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What Masons Do

Helping Out

Habitat for Humanity is becoming a well known concept and these projects require plenty of manpower. On July 13, 1995, several members of Lethbridge Lodges volunteered to paint one half of a Habitat duplex. Their enthusiasm allowed them to put two coats of paint on the half as promised and one coat on the other half of the duplex. Construction of the duplex took just one week with the occupants moving in at the end of that week!

There was a great spirit of camaraderie between all the volunteers and a good feeling of having helped someone in need.

Who's Highway?

York Lodge, Lethbridge has adopted a stretch of Highway under the "Adopt A Highway" plan. Their section is 4.2 km and it took two hours on their August 26, 1995 project to pick up all the garbage and to enjoy great fellowship as they did it.

The Best Pick-Me-Up

A letter to the Editor from a Brother (who shall remain nameless) says that, while he was in hospital having a hip replaced, he expected a few phone calls and cards then and when he got home. He was unprepared for the deluge of care and attention with which he was showered. He received visits from not only family and friends but members of his Lodge and also many other Lodges in the area. Even now, while convalescing, he gets one or two phone calls a day and about four visits a week.

He states that he now has a whole new appreciation of the term "brotherly love," especially amongst the Brethren of the Westlock area.

Family Affair At Patricia Lodge

In the Lodge notice, the WM's message has an item of interest. RW Bro. Clarence Comrie, was being installed for the second time in Patricia Lodge (WM previously in 1977) His son W.Bro Gary Comrie was the Installing Master and his son W.Bro Gerald Comrie was DofC. As he said in the notice, it was "a heart-warming experience."

Bursary Award At Joint Event



These helping hands wielded paint brushes for someones' "Habitat."

Alpha, Phoenix and Calgary Highwood Districts had a joint presentation at King George Lodge Hall on August 27, 1995 to 13 recipients of Bursaries. The appropriate DDGM of the each District made presentations to these worthy young people.

The overall event was co-ordinated by RW Bro. Li assisted by his District Secretary, W.Bro Ferguson.

RW Bro. Hugh Young, Senior Grand Warden welcomed the recipients and their families on behalf of the Grand Master and all Brethren of the Jurisdiction. After a thought-provoking speech by RW Bro. Young, the entire assembly attended a festive table prepared by Mrs. Elms, wife of the WM of King George Lodge and Mrs. Ferguson.

Submitted by VW Bro. D. McKay
(PGS)

Father And Son DDGMs

A unique event took place at the July Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. The new DDGMs for Ontario were being congratulated by MW Bro. Durwood Greenwood, GM, but when he reached the new DDGM for Niagara District "A," RW Bro. Jim James, he called on our DDGM of Alpha District to share in the congratulations. For RW Bro. Gary James, it was a delight to be able to congratulate his father and to know that they were both DDGMs in the same year!

To add to the significance, the father belongs to Perfection Lodge No. 616, St. Catherines, GRC and our RW Bro. James is not only a member of Perfection Lodge No. 9, GRA, he is also a member of his

father's Lodge. Perfection Lodge No. 616, therefore, has two members as DDGM in the same year.

Computer Corner

If you enjoy chatting on the computer through e-mail you can contact our Senior Grand Warden, RW Bro. Hugh Young on linshaw@cadvision.com. He would enjoy hearing from you.



Lethbridge Masons have twigged to a great way to get plenty of fresh air.

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“Disastrous Fill-In-The-Blanks Type Notices”

A wonderful answer to the above statement in the January *Bulletin* was seen in the Notice of Chinook Lodge, Cowley, put out by RW Bro. Arthur Grey, the Secretary. The article has, above it, a dapper young man of about 20 years of age — a young Bro. Grey labelled “THEN.” The item continues “As one of the concocters, producers, editors and printers of ‘disastrous, fill-in-the-blank type notices’ mentioned in the January *GL Bulletin*, I would like to say:

“1. I have my 1927 model Underwood with which to ‘do’ the notices. It is debt free. I made the final payment in 1992!

