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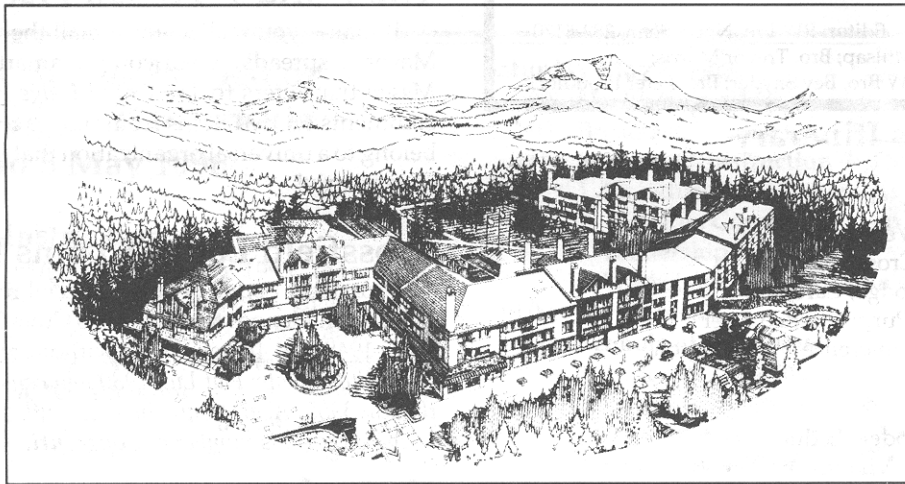
Editor, RW Bro. Norman J. Senn

February 1996

## Masonic Spring Workshop — 1996

In this brave new technocratic world of ours, it is often difficult to keep our sense of humour. Consequently, I chose "Laughter is the Best Medicine" as my theme for this year's Workshop. Our Theme Speaker, John Dyer, will address "Self Preservation: Laughter as a Necessity". A brief summary of that address is: to function effectively in our lives, it is essential to sustain our enthusiasm, our optimism and our personal mental health. We must systematically attend to our physical, mental and psychological well-being and engage in activities for self-renewal. This presentation will identify some essential components for self preservation in complex, demanding and stressful environments.

There is substantial evidence, that in times of upheaval, "state of mind" is the single most important variable in surviving and moving forward in healthy, productive ways. Laughter, as a significant factor in the quality of life and health, will be emphasized. This will provide all participants with affirmation on how these strategies can be incorporated in their personal, professional and Masonic lives.



On Saturday, John Dyer will conduct a participatory workshop on the theme. Bro. Tink Robinson will also conduct a workshop on "Humour in the Lodge." There will be another workshop on "Inside the Board of General Purposes." There will be other Schools of Instruction, as listed in the agenda that follows.

This year will, again, see a raffle for some terrific prizes. I urge you to participate, as it does help to keep our costs down. We will also have Fantastic Entertainment lined up for the Saturday Evening.

The Spring Workshop is, without doubt, Masonry at its best. It gives its participants the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and develop new ones. Brethren, this is one of the largest, annual, North American gatherings of Masons in an educational setting. It is held in what has to be one of the most beautiful settings in the world. It is open to all Masons, from Entered Apprentice to Master Mason. Bring a buddy and let's join in making this a Workshop that will be remembered for many years.

Cor deKeyser, Chairman

## Lieutenant-Governor At Remembrance Day Service

During the evening of November 11, 1995, Glenbow Lodge, Calgary, held the "Vacant Chair" Ceremony to honour our fallen Brothers of the two world wars and those attempting to keep the peace.

Attending, and taking part, were the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, MW Bro. Gordon Towers, and our Grand Master, MW Bro. Gordon Macaulay, with a vigil party from the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) Regiment.

The Lodge room was filled with Masons, family and friends, young and old, all gathered to show their respect and gratitude to those who gave their all so that we might be free.

## Pay A Different Visit!

We all know how enjoyable visiting other Lodges can be. We all know of the fellowship and friendship we receive when we visit.

Well, how about paying a different visit? As you know, our Grand Lodge recognizes and supports the principles and objective of both the International Order of Job's Daughters and the Order of DeMolay.

