lodge. Other officers have voting rights and should attend. It is your opportunity to have your voice heard — use your franchise.

Tartan Degree Team Supports Masonic Education

On the evening of Tuesday January 25, 1994, the recently formed **Tartan Degree Team** will be exemplifying the Entered Apprentice Degree in the Ancient York Rite, using the original ceremony and charges. This degree will be exemplified at Crescent Lodge, 131 - 16th Avenue NW, Calgary, at 7:30 p.m. This activity will coincide with Crescent Lodge's "Burn's Nicht", with a Scottish dinner com-

mencing at 6:00 p.m. The members of the degree team will be appropriately attired in Scottish Highland dress. Proceeds from the evening will be directed to the Masonic Foundation of Alberta. It is anticipated that the evening will be both entertaining and educational. Mark January 25th on your calendar and attend this very special event!

Submitted by MW Bro. Dave Bruce, PGM.

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Grand Master's Itinerary

January

- 1 Grand Master's Levee, 12:00 Noon, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall, sponsored by Saskatchewan Lodge
- 4 Mosaic Lodge — Crescent Hall, Calgary
- 6 King Solomon Lodge, Installation — Cochrane
- 7 Calgary Lodge, Regular, Calgary
- 11 Chief Mountain Lodge, Cardston
- 13 Nanton Lodge, Regular, Nanton
- 14 Sentinel Lodge, Regular, Frank
- 18 Alliance Lodge, Regular, Alliance
- 20 Gratton Lodge, Regular, Irma
- 22 Norwood, Dominion and Ye Olde Craft Lodge, combined Ladies Night
- 24 Beacon Lodge, Regular, Red Deer
- 26 Onoway Lodge, Regular, Onoway
- 28-30 Grand Lodge of Colorado (Tentative)

February

- 3 Board of General Purposes Meeting, Red Deer
- 3 Ionic-Landmark Lodge, Regular, Alix
- 5 Concord Lodge, Regular, Calgary
- 7 Stavelly Lodge, Regular, Stavelly
- 8 Crossfield Lodge, Regular, Crossfield
- 9-12 Edmonton Lodge Of Perfection Reunion, A. & A.S.R.
- 12 Medicine Hat Lodge, Mizpah Lodge and Quarry Lodge, Joint Installation
- 14 Jasper Lodge, Regular, Edmonton
- 15 Palestine Lodge, Regular, Tofield
- 16-23 Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C.

March

- 1 Corinthian Lodge, Regular, Okotoks
- 3 Diamond City Lodge, Regular, Coalhurst
- 7 Pembina Lodge, Regular, Sangudo
- 9 Meridian Lodge, Regular, Stony Plain
- 14 Fidelity Lodge, Regular, Bashaw
- 15 Bowden Lodge, Regular, Bowden
- 17 Apollo Lodge, Regular, Stettler
- 18-20 All-Canada Conference - Winnipeg
- 22 Crescent Lodge, Regular, Calgary
- 28 Hussar Lodge, Regular, Hussar
- 29-Apr 3 Rose Croix, Mizpah Chapter Reunion, A. & A.S.R. Edmonton

District Meeting

February 25 Alpha District Meeting, 5:00 PM, Freemasons' Hall, Calgary

Joke Of The Month

The new assistant to the Grand Secretary stood before the paper shredder, looking confused. "Need some help?", the Grand Secretary asked.

"Yes," he replied, "how does this thing work?"

"Simple," said the Grand Secretary, taking the fat document from his assistant's hand and feeding it into the shredder.

"Thanks," said his assistant, "but where do the copies come out?"

Media News

More and more articles are seen in the press about Masonry and they are improving in their understanding and sympathetic consideration of the Craft. RW Bro. C.W. Scott, DDGM of Calgary-Highwood District, recently sent an article to the Editor from *The News*, published in Nanton. The article is written by a non-Mason, Douglas Laidlaw whose byline is "I write as I please".

RW Bro. John Place and W. Bro. George Blake lent the writer some material for background and the article resulted. While the author looks at the history and principles of Masonry, he makes some extremely positive statements about the Craft and its members.

"One thing about Masonry, which attracted me like a magnet, is the belief in freedom of thought and expression, freedom from oppression, freedom from ignorance and superstition, and freedom from vice and bigotry — in general the unshackling of the human mind.

