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Benevolences

Excerpt from MW Bro. Darling's address as Grand Master to the 1919 Alberta Grand Lodge Communication.

Because of the war and, later, the epidemic (flu pandemic) the Masons of Alberta have come to realize our obligation to the distressed. So far we have not had to meet very many or very great calls. The following letter from RW Bro. C.W. Field, is both timely and forceful. He called me to his room, just a few days before his end, and gave me this message for you.

Dear Dr. Darling,

For a long time the idea has been in my mind that the Grand Lodge of Alberta, or the Craft in this Province was not sufficiently alive to the great need of energetic preparation for a Provincial Masonic Home.

We have collected a few thousand dollars, but have bought no property, made no great move towards such.

My own case is an example, hence this letter, for I am with you now but a few days. What about my boy's education and needs and my wife's burdens, if I am leaving them as many a brother in Alberta will do? I will be able to leave some provision for them, but, if I did not - could not, is Alberta [Masonry] ready or able to do as they should do? They are not. Why?

Splendid work is being done towards similar care for soldier's dependents or soldiers themselves, but these others should not be neglected.

I beg of you, and the Grand Lodge, to believe I would not write this at this time, if I did not feel it a real duty and worthy of this, my last call.

Grateful for all and every kindness shown me by the Fraternity in Edmonton and Alberta, I am answering the summons "Lights Out." I trust bravely, and I assure you, cheerfully. It is all right. The last enemy is death, but the greatest enemy is fear. I have passed the greatest enemy and, from the upland, send to you a last and fond greeting and summons to duty.

"I have faith, that, in the shadows blue, at set of sun, I shall be judged by what I've tried to do, not what I've done."

Fraternally and ever yours,
C.W. Fields

Editor's comment: Are we "ever-ready" in 1994? Read the Report of the Benevolence Committee in the next Grand Lodge Proceedings or, better still, come to Grand Lodge and hear it!

Masonic Foundation Seeks Your Help

Have you thought that, by just using an affinity MasterCard, you could be making a charitable donation? There are two Special Bank of Montreal MasterCards available.

The Prestige Gold Affinity MasterCard, with a package of travel benefits, including Car Rental, no charge traveller's cheques, personal loan rate reduction and Card registration. No transaction fee or annual fee for first six months and then \$60 per annum thereafter.

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Honorary Ringmaster At The Shrine Circus

When the Circus was in town in Calgary, young Jason Longpre, "the miracle kid", was the honorary Ringmaster on one evening, and after the parade and introductions, blew the whistle which customarily means "Let the show begin". Only last July, Jason was burned over 85 per cent of his body at his home town of Brooks. Thanks to the Shrine burn unit in Cincinnati, Jason is back at school and even playing minor hockey. Doctors gave Jason less than a 20 per cent chance to pull through his ordeal. However he did, thanks to a speedy flight to the burns unit, the specialised skills of experts in burn treatment and the prayers and strength of the family and Shriners who pulled out all the

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stops to ensure that money was no deterrent to the finest treatment possible.

Members of the Craft joined with the Shrine in forming teams to sell circus tickets this year. This established great team spirit between the Shriners and the Lodges and also helped to sell more tickets.

Lodges selling tickets received 10 per cent commission whereas, when sales were left to the commercial solicitors, they took 60 per cent of the ticket proceeds! It is hoped that, next year, Lodges will again volunteer to help the Shrine Circus benefit the Shrine Charities, people like young Jason and audiences of delighted families in Edmonton and Calgary.

Congratulations

Alberta has been honoured with a "first". Our own RW Bro. Gerry Webber, the Grand Secretary was elected to be President of the All Canada Conference for the 1995 gathering. This is a high honour indeed, for it is the first time since its formation that anyone other than a Past Grand Master has been elected.

"The purpose of the Conference is to promote and cultivate closer cooperation and fraternal relations among the governing bodies of Freemasonry in Canada, without exercising any jurisdiction over any Grand Lodge, and always keeping in mind that no resolution adopted at the Conference shall be regarded as in any way affecting the responsibility or jurisdiction of any member Grand Lodge."

The brethren of Alberta congratulate RW Bro. Webber on this election and wish him well in organizing next year's Conference.

