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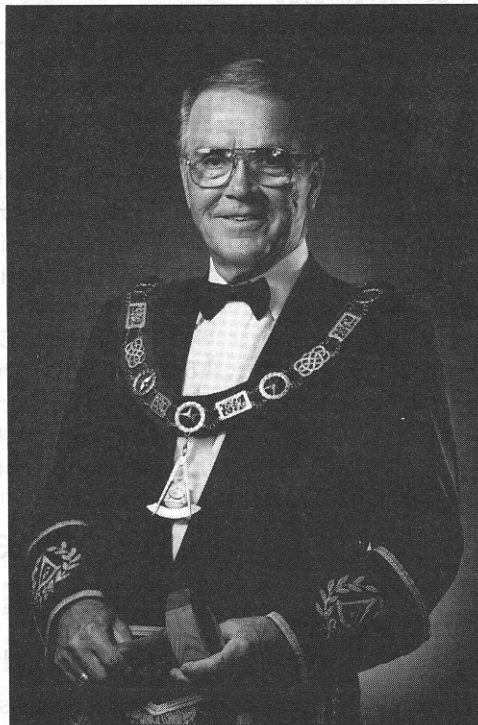
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## MW Bro. R.H.M. (Ray) Burton Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, AF & AM 1994-1995

MW Bro. R.H.M. (Ray) Burton was born in Cedarvale, BC on March 25, 1926, where he was raised and educated.

Brother Burton was initiated in Whitehorse Lodge No. 146, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, on April 15, 1957 and raised on September 30, 1957. He affiliated with Kerr Lodge No. 230, Grand Lodge of Canada, in Barrie, Ontario in 1962 and remained a member of that Lodge until he affiliated with Kelvingrove Lodge No. 187, Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1979. He was Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1984 and again in 1990. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6 in 1987/88 and appointed Representative to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1988. He became a charter member and the first Worshipful Master of Loyalty Lodge No. 197 in 1988/89. Bro. Burton was elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1988, served as Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee 1988/89 and was a member of the Masonic Higher Education



Bursary Committee 1989/90. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, Calgary Valley and a member of Golden West Chapter No. 5, R.A.M.

Brother Burton joined the Canadian Army (active) in July 1944 and served until June 1946. He re-enlisted in the Canadian Army (Regular) in June 1949 and retired in April 1974 having served in various locations in Canada, Germany and Cyprus, retiring with the rank of Captain. After his retirement from the Armed Forces, he was employed by Transalta Utilities for fourteen years in their Human Resources Department as an analyst, retiring from that position in July 1987.

During his wartime service in Calgary, he met and married Esther in December 1945. They have five children and twelve grandchildren.

Minor sports demanded a lot of his time during the formative years of his family. He now is relegated to the slower pace of gardening and as much time as possible on the golf course.

## Grand Master's Message

I welcome this privilege as your Grand Master to write to you through our Grand Lodge Bulletin. I take this opportunity to thank you for the honour you have bestowed on me by making me your Grand Master. The duties of this high and demanding office are a great challenge and a heavy responsibility, which I accept. To discharge the numerous duties of the office will require the utmost of the abilities I possess. There is one comment that continues to dominate most Masonic gatherings and that is the concern of declining membership. To correct this ever-present problem, certain programs have been initiated

within this jurisdiction — namely the Masonic Renewal Committee (Alberta) and the COMELY Program. These programs, unfortunately, will not, in themselves, produce results without the support and dedication of the members. Where these programs have been instituted, good results are being realized.

All Masons are much concerned about the obvious problems we face today. Let us define the word "PROBLEM". If a situation exists where there is a possible solution, it is considered a problem. If a solution does not exist, the situation is therefore a fact of life and is no longer a problem.

We must not allow ourselves continually to refer to

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situations as problems when we are not prepared to find solutions. Each lodge must identify the perceived problems and, if they are found to be a problem, take positive steps to find and implement solutions.