Why not, as an individual Mason or as a Lodge, take your regalia and your Lady and visit our Youth Groups. Our Grand Master has asked that we, all of us, put "You into Youth". Let's do it.

Once you and your lady see our young people, you'll forget the image given by our news media. You'll be looking for daughters, sons, nieces, nephews, grandchildren to join "Our" young Masonic Family members.

For information on meeting times, contact any Job's Bethel, DeMolay Chapter or the Ambassadors to your Youth Groups, who are:

VW Bro. Jack Raskin — 452-9253, Edmonton.

RW Bro. Russ Paulley — 258-2240, Calgary.

Visit our youth — you won't regret it. See you at their meetings.

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## Grand Master's Itinerary

### February

- 1 Whitecourt Lodge
- 5 St. John's Lodge, Vegreville
- 8 Carstairs Lodge, Crossfield
- 13 Chief Mountain Lodge, Cardston
- 15 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 16-22 Grand Master's Conference - Washington

### March

- 4 Hanna Lodge
- 5 Star of the West Lodge, Leduc
- 12 Connaught Lodge, Viking
- 14 Acme Lodge
- 15-17 All Canada Conference, Winnipeg
- 18 Empire Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 19 Cairo Lodge, Claresholm
- 23 Fiat Lux Lodge of Research hosted by Rockyford Lodge, Strathmore

## Masonic Family Church Parade

A Masonic Family Church Parade was held at Rosedale United Church on October 29, 1995. All Lodges, Order of the Eastern Star Chapters and Job's Daughters' Bethels meeting at King George Hall took part, along with the DeMolay.

Our Grand Master presented the church with a set of candlesticks made by two of our Masons. The Eastern Star catered the refreshment hour, while our Job's Daughters sang and signed the hymn. Approximately 175 members, family and friends were present.

## Think On It

Almost everything in life is easier to get into than to get out of!

Growth is moving from one set of problems to a better set of problems!

The greatest power is often simple patience!

Logic is a systematic process of arriving at the wrong conclusion!

Too often, people in need of helping hands will overlook the ones at the end of their own arms!

Happiness is not doing what you like but rather liking what you do!

## This Couldn't Apply To Your Lodge — Could It?

The Grand Master of Ohio said that many of his Lodges had a theme independent from his. Theirs was "Mediocrity through Apathy". He points out that a very large number of Masons had been suspended for NPD but, on questioning, many of them said that they had never been contacted by their Lodge. Many were found to be in financial difficulty and/or poor physical health and could have benefitted from Lodge assistance. Are you using the COMELY Program to ensure that all members of your lodge are contacted regularly?

## The World's A Small Place

It makes you realize how small the world is, and how far Masonry spreads, when you see an article in *The Tasmanian Mason* that refers to *The Grand Lodge Bulletin of Alberta* and comments on two items from our pages. How wonderful to belong to a universal organization that proves its universality so regularly!

## Crossfield Lodge Claims Record

Crossfield Lodge claims a special record — unless someone else challenges them. In 1995 Crossfield Lodge No 48 has, since 1948 had 48 new WMs without any repeats.

[Editor's Note: Fiat Lux 1980 will consider challenging this in the year 3959! Apart from coinciding with Lodge numbers, can your Lodge exceed this number of *Consecutive New WMs*?]

## From The Notices

Bro. Duncan Brooks, WM of West Edmonton Lodge, asked his members in the notice if it would be appropriate to contact all the Lodges in Quebec through the Grand Lodge and inform them that the Brethren of Alberta hope they will never consider leaving Canada. He gives good arguments for his views.

Lake Saskatoon Lodge, Wembley has an unusual situation occurring in the location of the homes of some of its Brethren in Grande Prairie. We have all heard of "Millionaires Row" — well, this is "Masonic Row", which may not be as rich financially but is rich in Brotherly good will. With another Mason returning to the community, there are now seven Masons a few doors from each other.

## Hands Across The Border

This annual event, which has stimulated great enjoyment and wonderful fraternal relationships between Alberta and Saskatchewan Masons, will be held in Kindersley this year.