Support Within The Masonic Family

Thanks go to Al Shamal Temple, Edmonton for sponsoring MW Bro. Myron Lusk and his wife to attend the Imperial Shrine Session of 1993 in San Antonio, Texas. They were gracious hosts for the entire period and ensured that our Grand Master was suitably dressed with a fez clearly marked — Grand Master 1993-94.

Annual Steam Train Ride

Due to lack of support, this event is cancelled for 1994

Itinerary Of The Grand Master-Elect RW Bro. Ray Burton

June

9-11 Annual Communication — Crossroad Hotel, Calgary
 13 Jasper Lodge, Installation, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
 17-18 Innisfail Lodge, 100th Anniversary, Innisfail
 23-25 Grand Lodge of Montana, Kalispell

July

4 Mighty Peace District Meeting, Grande Prairie
 6 Granite Lodge, Annual Western BBQ, Blackie
 12-14 Grand Lodge of Canada, Toronto

August

4 Excelsior Lodge, Daysland
 23 Kitscoty Lodge, Kitscoty
 24 Forestburg Lodge, Forestburg

District Meetings

July

4 Mighty Peace District, Grande Prairie

October

1 Yellowhead District, Acadia Hall, Edmonton
 15 Athabasca District, Cornerstone Hall, St. Albert
 15 Chinookarch District, Masonic Hall, Lethbridge
 22 Three Rivers District, Masonic Hall, Frank
 28 Dinosaur District, Community Hall, Acme
 29 Phoenix District, Freemasons' Hall, Calgary
 29 Palliser District, Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton
 29 Central District, Masonic Hall, Olds

Summer Lodges

Over the summer months, the following Lodges will meet in Alberta. Please note that each of the Lodge Secretaries have been contacted to confirm these dates and times. In every case, visitors are most welcome, and please take any Masons who you know are visiting Alberta with you.

July

Vulcan Lodge	1 st Tuesday 8:00pm
Edgerton Lodge	1 st Tuesday 8:00pm
Granite Lodge, Blackie	1 st Wednesday 8:00pm
Excelsior Lodge, Daysland	1 st Thursday 8:00pm
Lake Saskatoon, Wembley	1 st Thursday 8:00pm
Rockyford Lodge (Western Night)	1 st Thursday 7:30pm
Nanton Lodge	2 nd Thursday 7:30pm
Ye Olde Craft Lodge, Edm	2 nd Saturday 9:00am
Forestburg Lodge	4 th Wednesday 8:00pm
Redwood Lodge	4 th Saturday 7:30pm

(Klondike Lodge at Fort Edmonton Park Lodge Hall)

August

Excelsior Lodge, Daysland	1 st Thursday 8:00pm
Lake Saskatoon, Wembley	1 st Thursday 8:00pm
Ye Olde Craft Lodge, Edmonton	1 st Saturday 9:00am
Symbol Lodge*	2 nd Saturday 5:00pm
Kitscoty Lodge	4 th Tuesday 8:00pm
Forestburg Lodge	4 th Wednesday 8:00pm

Notes: *See "Outdoor Lodges" for location of this meeting
 The location is added if it is not the same as Lodge name.

Lodges that have summer meetings and are not listed are asked to contact the Editor for inclusion next year.

Outdoor Lodges

Bassano Lodge will be having its annual outdoor Lodge meeting on June 18th at 11:00am. There are four candidates who, if present and proficient, will receive their MM degree. If you wish to attend, meet at the Lodge Hall, 220-3rd Street, Bassano at 10:00am. There is a ladies' program at the home of Shirley and Arnold Armstrong.

Symbol Lodge will be having an outdoor lodge on Saturday August 13th at 5:00pm in the McKee Picnic Grounds, Rowley. The Lodge meeting will be followed by a steak BBQ at \$10 per person. Bring the family and meet in the Main Street of Rowley. The town museum and stores will be open for the rest of the family.

What Do Masons Do

Symbol Lodge has always accepted the challenge of supporting The Heart and Stroke Foundation's fund-raising campaign as a Lodge. The members assume the responsibility for carrying out the canvassing of the business portion of Drumheller in a door-to-door campaign. It is estimated that, over the last six years, more than \$8,600.00 has been raised.

Submitted by Bro. Doug Wade, Secretary-Treasurer

Editor's Note: This seems an excellent way of "contributing" to a charity that is supported by a Lodge. It is a different way of giving and is a valuable community effort.

Did You Know?