All Masons are earnestly enjoined to evaluate themselves. Are we improving ourselves so that our character as Masons is readily recognized in our dealings with all mankind? Brethren, I am convinced that there is nothing wrong with Freemasonry as an institution. We must not fall into despair about our problems or be complacent about our successes. The problems will yield if we work at them intelligently. As for our successes, let us always remember that, however well we are doing in any Masonic work, it can be done better. Let us strive for excellence in all we do in Lodge, at home and in our communities.

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### September

- 1 Edson Lodge, Edson
- 6 Elbow River Lodge, Bowmont Hall
- 7 West Edmonton Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 14 Grande Prairie Lodge, Grande Prairie
- 15 Peace River Lodge, Peace River
- 19 Loyalty Lodge, King George Hall
- 22 Lethbridge Lodge, Lethbridge
- 24 Loyalty Lodge, King George Hall
- 29-30 Banff Conference, Banff

### October

- 1 Banff Conference, Banff
- 4 Norwood Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 6 Buffalo Park Lodge, Wainwright
- 11 Mount Lebanon Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 12 Provost Lodge, Provost
- 13 Coronation Lodge, Coronation
- 15 Britannia Lodge, Ponoka, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 17 Brooks Lodge, Brooks
- 20 Wetaskiwin Lodge, Wetaskiwin
- 22 Calgary-Highwood District Meeting, Bowmont Hall
- 25 Eureka Lodge, Lacombe
- 28 King George Lodge, King George Hall, Railroad Night
- 29 Central District Meeting

### November

- 1 Vulcan Lodge, Vulcan, Annual Game Supper
- 2 Glenbow Lodge, King George Hall
- 3 Foothills Lodge, Bowmont
- 4 Battle River District Meeting, Castor
- 5 Beaver Hills District Meeting, Acacia
- 8 Victoria Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan
- 9 Tawatinaw Lodge, Athabasca
- 10 Carstairs Lodge, Crossfield
- 12 A. & A.S.R., Calgary
- 14 St. Mark's Lodge, Calgary
- 15 Irricana Lodge, Irricana
- 17 Cornerstone Lodge, High River
- 19 Lakeland District Meeting, Acacia
- 23 Kelvingrove Lodge, Bowmont, Installation
- 28 Hussar Lodge, Hussar
- 29 York Lodge, Lethbridge

## District Meetings

### October

- 1 Yellowhead District, Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 15 Athabasca District, Cornerstone Hall, St. Albert
- 22 Calgary-Highwood District, Bowmont
- 22 Three Rivers District, Frank
- 28 Dinosaur District, Community Hall, Acme
- 29 Phoenix District, Freemasons' Hall, Calgary
- 29 Palliser District, Bassano
- 29 Central District, Masonic Hall, Olds

### November

- 4 Battle River District, Castor
- 5 Beaverhills District, St. Albert, Cornerstone Hall
- 5 Alpha District, Bowmont, Calgary
- 19 Northern Lights District, Whitecourt
- 19 Lakeland District, Acacia Hall, Edmonton

## Amendments And Motions Approved At The 1994 Grand Communication

1. During discussion of the Budget for 1995, a motion was approved to remove all administration charges for the Masonic Higher Education Fund and the Benevolence Fund, (\$10,000.00). The Budget was adopted with that amendment. As required by R1.7.4.4, the Board of General Purposes will discuss, at its next meeting, the Finance Committee's final Budget projection.
2. R1.7.3.2 — the section requiring payment of administration expenses for the Masonic Benevolent Fund of Alberta to the Grand Lodge, was rescinded.
3. C10.11.2 and C11.1.5 were amended for consistency. This section refers to the Secretary and Recording Secretary of the Board of General Purposes.
4. The Constitution and Regulations will be changed at its next printing by the deletion of all prefix-zeroes (e.g. R1.07.03.07.01 becomes R1.7.3.7.1).
5. R1.7.11.4 was changed to be consistent with the wording of C7.8. This refers to a DDGM performing his duties "satisfactorily".