“2. If I had access to a computer, I haven’t the faintest idea how to use one.

“3. Starting with this month’s notice, I will endeavour to liven them up — put them on the bandwagon (wagons and computers????) with these two pictures taken a few years apart so that the members will know me.

“I am asking ALL Brethren, whether on the wagon or not, to send me their photos so that they can be included in future Lodge notices.

“Look well to the pics, Brethren!

“I wonder if a computer could collect dues?? or bring them to Lodge??? or — ??”

The article concludes with a cartoon of General Halftrack from the Beetle Bailey strip, relaxed behind his desk.

With a humourist like RW Bro. Arthur Grey behind his “red hot 1927 Underwood,” Chinook Lodge could soon have one of our best notices.

[Editor’s note: The Bulletin Committee thanks you for the laugh.]

Grand Master’s Itinerary

November

- 1 Bow River Lodge, Calgary Freemasons’ Hall
- 2 Ionic Landmark Lodge, Alix
- 3 Battle River District Meeting
- 4 Dominion Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons’ Hall
- 7 Vulcan Lodge, Vulcan
- 13 North Star Lodge, Lethbridge Freemasons’ Hall
- 14 Mount Lebanon Lodge, Calgary Freemasons’ Hall
- 15 Redwood Lodge, Highland
- 17 Phoenix District Meeting, King George Hall
- 21 Irricana Lodge, Irricana
- 23 Cornerstone Lodge, High River
- 27 Hussar Lodge, Hussar
- 30 Alpha District, Calgary Freemasons’ Hall

December

- 4 Strathmore Lodge, Strathmore
- 5 Kenilworth Lodge, Red Deer Freemasons’ Hall
- 6 Edmonton Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons’ Hall
- 7 Zetland Lodge, Calgary Freemasons’ Hall
- 9 Renfrew Lodge, Calgary Freemasons’ Hall
- 12 Rocky Summit Lodge, Frank
- 19 Bowden Lodge
- 26 Crossfield Lodge, Crossfield

District Meetings

November

- 3 Battle River District
- 4 Three Rivers District
- 4 Beaverhills District
- 17 Phoenix District
- 18 Lakeland District
- 18 Northern Lights District
- 30 Alpha District

Speechcraft

It is planned to hold a Masonic Speechcraft Course in both Calgary and Edmonton. It is expected to start in mid January and run for eight weeks. It will be an excellent opportunity for Lodge Members, especially officers, to improve their skills. The cost per attendee will be approximately \$80-\$90.

If interested, please contact: Speechcraft Course, c/o Grand Lodge Office (See flag box for address and phone number.)

Three Brothers

Vulcan Lodge had a unique occasion when three Mitchell brothers were installed and invested into the three Principal Offices of the Lodge for 1995. The unusual events began in 1990 when Scott, Lyndon and Winston Mitchell were all initiated May 1. On July 3, 1990 their father, David Mitchell, acting as MEKS, raised each of his sons. David Mitchell then became DDGM for Chinookarch District in 1992. At the February 7th meeting, when the Ceremony of Investing the officers was completed, the Lodge also recognized W.Bro Orlo L. Doane by presenting him with his 50-year Jewel.



(l - r) RW Bro. David Mitchell, PDDGM; Bro. Lyndon Mitchell, SW; Bro. Scott Mitchell, WM; Bro. Winston Mitchell, JW and RW Bro. Wm. (Mac) Gillis, DDGM of Chinookarch District.

Selected Letters From Bursary Recipients

I would like to express my thanks to your group for the scholarship I received. With rising higher education costs, this scholarship is very beneficial in funding a degree in special education. It is nice to know that there are organizations out there, like yourself, that are willing to invest in the education of the young people. Once again, thank you.

Danielle Kuipers

Words cannot express my gratitude for the Bursary I received towards my education. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to prove myself.