Canada, particularly the Prairie Provinces, was affected severely by the Great Depression of the 1930s. Ramifications did not hit Crescent Lodge immediately but the effect was apparent during the 1935-1941 period. During that eight year era, 28 joined the lodge (14 initiated, 9 affiliated, 5 reinstated) and 81 quit the lodge (37 demitted, 23 suspended NPD and 21 died), a decline from 218 to 165.

There were numerous austerity moves, such as reducing insurance, janitor's salary and refreshments. In an unusual occurrence, W (later VW) Bro. M. Curie, Bro. Secretary, was appointed "collector of dues" and he was to be paid 10 per cent of all arrears of dues collected. This was increased to 20 per cent in 1937. No evidence has been uncovered that W Bro. Curie collected any of this commission. He would have been faced with the decision of suspending a brother for non payment of dues or recommending remission!

Did Freemasonry in Crescent wither during this period? No!

From the Historical Register of Crescent Lodge.

Quotes To Ponder

Entirely too many meetings start at 7:30 sharp and end at 10:30 dull!

Don't take life too seriously — its not permanent!

From the **Scottish Rite Journal**

"It's not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what is required."

Winston Churchill

Tartan Degree Team

"I have never heard of that", you may say — that is because it's new! It has performed the EA degree twice, once in Calgary and again in Stavely and is looking to a FC degree in Lethbridge. The "old" Ancient York Rite Ritual is used and, of course, the degree is, of necessity, an exemplification. The Director and inspiration behind the team is RW Bro. Ross Mouser, PDDGM who had a dream of this colourful group for many years. It is now operating with a fully kilted team, lots of bagpipe music and great enthusiasm. It is interesting to note that every member of the team, at the present, wears a kilt from a different clan, which creates a pleasing mix of colours. If you see the team you may even hear the parlour pipes.

One of the purposes of the team is to raise money for the Masonic Foundation and over \$1300.00 was collected in Calgary and over \$650.00 in Stavely.

Shrine In Ferment

Opinions are strong in the Shrine when it relates to the requirements for entry. Until the present day, all Shriners have been Masons first and then passed into this very active concordant body.

Efforts are now under way, within the Shrine, no longer to require Masonic membership as a compulsory prerequisite for membership both at initiation and for ongoing membership. The campaign is, of course, the way in which some see broader membership as the only answer to ever-increasing demands for the "almighty dollar" and, of course, a larger membership.

Alberta Shriners stand opposed to the idea and, with many others, hope to argue against the proposed action at the upcoming Imperial Session, which will be held in Denver during July of this year.

There is little doubt that such a move would cause an enormous rift in North American Masonry and could change the whole Masonic world as we know it today.

Thanks go to many Shriners who submitted suggestions on this problem.

What Is This Thing Called "A Marked Demit"

It is difficult to understand why some members are still being suspended for non-payment of dues, when the "marked demit" is now available to lodges. The marked demit allows a brother to leave the Craft without the unpleasant feelings associated with "Suspension for Non Payment of Dues." The WM has the prerogative of issuing a marked demit to each brother who reaches the expiration time of non-payment of dues. The form simply shows the amount of indebtedness and is exactly the same as that issued to a brother who requests a demit and owes money. This allows breathing time for a person to remedy the omission by simply paying up, or visiting any other lodges once each, if he wishes to join elsewhere. It was the feeling of the members of Grand Lodge that a man is more likely to rejoin, if circumstances allow, when he has not been suspended. See Regulation R3.10.05.03.

Baptist Convention Aftermath

(Excerpts from *The Scottish Rite Journal*)

As an aftermath to the Southern Baptist Convention, the assistant director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (MHB) was invited to speak to the Southeast Masonic Conference. He is Gary Leazer Ph.D., of the Centre for Interfaith Studies of Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Gary Leazer is not a Mason, but his duty had been to investigate Masonry and report how Masonry conflicts with the Church (The Southern Baptists) and with religion in general. He was asked to resign from this task when his report leaked to Dr. James Holly and it apparently did not please the anti-Masonic group, since it did not condemn Masonry.

The report was altered so much that Dr. Leazer requested that his name be removed from it, since it no longer stated what he had reported.

Dr. Leazer's speech to the Masonic Conference is written in full in the *Scottish Rite Journal* in the January 1994 issue, where he explains details of his findings about Masonry. Needless to say, he found the Craft to be honourable and devoted to its ideals, but in no way is the Craft anti-religious.