It will be held on April 20 & 21, 1996 in Kindersley at the Kindersley Inn and the program will commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> with Registration at 10-12:30 AM. Lunch will be at 12:45 and the interesting and challenging "Speakoff" will run from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. There will be entertainment at 4:30 PM followed by the Banquet at 6:30 PM. The Sunday morning will have a Farewell Brunch from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

The Chairman this year is W. Bro. Kurt Selke, Box 2545, Kindersley, SK, S0L 1S0 — phone 306-463-3341.

Why not put this on your calendar now and contact the Chairman, or W. Bro. Denis Kornelson at 306-463-2815 or write to Box 1422 Kindersley, SK, S0L 1S0 for registration forms.

## Honorary Membership For British Mason

At the end of last year, in the presence of the Grand Master and forty-three other Brethren, a unique Honorary Life Membership was presented at Buffalo Park Lodge, Wainwright. The recipient was W. Bro. Doug Mayne of Tilsmore Lodge No. 4499 UGLE, Heathfield, Sussex. The life membership was presented to Bro. Mayne, on his first visit to Buffalo Park Lodge, in gratitude for his years of service to that Lodge.

Some years ago, a Brother from Buffalo Park Lodge, Bro. Jim Harkness, retired with his wife Doris to Heathfield, Sussex, England. About ten years ago, Bro. Harkness' health declined to the point where he had to move into a nursing home. Then, RW Bro. Bill Riome of Buffalo Park Lodge contacted Tilsmore Lodge, Heathfield to ask if would be possible for that Lodge to keep in touch with the Harknesses and help them in any way they could. The members of Tilsmore Lodge and, in particular the Almoner, Bro. Doug Mayne, went out of their way to help the Harknesses, including regular visits and the provision of transport, so that Mrs. Harkness could visit her

husband in the nursing home.

Following the death of Bro. Harkness, Tilsmore Lodge, through Bro. Mayne, continued regular contact with Mrs. Harkness. She was included in all the ladies' activities, such as dinners and bus tours organized by Tilsmore Lodge. There was regular correspondence between Bro. Mayne and Bro. Riome throughout this time.

So it was that the Brethren of Buffalo Park Lodge, on hearing of Bro. Mayne's intended visit to Canada, voted unanimously to confer Honorary Life

Membership on this Brother, who has so exemplified the universality of Masonic Charity. During his visit to Buffalo Park Lodge, W. Bro. Mayne made a presentation of a beautiful gold and silver pen, a gift to the Lodge from Mrs. Harkness.

Unfortunately there is a sad footnote to this story. Mrs. Doris Harkness passed away, in January of this year, at the age of 93 but Buffalo Park continues to maintain contact with its new member in Sussex.

VW Bro. Larry Wright, WM Buffalo Park Lodge



(l to r) MW Bro. Ray Burton, GM; W. Bro. Doug Mayne; RW Bro. Bill Riome and VW Bro. Larry Wright, WM.

## Registrar: An Office Of Inspiration

As a new member to the Craft, I was asked to take the office of Registrar at Avon Glen Lodge, Edmonton for the past year. As I have always enjoyed history I looked forward to the task with pleasure. Upon receiving close to 50 years' worth of documents, minutes and registers, I did what any good historian does, I sat down and read them! I then began a project to document all the members of our lodge. As I read through the records, one name came up, time and time again, Bro. Bill Driscoll. I don't mean once in a while, I mean continuously, for close to thirty-eight years. Committees, installations, degree work and any number of other projects, Bill seemed to be involved with them all. Bill was only 91 when I started to attend Lodge and it was a joy to speak with him at our meetings every month. To a new member of the Craft, Bill gave a new meaning, in my mind anyhow, to a long time commitment. Many long standing Avon Glen traditions, such as excellence in work, can be traced back to members like Bro. Bill Driscoll and, as I looked back over the records, I realized that, if it had not been for members like Bill, our Lodge would not resemble what it is today.

To any new members of the Craft, who are thinking about moving into the chairs, or to any new members who may want to know what the Craft is all about, consider the office of Registrar. It can be very rewarding — and I am sure that you will meet all sorts of interesting fellows in the Lodge history.