Shannon Hagen

I would sincerely like to thank you and your Committee for

selecting me to receive a Bursary. This money will be a great help in furthering my education and helping me to achieve my goals and dreams. Thank you very much.

Clare Day

I have recently received news that I will be receiving a greatly needed \$1000 scholarship from the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee. I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to your organization for recognizing students, and helping us with our studies. Bursaries are a very useful way of spending your money, we are your future. Once again, thank-you, you can feel confident your money will be put towards my studies, and that I will make them a success.

Larysa Bezaire

Bursary Recipients

Ainsworth, Carma D.	Stettler	Fenske, Linda J.	Wetaskiwin	Niv, Hagar A.	Calgary
Anderson, Kimberly I.	Rycroft	Getschel, Carrie-Dawn	Spruce Grove	Pardhan, Neemat	Calgary
Andreasson-Richardson, Jerrie		Giggs, Heather	Rimbey	Pavan, Shannon	Lethbridge
Lethbridge		Grim, Lorna Lee	Grimshaw	Pearce, Martta C.	Smith
Balaski, Christa A.	Athabasca	Gunsch, Christopher D.	Alix	Pincock, Leigh K.	Spruce Grove
Bargewell, Rowena M.	Fort McMurray	Hagen, Shannon G.	Vauxhall	Pratt, Brian J.	Bruce
Bengry, Justin D.	Lethbridge	Hall, Douglas V.	Cardston	Prieston, Roxanne N.	Castor
Bergstrom, Denise C.	Rycroft	Harty, Philip J.	Etzikom	Quan, Edmund G.	Lethbridge
Bezaire, Larysa D.	Bonnyville	Helmle, Crystal D.	Bassano	Reum, Sharon A.	Red Deer
Bonneville, Jennifer Anne Marie	St. Albert	Hildenbrand, Rilla A.	Hanna	Reynolds, Shannon E.	Bow Island
		Jackson, Natash	Lac La Biche	Rybock, Trevor L.	Waskatenau
Brandt, Echo R.L.	Strathmore	Jackson, Tyler G.	Lac La Biche	Sawatsky, Carrie-Lynn	Bassano
Bryan, Johathan L.	Calgary	Jean-Jacque, Natacha	Calgary	Stinn, Patricia A.	Rockyford
Bryan, Kelley Jane	Calgary	Joseph, Clinton B.	Fort McMurray	Sundar, Angela W.	Edmonton
Budd, Holly	Red Deer	Jutt, Salma A.	Edmonton	Tai, Randall K.	Beaumont
Chin, Jason W.K.	Calgary	Kong, Simon	Calgary	Tokamp, Crystal D.	Medicine Hat
Corry, Michele M.	Hanna	Kuipers, Danielle J.	Bow Island	Turner, Richard J.	Edmonton
Curtis, Kendra S.	Calgary	Linssen, Connie L.	Grande Prairie	Vo, Minh Oai	Edmonton
Davey, Angela C.	Calgary	Losey, Erin M.	Foremost	Weber, Marliiss E.	Bowden
Day, Clare M.	Blairmore	Newby, Violet M.	Viking	Wizniak, Sheri Lee	Calgary
Edwards, Lisa Marie	Fort Macleod	Nguyen, Diem D.T.	Calgary	Wolska, Agnieszka	Calgary
				Zanbelt, Melanie	Scandia

Notices

The summons of a Lodge is required to have the Lodge seal upon it (R3.6) — not just the attractive picture that many Lodges use. Have you checked to see if your summons has the required format to conform with the requirements of the Regulations?

An additional problem is that a number of Lodges have failed to check the requirements for publication of information on applicants (R3.8). In addition, it assists Grand Lodge greatly for Lodges to publish the name of candidates who are progressing through the degrees to ensure that all is done in conformity to our Regulations. Please check out the Regulations to reduce the extra communications time that lack of information places on the GL Office staff.