However, Gary Leazer spent some time warning Masons that the battle is not won and that greater danger lies ahead for the Craft.

Dr. Holly has gone to other church denominations to rally them against Masonry and, as well, continues his vendetta in the Southern Baptist Churches to reopen the battle that closed this past June, with the Masons winning a majority vote, with a 9 to 1 ratio. Leazer says that Holly is by no means finished and others will take up his battle as well, such as John Ankerberg, author of much anti-Masonic literature and the man who appeared on radio, with the late Bro. John Robinson, to debate Masonry versus Religion. Leazer warned Masons the world over that the fight to accuse Masonry of being anti-religious is not finished and that it will revive again soon. He went on to advise all Masons to be aware of any remarks made against our Craft by anyone, lest a decay sets in within our membership. Our Craft has survived many centuries of persecution through constant attention to our morals and beliefs - let us not allow our own inertia and self-complacency to cripple our Craft at this late date.

Masons felt relief that the Baptists did not condemn Masonry, but Gary Leazer again warned the Conference that the battle is not over yet and constant vigilance is needed to prevent a repeat of the fiasco of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The history of Southern Baptist Convention vs Masonry is as follows (taken from the *Scottish Rite Journal*):

1985 — Resolution introduced questioning Masonry's compatibility with Southern Baptist doctrine. Resolution referred to the Home Mission Base for study.

1986 — Home Mission Base concludes that "Freemasonry does not fall within the scope of assigned responsibility of HMB" because The Interfaith Witness Department "does not recognize Freemasonry as a religion."

1992 — Dr. James Holly introduces a motion to form

another study committee to question compatibility of Freemasonry.

1993 — Southern Baptist Convention approves recommendation of HMB that membership in Freemasonry be "a matter of personal conscience."

God's Place In Masonry

The enlightenment of the minds of men to the knowledge of God, the warming of their hearts by the love of whatever is true and in the inspiring of their souls with the assurance that God is eternally their Father, that all men are His children and, so, brethren together - these are the foundations of the Temple we strive to raise. Only through faith in God are we fully armed to grapple effectually and realistically with the tasks of the present and the future.

From *The History of the Supreme Council of Canada*

As True Then As Now!

The great Roman philosopher Cicero marked the following six mistakes of man 2,000 years ago. Still valid to this day, they are:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

Jasper Park Lodge No. 143

In Waiting

I call upon all my Brothers to remember when you first knocked on the door of the lodge. You came of your own free will with an inquiring mind. Are you totally satisfied? Probably not, as we are a progressive science. Masonry is for you, yours to discover and for you to understand. Get your priorities straight. No one ever said on his death bed, "Gee, if I'd only spent more time at the office." Come and enjoy the sidelines, your Brothers are waiting to greet you.

From the Notice of Star of the West Lodge, Leduc

New Book

Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry? by Art de Hoyos and S. Brent Morris (foreword by Jim Tresner). Published by The Masonic Information Centre — A division of The Masonic Service Association of the United States.

This book is a response to some of the more virulent anti-Masonic critics. It takes on these critics and refutes their charges. For example: Albert Pike and the "luciferian" doctrine; James Dayton Shaw's "Exposé" of Freemasonry; and Ron Carlson's lectures on the "Evils of Freemasonry" all are discussed and refuted on a point by point basis.

The book is available through MSA for \$3.50 U.S. (PPD) 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-47855

Keeping Members Satisfied

A successful Masonic Lodge is very much like a very successful business. It knows that the members are the customers, and it will strive to keep the customers happy with the product it provides.

What is a Lodge's product? It is the meeting itself, the ritual and the tradition. The lodge meeting is the means by which members develop their communication and leadership skills. Inferior lodge meetings mean members do not learn what they joined the lodge to learn. Therefore, the result is an unhappy customer, who decides to find a better product elsewhere.

Today's intelligent people realize that the Lodge, a business, or a person is either growing or decaying. There's no such thing as standing still. You can never reach a plateau where you say — "this is just where we want to be — this is it — now we'll just sit back and let everything take care of itself — we'll just hold the membership and maintain."