Submitted by Bro. Tom Anstruther, Registrar.

[Editor's note: RW Bro. Driscoll passed away in November,

1995, at the age of 93 and, from the Lodge history, Bro. Tom Anstruther, the Registrar, was able to write an eloquent eulogy.

## Alberta Masonic Bulletin Board In Dire Straits

The Masonic Bulletin Board for Alberta, Magna Borealis Lux, is presently off line because the hard drive has crashed. The operator is also finding it expensive personally to maintain the phone line which supports the Bulletin Board.

How many Masons, who have gone on-line to the Bulletin Board, understand that there is not just a one-time fee for using the service, but an annual fee, payable each year? How else can it be supported?

To all Lodges in the Province, whether you have use of the BB or not, it is priceless in supplying Masonic papers for your research and education groups, in addition to being an easy and inexpensive method for members all over the Province to make contact with each other.

If every Lodge in Alberta were to donate \$25.00 to the operation, it could get back on line and keep going with relative ease. To those members who are regular users, please send in your annual fee as soon as possible.

Donations and fees should be made payable to George Helmer, 10318 - 100 Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T5J OA2. These should turn things around. Help keep our Bulletin Board alive.

Submitted by W. Bro. Ross Cawley

## Recognition At Lochearn Lodge



(l-r) RW Bro. Bert Dueck, PDDGM; RW Bro. Russ Fisher, DDGM Central District; Bro. Knute Sunde; MW Bro. W.E. (Curly) Foster, PGM; and W. Bro. Len Holman, PM.

At the meeting in October 1995, with Bro. Holman, WM, in the Chair and in front of many visitors, MW Bro. Curly Foster presented Bro. Knute Sunde with a Jewel for being a 50 year member of Lochearn Lodge, Rocky Mountain House. Bro. Sunde, who has lived in Rocky Mountain House since 1931, was initiated into Masonry in 1944. He started in the lumber industry and then went into farming. The members of the Lodge like to say that, now he is retired, he is back in the lumber industry, as he makes all sorts of wooden toys and wooden household items and sells them at auctions and farmers' markets all over central Alberta. As an active 85 year old Mason, he causes many younger members to wonder where he gets all his energy.

Congratulations to Bro. Knute Sunde from all his Alberta Brethren.

Submitted by W. Bro. E.A. Dunnwebber.

## Use It, Or Lose It!

Each day is a new account. If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,000.00 that carried over no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account and every evening cancelled whatever you

failed to use during the day. WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Draw every cent every day, of course and use it to your advantage!

Well you have such a bank, and its name is TIME! Every morning it credits you with 86,000 seconds; every night it rules off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balances. It allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the record of the day. If you fail to use it, the loss is YOURS. There is no drawing on tomorrow or yesterday. It is up to YOU to INVEST this fund of TIME in order to get from it the utmost in HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS!

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## The Volume of the Sacred Law — The Holy Bible

We have come to consider the *Holy Bible* as one book because it is bound between two covers. It is not one book, but a large library sometimes referred to as The Divine Library — and rightly so.

It is composed of 66 different volumes, 39 of which comprise the Old Testament and 27 the New Testament. It was over 1,500 years in the making and a period of 400 years elapsed between the history of the last book of the Old Testament and the first book of the New; another 400 years elapsed before it was bound between two covers. This was done by St. Jerome and is known as the Latin Vulgate.

Another ten centuries passed before it was translated into English and resulted in the Bible as we know it today. This was in the year 1611 in the reign of King James.

The *Bible* contains many subjects — law, history, poetry, prophecy and a revelation of divine light and truth. Its contributors were no less varied. They included lawmakers, historians, poets, prophets, mystics, kings, tentmaker and even fishermen. Diverse as is its subject matter — remote as are its mystics, allegories and legends — yet the intelligent reader discerns, running through it all, an ever increasing purpose — the revelation of divine light and truth.

Like silver threads on a darker fabric shining through on the surface, likewise pages of brilliance appear in this Book revealing the mind of God and His love of all mankind.