Anonymous Story Of "Charity"

(The writer asked that all details remain anonymous.)

A needy family in our church, who are too "proud" to accept help, were having a really tough time — particularly at Christmas. A collection was taken up for "a family in need." Four Masons and one non-Mason put together money and sent it to the family, with an untraceable return address. No

credit has been sought for this action but the contributors have had the reward in their hearts.

The writer suspects that many Masons contribute in this way and that is why it is hard to report it in the *Bulletin*.

Membership Statistics

Canadian Grand Lodges.	1993	1994	LOSS
Alberta	10,303	9,986	317
British Columbia	17,462	17,100	362
Manitoba	6,919	6,551	368
New Brunswick	5,992	5,832	160
Nova Scotia	7,896	7,718	178
Ontario	78,554	75,928	2,626
Prince Edward Island	1,133	1,106	27
Québec	7,351	7,076	275
Saskatchewan	6,989	6,657	332
TOTAL	142,599	137,954	4,645

(Approximately 3.25% loss)

USA Grand Lodges	2,293,949	2,225,611	68,338
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(Approximately 3% loss)

Masonic Service Association Statistics

Greek Experience

Grand Master Elect, RW Bro. Basile Costouros, will be leading a tour of Ancient Civilizations, Greece, Israel, Egypt and Turkey. There will also be a cruise of the Greek Islands.

Departure: October 6, 1996

Return: October 23 or 30, 1996

Cost per person, double occupancy, estimated below \$3900. \$100 for each ticket sold will be donated equally to the Masonic Foundation of Alberta and the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

Price includes air, land and sea transportation, all accommodations, taxes and most meals.

An insert with full details will appear in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* in the new year.

Contact the Grand Lodge Office for further details.

Something To Think About

The quickest way to find something is to start looking for something else.

No matter how often a lie is shown to be false, there will always be a percentage of people who will believe it to be true.

Eureka Lodge Notice

The Lord gave us two ends — one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most.

Kitscoty Lodge Notice

We've got to learn from the mistakes of others — we can't live long enough to make them all ourselves.

Camrose Lodge Notice

People often mistake their limitations for high standards.

Calgary Stationers

Did you hear about the man who had to stop taking tranquilizers because he was being nice to people he didn't even like!

A committee meeting is when someone stands up and talks for a while, says nothing, nobody listens, and then everybody sits there and disagrees with him!



Masonic Spring Workshop

The Lodge at Kananaskis

3, 4 & 5 May 1996

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Theme Speaker — John Dyer

The Man In The Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for gain
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that man has to say!

It isn't your Father or Mother or Wife
Who judgment upon you must pass;
The one whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the man staring back in the glass.

He's the one you must satisfy beyond all the rest,
For he's with you right up to the end;
And you will have passed your most difficult test
When the man in the Glass is your Friend.

You may be the one who got a good break,
And think you're a wonderful guy;
But the man in the glass says you're only a fake
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

Submitted by W.Bro. Dan Elms, King George Lodge

Humour Is Your Armour Against Life's Trials

Next May's Masonic Spring Workshop (note the change in month) will introduce us to one of the most effective tools for coping with the stress and anxiety we find in the modern world. It's humour introduced by a man who says: "Gargling in the morning is a good way to find out if your neck leaks."

John Dyer of Calgary is not only the theme speaker at the 1996 Workshop, he will also conduct a workshop on the application of humour in life. To complement this workshop, Tink Robinson will deal with the "Application of Humour in Masonry."

Who is John Dyer? He's an Senior Associate with and works as a national trainer for the Institute for Intelligent Behaviour of Sacramento, California. He points out there have

Also: Inside the Board of General Purposes

A short explanation of the Board, its make-up and its workings and a moderated discussion on how or why it should be changed, followed by Q&A.