## MW Bro. Bernie Brown Grand Master 1967-1968

Did you ever sit in Lodge with H.R.H. The Duke of Kent lately? Or ever? Bernie did. The place was the Royal Albert Hall in London, and the date was June 27, 1967, 12 days after his own installation as the MW the Grand Master of Alberta. Many Grand Masters of the world had flocked to London to take part in celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mother Grand Lodge of all Freemasonry.

The Masonic year 1967-68 was certainly the culminating point of Brother Brown's Masonic career. His theme was "Charity", and how it was discussed and acted on within our Jurisdiction. MW Bro. Brown, however, looked back on more humble beginnings within the Craft. He was initiated into Commercial Lodge No. 91 on June 19, 1943, raised in February, 1944 and served that Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1954. In 1959 he was elected to the Board of General purposes and in 1959 as the first District Deputy Grand Master of the then newly formed District No. 20. His election in 1964 to the office of Junior Grand Warden led to his installation as Grand Master mentioned above.

MW Bro. Brown received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Edmonton, in 1947-1948. He was Most Wise Sovereign of Mizpah Chapter and Commander in Chief of the Alberta Consistory in 1962 and 1963. In 1964, he was coroneted as Honorary Inspector General 33°.

He was a life member of Commercial Lodge No. 81 and of North Star Chapter No. 2, R.A.M.; a member of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, K.T.; Zohar Council No. 4, Cryptic Rite; the Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland. In Shrinedom he was one of the original members of the Edmonton Shrine Patrol and was a Past President of the Edmonton Shrine Club. His very active support of the DeMolay organization over the years was recognised in 1977, when he was enrolled in the DeMolay Legion of Honour by the Canadian Supreme Council of that Order. Other honours included those of Grand Representative of the G.L. of Virginia near the G.L. of Alberta, and the status of Honorary Past Grand Master of the G.L. of North Dakota. To the last, MW Bro. Brown was an active supporter and attender of his Mother Lodge.

He was born in Edmonton on September 13, 1906, the



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fourth oldest of a family of 11 — eight brothers and three sisters. His father had arrived at Edmonton in 1886 with the North West Mounted Police but had then changed to farming, homesteading from 1892 on in the area north of Elk Island Park. He received his schooling in Edmonton and, on leaving school, started out with the Royal Bank of Canada. In 1929 he joined the International Harvester Company and became an Assistant Manager in Lethbridge. In 1945 he left their employ to accept an agency and to start his own company, Bernie Brown Equipment Ltd., in Edmonton, which he operated until 1968. In his line of work he served as President of the Alberta Retail Deal-

ers Association and as Vice President of the Canadian Federation of Farm Equipment Dealers.

MW Bro. Brown also achieved prominence in community work. He worked on the Alberta Safety Council, on Red Cross drives and YMCA programs. He was an Associate Director of the Edmonton Exhibition Association and a member of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. Following years as Director of the Edmonton Branch and also the Provincial body of the Alberta Motor Association, he served as President of the AMA. He was also a Past President of the Gyro Club of Edmonton.

MW Bro. Brown married Nita Frances Werner, a member of an old Edmonton family, in 1931, and they had one son, Malcolm A. Brown, who is a Crown Prosecutor in Calgary. He had five grandchildren. During his year as Grand Master, MW Bro. Brown had the pleasure of initiating his son Malcolm into Commercial Lodge. Two of his brothers are also members of Commercial Lodge, G. E. (Buster) Brown and Jack Brown, a Past Master and the Secretary of that Lodge since 1978.

Bro. Brown, who passed away on June 22, 1994 was predeceased by his wife Nita.

A well-attended funeral service was held on June 30 at Foster and McGarvey Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Don Brown officiating. Donations in lieu of flowers were requested for the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre, 303 Forge Road, SE, Calgary, T2H 0S9.

### Amendments, continued

6. R1.7.16.6. The duties of the Audit Committee may be assigned to the Finance Committee if, in the opinion of the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, an independent audit is not required.