"More important is my personal experience with Masonry as a citizen, for, as you see, I am not a Mason. I have had nothing but pleasurable experiences with lodge members in many different places. If something beneficial to the community had to take place, lodge members were always there as builders, helpers and aides. Maybe it was their philosophical outlook — their vision.

"It appears that the goal is, in part, mankind in the mass. But the beginning is the betterment of the individual who makes up the mass, which is most important. At times, it is like passing through a dark room which is the story of world society — then, in the distance, there is Divine Light.

"We must congratulate the brethren of Nanton for setting the example which could be used by this journalist."

Rose Bowl Parade

The Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade, on New Year's Day, will also feature a Masonic float. Why not switch on the TV and see if that float can capture a First Prize like that of our brethren in Whitecourt. This is wonderful publicity for Masonry, as millions of people watch the Rose Bowl Parade. Those involved in the float's development are to be congratulated most sincerely.

Unity In Purpose



Front row (l-r): Bishop Myron Daciuk; Her Excellency Doris Towers; His Excellency Gordon Towers, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta; Archbishop Joseph MacNeil.

Back row (l-r): Bill Diachuk, Master of Alberta District, Simon Fraser Region, KofC; Ollie Diachuk; Father Michael Troy, State Chaplain KofC; Carol Lacoursiere; Jules Lacoursiere, State Director, KofC.

The Lieutenant Governor, His Excellency Gordon Towers, a Mason of long standing, attended a special function on October 1, 1993 as guest speaker. This function, "Padre's Night", is to honour all priests and brothers in the Edmonton Archdiocese of the Roman and Ukrainian Catholic Church. It is sponsored by the Edmonton Chapter, Knights of Columbus. This year, the host KofC Council was the Brother Anthony Council #10014, St. Albert.

His Excellency, Bro. Towers, was escorted to the Holy Parish Hall by the Fourth Degree Honour Guard and greeted by the Archbishop of Edmonton, Most Reverend

Joseph MacNeil, and the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton, Most Reverend Myron Daciuk, as well as other dignitaries.

His Excellency, Bro. Towers, spoke on the Columbian theme, "Make our Family Grow", which coincides with the International Year of the Family. His presentation fits closely into the theme and thrust of our own Grand Master and, with the new closeness of the two organizations, the KofC and Freemasonry, it is no surprise to find the content being most appropriate and acceptable to both.

The presentation was well received by the 221 guests in attendance, including approximately 55 priests and brothers. Most of the guests were members of the KofC and their spouses.

This was an unusual and wonderful opportunity for a Mason to express his kindly and caring views to such an audience.

"... in view that the upcoming year 1994 has been proclaimed as the time to celebrate the International Year of the Family, this is the time for us to make our plans for next year. What are our opportunities as individuals, as families, as communities, as churches and as church groups? It would be good for us as Albertans and Canadians to take our place of prominence on the world scene and make our presence known and effective in this major undertaking — "International Year of the Family". We may ask ourselves, where does this all start? My friends, it commences with you and me. We all have a full awareness of the necessity of the maintenance of family stability and what it means in our personal lives, what it means to our Canadian way of life. Generally speaking, we have enjoyed strong family ties in Canada over the past 100 years. Now is the time for us to ensure that those fundamental guidelines, the family way of life, are perpetuated to guide us into the next century."

Additional excerpts from His Excellency, Bro. Towers's speech will be included in 1994 Bulletins.

The Solid Symbol Society

The Solid Symbol Society was formed November 6, 1970 by George (Jock) Hendry and the members of the Highlands Men's Club. They held some social events from 1970 to 1975, to help pay the expenses of the Highlands Masonic Hall. The last thing Jock Hendry did before he died was to apply for a licence to sell raffle tickets for a trip to Hawaii. Six thousand tickets were sold at \$1.00 each and earned \$5000.00. That was in 1975 and the money was used to start renovating the hall.

A member of the society, Ari Hoeksema, suggested applying for a casino licence and, in 1976, the first casino was held and earned \$26,597.50. From 1976 to date the Society has made \$312,752.00.