To attend the Workshop, you must have at least received your EA Degree. The registration fee of **\$225** is based on **double occupancy**, and it includes two nights accommodation and five meals starting with supper on Friday evening and ending with breakfast on Sunday. Single accommodation is available at a fee of \$300. **This fee must accompany your registration. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.** Please make cheque payable to the MSWPC. Your cancelled cheque or charge card billing is your receipt.

No refund after 19 April 1996.

To register, fill out a registration form (on the other side) and send it with the required fee directly to the MSWPC.

been dramatic economic shifts over the past ten years which have resulted in extensive change in all aspects of life. He reports that Stanford University Medical School has found out that "people who are survivors in times of upheaval have some common characteristics. These include: 1) a persistent positive state of mind, a continual sense of optimism, a sense of personal efficacy — that they are in control, they are not victims; 2) a sense of humour; 3) they participate in specific stress reducing activities; and 4) collegial support in the workplace. Once again, it is obvious that **humour does work!**"

Sandy Queen, Director of Lifeworks, Inc., Columbia, Maryland says 'Lighten up! This is the only life you have! Our sense of humour is one of our individual capacities for uniqueness. It becomes an essential ingredient for both motivation and self-esteem. We laugh at our own weaknesses and the laughter becomes our strength.' The importance of humour in establishing and maintaining effective organizations, plus the personal benefits to our health and welfare will be presented and discussed at our 1996 Spring Workshop
 Cor de Keyser, 1996 MSWPC Chairman

Time Changes Things

A Mason was in a plane flying over Alberta on a business trip and he spoke to the man sitting in the next seat. "See that lake down there? When I was a boy, I used to sit there in a flat bottomed boat and fish all day. Every time a plane flew over, I'd look up and wish I were in it. Now I look down and wish I were down there fishing."

Any idiot can face a crisis — it's this day-to-day living that wears you out!

Anton Chekhov

Nothing is as embarrassing as watching the Worshipful Master and his officers do something that you assured him couldn't be done.

Mystic Tie Lodge, Edmonton, included an excellent crossword puzzle in its March notice. To prevent anyone looking at the answers, they were not published until April. Congratulations, Mystic Tie, on an excellent notice. No doubt this is because you are working on your five year plan.

Eastgate Lodge Oriental Degree Team

Early in 1995, the team visited Provost Lodge and conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. Geoffrey Russel Stewart. This well attended meeting attracted many Brethren from the surrounding areas and was enjoyed by all. Following an excellent examination, the degree team performed exemplary work (as usual) and were given many accolades at the Festive Board. The Junior Warden of Provost Lodge put on a wonderful Festive Board at his restaurant and his special effort was appreciated by all. The Provost Masons made sure that this event was recorded for posterity by having a photograph published in the Provost News.



Bro. Stewart is wearing the FC apron, to his left is Bro. Yuk, WM, Eastgate Lodge and to Bro. Yuk's left is Bro. Lindsay, WM, Provost Lodge. The team and some visitors constitute the rest of the assembly.

1996 Masonic Spring Workshop Application Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Second Name _____

Name as it should be on your Name Tag _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____ Phone No. _____

Lodge Name & No. _____ Current Office _____

Yes No
 Attended before?

Rank: MM WM PM Other: _____

Smoking: Yes No Special health requirements?
 (elevator, diet, etc.) _____

I wish to room with: _____
Name Lodge
 (Cards should be received together to ensure request filled.)

Visa _____ /
 MasterCard _____ Number ▲ Expiry ▲

Signature ▲ _____ Today's Date ▲ _____

Mail with cheque or credit data or fax with credit data to:

Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee
 Box 265, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0
 Phone 403-335-4384 Fax 403-335-2398

Getting To Know Our DDGMs

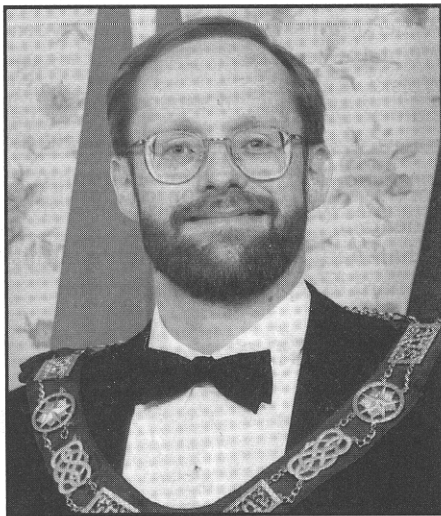
This month you will meet a third of our DDGMs. When you see them on their visits, please talk to them and welcome them to your Lodge.