7. R1.7.2.16 was modified to have the Deputy Grand Master choose the Committee on the Grand Master's Address and appoint the Chairman. This will also be changed in R1.7.14.2.

8. A new section R1.7.3.7.1, was added to the section on submitting petitions for Benevolence: for any petition that will exceed a twelve (12) month period, the Lodge must repeat the process of the original petition as outlined in R1.7.3.7, prior to the anniversary date, the said petition will be reviewed by the Board of Benevolence and adjudicated based upon the merits of the petitioner's needs.

9. The name of the Research and Education Committee was changed to the "Masonic Education Committee".

## The Officers Of The Grand Lodge Of Alberta For 1994-1995

*Front Row, left to right:* VW Bro. Jack Maclean, RW Bro. Rex Dawson, RW Bro. Hugh Young, RW Bro. Gordon Macaulay, MW Bro. Ray Burton, RW Bro. Basile Costouros, RW Bro. Gerry Webber, VW Bro. Ken Wigmore, VW Bro. Jerry Kopp.

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*Fourth row, l to r:* VW Bro. Don Hart, VW Bro. Bob Bell, VW



Bro. Ben Niven, VW Bro. Walter Woodward, VW Bro. Lewis Heyler, RW Bro. Elmer Bly, VW Bro. Gordon Sears, VW Bro. Peter Slemko, VW Bro. Don Pagnucco.

### News Of Alberta Job's Daughters

This communication is for the direct purpose of keeping you informed of the status of one branch of the Masonic family which is specifically supported by the Craft. On April 1, 1994, in Red Deer, Alberta, the International Order of Job's Daughters were duly informed of a temporary loss of the Grand Bethel of Alberta due to decreased memberships.

At the meetings held on that weekend, the daughters were emphatic about keeping the criterion of Masonic relationship. Even with the threat of permanently losing their Grand Bethel status in Alberta, they were not prepared to open the Bethels to any person who does not have proper Masonic affiliation, which is a prerequisite to becoming a member of Job's Daughters.

How can we aid our distressed family member? You, as a member in good standing, have the power to turn the tide of falling memberships. You could sponsor your daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter, niece, cousin, etc. Is

there a young lady between the ages of 11 and 20 (or between 9 and 11 for Job-to-be) in your household or family? Are they interested in joining an organization that works toward fulfillment of personal and social skills, aiding their community, building strong character and moral values, as well as making strong life-long friendships. The I.O.J.D. offers all of this, as well as many fun activities. Some of these include such things as ushering at the Shrine Circus, picnics, sleep-overs, kidnap breakfasts, bowling, horseback riding, swimming, etc.

These young ladies will be the future of our Masonic Family.

To ensure the future of Job's Daughters we need your support. There are currently 5 active Bethels in Calgary and they meet at various times and lodges. For more information, please feel free to contact Bro. Ken McCombe in Calgary at 293-4939 or Neil Lonsbury in Edmonton at 456-0490.

Thanks to Bro. McCombe for this information.

### Grand Master's First Fraternal Visit

On June 13, 1994, the first fraternal visit of MW Bro. Ray Burton as Grand Master of Alberta was on the occasion of the Installation of officers of Jasper Lodge (Northern Lights District). Freemasons' Hall, Edmonton, was glowing with the presence of 30 Grand Lodge Officers, as well as many Past Grand Lodge Officers.

This resplendent group and the 137 visitors witnessed the Installation of the youngest-ever Worshipful Master that Alberta has had in the person of Bro. George Costouros. Bro. Costouros, at the age of 23, was Installed as Worshipful Master by his father, RW Bro. Basile Costouros, Senior



Grand Warden, G.R.A., who was the Installing Master.

After the ceremonial was complete, 118 Masons enjoyed the appropriate traditional Greek feast of moussaka, which had been especially prepared for the occasion.

Submitted by Bro. Alexander Vikas, Tyler, Jasper Lodge