The society has given Highlands Hall \$146,666.00, and \$166,086.00 to charitable organizations in the Province. The charities that have benefitted from the gifts are: Fort Edmonton Park; Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton; General Hospital Palliative Care; Glenrose Hospital — Bus for Childrens'

Ward; Ionic Club of Edmonton; Kidney Foundation; Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund; Robin Flood School for the Handicapped; Royal Alex Cardiac Unit; Sheltered Workshop; Victoria Order of Nurses; Volunteer Reading Aids P.A.L.S.; Westboro Parents Group; and Youth Emergency Shelter.

The Society had its largest casino win this year and each benefactor received \$17,027.31. The following received the money: Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton; Highlands Masonic Hall; Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund; and Robin Flood School for the Handicapped.

Submitted at the request of the Grand Master

What Masons Do!

Rocky Summit Appeal

Included in the notice of Rocky Summit Lodge is an appeal for assistance for a brother of that Lodge, who lost all his personal belongings in a fire, which destroyed his apartment building.

What an excellent way to get support for brethren in distress! More lodges should follow this example.

*More What Masons Do!***Publicity With A Capital "P"**

On July 11, 1993 Whitecourt Lodge entered a Masonic float in the Annual Parade. The brethren got together with all the construction work and the ladies made all 3000 of the decorative pompons. This labour of love meant that many hundreds of people saw the Masonic symbols on parade. The real joy came when the float was awarded **First Prize!**

Congratulations from all Alberta Masons go to the innovative and successful brethren (and their ladies) of Whitecourt.

Bro. Don O. Hands, Secretary-Treasurer

Bursaries In The News

Camrose Lodge had the press present at its presentation ceremony of a Bursary to Janet Servold of that community. A number of Masons were present, as were the parents of Janet.

The **Cardston Chronicle** reported on the presentation of a Bursary to Mary Lou Murray of that community.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund

The Grand Lodge Bulletin often publishes letters of thanks from those who receive the bursaries from the MHEBF but we seldom have the opportunity of hearing from the recipients in later years. A delightful event occurred in Edmonton, in October, that proves that much can come from your continuing, generous donations to one of our Masonic charities.

At the Annual Awards Night of the Canadian College of Teachers, two presentations were made — one for Teacher of the Year and the second for Project of the Year. The winner of the Teacher of the Year Award was Mrs. Wendy Mathieu, a teacher at Mary Butterworth School. During his introduction of her, the presenter mentioned that, among other awards, Mrs. Mathieu had won a Masonic Bursary, in 1977, in Grimshaw. In the article in the **Edmonton Journal**, she received her award as Best Teacher for providing "a vibrant, exciting environment for learning. [She is a teacher] very much in touch with the future needs of kids", accord-

ing to her Principal. He also said, "She also established a positive relationship with parents and had many actively involved."

What a wonderful person to have in education and how honoured each Alberta Mason should feel to know that he had some small part in helping Wendy reach, and obviously excel, in her goals. Congratulations to Wendy and thanks to all those who contribute to the MHEBF.

Information submitted by Bro. Alan Bell
WM, Norwood Lodge.

Change Of Meeting Hall

Spitzie Lodge at Pincher Creek had to give up its Lodge Hall and now will meet jointly with Chinook Lodge at Cowley.

From the Notice of Rocky-Summit Lodge.

One Day At A Time

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There are two days in every week about which we should not worry — two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday. We cannot undo single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word said. Yesterday is gone!

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow, with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, whether in splendour or behind a mask of clouds — but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day — Today. Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of two awful eternities — Yesterday and Tomorrow, that we break down.

It is not necessarily the experiences of Today that disturbs one's peace of mind. It is oftentimes the remorse or bitterness of something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore live one day at a time.

From Russ Tyson's Philosophy Corner,
Rocky Summit Lodge

Valerie Nielsen To Speak To Masons

Valerie Nielsen, President of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce (the first woman elected to that post), will be a special guest speaker at the 1994 Masonic Spring Workshop at Kananaskis, April 23-24, 1994. She joins RW Bro. Wallace McLeod, PSGW from Ontario, author of the book **Whence Come We?**, President of the Philelethes Society and a Past-Master of Quatuor Coronati No. 2076, GLE, who is the theme speaker. This year's Workshop Theme is: **Masonic Renewal II: Masonry in the Community.**