Alpha District



RW Bro. Gary James was initiated in Perfection Lodge No. 616, GRC and affiliated with Perfection Lodge No. 9 in 1982. WM of Perfection No. 9 in 1985 and then again in 1990. He is married to Dawn and has a three year old daughter Joanne.

Athabasca District



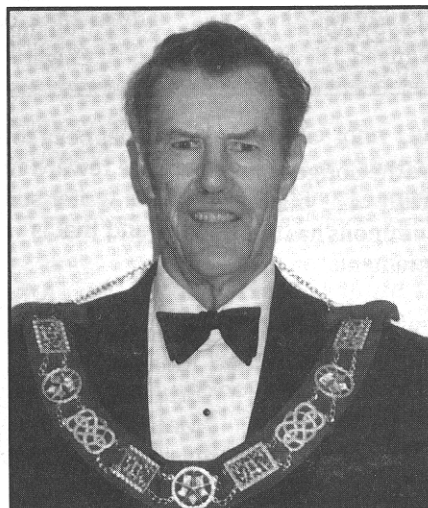
RW Bro. Earl Culham was initiated in Strathcona Lodge in 1980. He was WM in 1987 and 1988 and became District Secretary in 1992. He is a member of the Royal Arch, Preceptory, Cryptic Rite, Eastern Star and the International Order of Job's Daughters. He is married to Rachel and has a son Grant and a daughter Laura.

Battle River District



RW Bro. Derek Tizzard was initiated into Asquith Lodge, Saskatchewan, in 1982. he affiliated in 1983 with Buffalo Park Lodge in 1983, where he became WM in 1990. He later affiliated with Gratton Lodge in 1992. Bro. Tizzard is also a member of the Royal Arch and Cryptic Rite. He is married to Christina and has two children, David and Linda.

Calgary-Highwood District



RW Bro. Eric Meinig was initiated into Mount Lebanon Lodge, Calgary in 1961. He became its WM in 1969. He was again elected to that office in 1988. He is also a member of the AASR. He was appointed a G. Steward in 1993.

He is married to Donna and between them, they have eight children, Ken, Rob, Paddy, Richard, Betty, Sheri, Michael and Lisa.

Northern Lights District



RW Bro. Doug Troock was initiated into Saskatchewan Lodge, Edmonton in 1971 and became its WM in 1979. Grand Representative to Tennessee. He is a member of the AASR, the Shrine and the International Order of Job's Daughters. He is married to Muriel and has four children, Douglas, Lorna, Elaine and Kenneth.

Alberta Workshop Book

Looking for a great gift for a new Mason? Or for a keepsake to present to a man the Lodge is honouring? Well the Masonic Spring Workshop Planning Committee has a deal for you!

The book *Alberta Workshop* is a compendium of the 59 theme talks from the Workshop's first 25 years. It contains some excellent Masonry, written for the most part by Alberta Masons. is being made available at a special offering price. Buy one at the reduced price of \$12. Buy 2 to 6 copies at \$10 each. Buy more than six and get them at the fantastic price of \$8 per copy.

This is the opportunity for you to fill some sports on your Christmas gift list or for your lodge to lay in a supply for presentation to candidates. Copies may be obtained through:

Doug Sherris, Secretary, MSWPC
Box 265, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

Be sure to check out the great selection of Masonic books and other items at next Mays's Spring Workshop "Bookstore." You won't be disappointed!