As Sir Isaac Newton proved in his laws of physics, a body in motion tends to remain in motion and a stationary body tends to remain stationary. If the Lodge, a business, a person, stood still and the rest of the country, the economy, and the rest of the world continued to advance, it would create a situation in which the lodge, business or person, whether he liked it or not, would be going backward. Of course, if everything in the world stood still at the same time, it's probable that everything would be alright — but, we do know that this will never happen. Our competition is not standing still, times are changing, likes and dislikes of the members change. We must change and grow with them or die. This doesn't mean that we give up ritual and tradition, because this is the basis of our existence.

If a successful lodge, business, or person, would consider himself to be as successful as he wants and would put all aside and quit — WHAT THEN? What happens to his hard work, creative thinking and the habits he has devoted many years to develop? What happens to his enthusiasm and dedication for an exciting project? Unless the lodge, business, or person, becomes involved in something challenging and interesting, it will begin to retrogress, to shrink, to die. We can't stand still even if we want to — nor can anything in nature. A tree — any tree at any time — is either growing or decaying and a lodge, business, or person, works the same way.

This is why the lodge, business, and persons, tend to grow into successes. It's good for everyone concerned — it means growth, members, excitement — and enthusiasm!

So ... "HOW GOOD IS YOUR LODGE PRODUCT?"

To check up on your Lodge, consider this guidelines:

1. Meetings start on time, flow smoothly, are fast-paced, never boring, discussions are pertinent, to the point and about substantial matters, end on time.
2. Officers are well prepared, ritual well done.
3. Members are considerate of others and their ideas and concerns, they are involved and willing, no one or two members are trying to carry the whole load.
4. Recognition is granted when earned.
5. The meeting and the Lodge have a plan, follow it, amend it when necessary and are always looking

forward. In essence, "Watch out, if your lodge is standing still!"

Remember the story of the old man busily planting a young tree. His neighbour, a very negative person, remarked, "What are you doing — you'll never live to see it grow?"

The old man replied, in a very positive tone, "There's no standing still — you either plan on living forever or dying tomorrow."

Fred Nelson, RJDM, *Grand Lodge of Montana News*

Freemasonry's Saving Tension

The saving tension of Freemasonry is not anxiety, where the spirit is frayed with apprehension and goes into a permanent state of fidgets. It is not confusion, where the mind sees all things through a fog darkly. There is no renewal in a nervous breakdown — it is a poor working tool for meeting a crisis.

Yet we never really confront any challenge without mental and spiritual tension, stretching, turbulence, and effort. Every ritualist experiences all this, every time he paces back and forth in the wings awaiting his cue.

There is very real danger of taking this tension out of Freemasonry and leaving it limp. We may look at the mainspring of a watch, see it wound and tense and say, "Loosen it, and let it go." But, if we take away the tension, we take away the watch and all we have left is an ingenious collection of junk.

In any field of endeavour, men, who have lost the tension out of their lives, the alertness, the desperate caring and the sense of deadline, have become, in real ways, useless collections of junk.

From an article by Rev. John G. Fleck, 33°
Reprinted in *The Northern Light*, Jan. 1970.

The man who misses all the fun
Is he who says "It can't be done."
In solemn pride he stands aloof.
And greets each venture with reproof
Had he the power, he'd efface
The history of the human race;
We'd have no radio or motor cars,
No streets lit by electric stars;
No telegraph or telephone
We'd linger in the age of stone,
The world would sleep if things were run
By men who say, "It can't be done".

From the Notice of Diamond City Lodge, Picture Butte

Change Of Location & Day Of Meetings

Exactly ten years after Canada Lodge left King George Masonic Hall to relocate to Bowmont Lodge Hall, they are returning to their former home. Due to the fact that they are now included in Phoenix District with many lodges meeting on a Tuesday, it has been decided to change the night back to a Wednesday.

Please note then: Canada Lodge will now meet in King George Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except July and August.

Puerto Rico

From "Acacia" - the official organ of the G.L. of Puerto Rico comes the following:

"It is the custom of a tribe in South Africa for a speaker to stand on one foot when addressing an assembly. As soon as he is forced to bring down the other, his time is up. Could we not introduce something similar into our Lodges?"

The Editor's Comments

I remind all Lodge Secretaries that TWO copies of their notice should be sent to Grand Lodge. They do not need to be in separate envelopes, as one goes on file, the other automatically goes to the Editor of the **Grand Lodge Bulletin**. Separate mailings cost money, insufficient copies means the **Grand Lodge Bulletin** does not find the many interesting items it reprints.

There have been many complaints about the cost of mailing notices — some Lodge Secretaries even decide they will not mail Bulletins to members — a very sad state of affairs. However, an attempt has been made to decrease the weight. Have you noticed that, since March, the Bulletin is now printed on lighter weight paper. If you, as a member, have not noticed — it is excellent proof that quality has not deteriorated. Lodge Secretaries should have noted that there is a decrease in mailing weight and perhaps there may be some minor savings on postage.

I remind all involved in preparing lodge notices to please put the source at the bottom of any quotation that you print in your notice. We are sure that there is no deliberate attempt to make someone else's words their own but the **Bulletin** gets letters after quoting some material from lodges, pointing out where material comes from. This is embarrassing, to say the least. If the words are your own — there can be no complaint of plagiarism.

I apologise again to the many who send in material but do not see it in print. Papers of

any kind are no longer published in their entirety but it is hoped that you are pleased to see excerpts in print. The publication of information regarding individual awards is related to both space and the special nature of the material. Every effort is made to include news from each area of the province through the year. Please continue to send in anything you think is noteworthy to the Grand Lodge Office, to my attention. Remember that 25th, 50th, 75th and 100th Anniversaries of a Lodge are very important and information will be published if sent in early.

Spring Workshop A Success

About 300 brethren attended the Masonic Spring Workshop at Kananaskis last April to hear RW Bro. Wallace McLeod address the issue of Masonry in the Community. He warned the Craft, as we are being cast by our enemies in the role of a force for evil in society, to answer our anti-Masonic critics and show ourselves as a force for good.

Valerie Nielsen said we are not known in the community. If we wish to raise our profile, then we must do at least two things: first, recognize the harsh, fast-paced realities of today in planning our future relationship with our community; and second, to devote our effort to our young who need our help to face a rapidly changing world.

Masonic Telecommunications — Travelling By Modem!

If you are a Mason and are interested in Freemasonry, why not give one of our MasNet Electronic Bulletin Board Systems (BBS) a call?

Travelling by modem is an enjoyable experience for everyone! Care to join us?

MasNet is the Masonic Mail Network. This year, many Masons, who happened to run BBSs with a Masonic theme, have "networked" via modem and telephone to link Masonic Electronic Mail across the continent and beyond. Places like San Diego; Ontario, CA; Ontario, Canada; Alberta, Canada; Scotland; Tennessee; and Florida now carry MasNet message conferences such as the Blue Lodge Forum, the Shriner's Conference and others. All you need to join us is a computer, a modem, and a communications program set to N-8-1 (this is the standard for "BBS-ing").

A MasNet BBS is a place where Freemasons, their families and friends can get together electronically to share in fellowship and fun! The individual BBSs are each based on a clean, "family channel" environment, and all it costs is the price of your phone call! (Please see below for a list of Masonic BBSs).

The following MasNet Bulletin Board Systems are operating as of 10/21/93.

BBS Name	Phone No.	Location	Baud	Bro. Sysop
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DataByte Computer	(619)367-9208	29 Palms, CA	9600	Jim Kornegay
Dawn Cove Abbey	(902)742-3399	NS, Canada	14.4K	Klaas Tuinman
Hiram's Middle Chamber	(909)465-0898	ON, Canada	14.4K	Roger Johnson
Hiram's Tracing Board	(204)667-1871	MN, Canada	14.4K	R. Galbraith, PM
Hiram's Valley	(619)562-0137	El Cajon, CA	19.2K	Dave Stites
Magna Borealis Lux	(403)475-6061	AB, Canada	19.2K	George Helmer
Ninth Arch BBS	(901)872-6952	Middelton, TN	14.4K	Max Shafer, PM
Solomon's Quarry	(619)562-2707	El Cajon, CA	14.4K	Harry Wiggs, PM
Square & Compass	(313)367-7286	Smith Creek, MI	14.4K	Larry Clarke
Square & Comp. UKBBS	011-44-31-539-8101	Edinburgh, Scot	14.4K	Robin Slack
Widow's Son, The	(305)749-3722	Sunrise, FL	14.4K	Dennis Littlefield
••COMING SOON — Acacia BBS and *several* others!		Eagle Creek, OR		Ted Rolle