## 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.



**The Lodge at Kananaskis**

**3, 4 & 5 May 1996**

*Laughter is the Best Medicine*

**Theme Speaker — John Dyer**

Everything that could be done, has been done in the ages of intolerance, to destroy it. Men have been imprisoned, tortured and burned at the stake for believing and confessing its teachings. When Latimer and Ridley were burned before Balliol College, Oxford, just before the flames were licking their feet, Latimer was heard to say "Fear not Ridley, for our blood will this day light a lamp which will never go out" and so it has proved, and today The British and Foreign Bible Society is printing and distributing over 50 million copies of this Book every year in over 500 different languages and dialects.

The pages of this Book have been moistened these hundreds of years with tears of joy and tears of sorrow. They have been thumbed and soiled by Kings in their palaces and

prisoners in their cells. Monarchs and peasants, strong men and penitent sinners, have found it a source of hope, courage and consolation. When Sir Walter Scott, that great Scottish bard, lay on his death bed, he called his manservant Lockhart "Bring me the Book". "Which book" enquired Lockhart. "There is only one Book" replied Sir Walter, and the great Scottish bard passed away with the Bible on his breast.

Now when you read this Book, I would ask you to read it not only with your eyes, but with your heart. The more you read this Book the more it will make you better men and better Masons and the further you advance in its teachings the more it will lend a light unto your feet and a lamp unto your path.

H.R. Billinge

St. Johns of Pence Lodge No. 5537 (London)

## Masonic Spring Workshop The Lodge at Kananaskis 3 to 5 May 1996

### 1996 Schools Of Instruction

At the Masonic Spring Workshop in 1995, those who attended had identified, on a questionnaire, that a more varied program of schools of instruction was desirable. Your Committee for 1996 has put together a program that should be of interest to **ALL MASONS** attending, whatever their rank. Your Committee is sure that you will go back to your Lodge with some very positive ideas. It is probably a good idea for you to bring other members of your Lodge, because the schools of instruction overlap and you cannot be in four places at once!

Schools Chairman, Ron Smith

### Tentative Agenda

#### Friday May 3, 1996

- 14:00 Registration Begins
- 17:30 Supper
- 20:00 *Laughter is the Best Medicine*  
**John Dyer**

#### Saturday May 4, 1996

- 6:00 Health Spa and Pool
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:45 **Schools of Instruction & Theme Workshop #1**
  1. Canadian Rite Floor Work.
  2. York Rite Constitution and Regulations.
  3. Leadership in Practice.
  4. Workshop: From a Mason's Point of View!
- 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:30 **Schools of Instruction and Theme Workshop #2**
  1. York Rite Floor Work.
  2. Canadian Rite Constitution and Regulations.
  3. Past Masters — What is Their Role?
  4. Workshop: Is There a Place for Humour in Masonry?
- 11:30 Lunch
- 13:45 **Schools of Instruction and Theme Workshop #3**
  1. Board of General Purposes — What Voice Does the General Membership Really Have?
  2. Workshop #3: Keynote Speaker: John Dyer.
- 15:00 Free time
- 17:30 No Host Bar
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Presentations, draws, entertainment and fellowship.

#### Sunday May 5, 1996

- 8:00 Concluding remarks and Sunday Service
- 8:30 Farewell Brunch

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended before?   |

Rank: MM  WM  PM  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking: Yes  No  Special health requirements?

(elevator, diet, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to room with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

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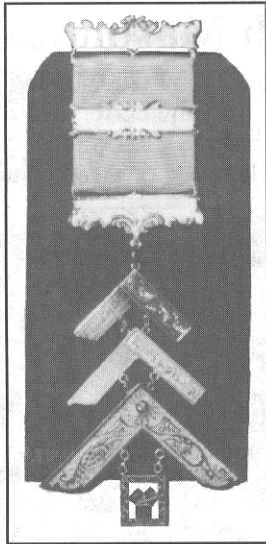
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Mail with cheque or credit data or fax with credit data to:

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

## An Unusual Jewel

W. Bro. Daryl G Calder, PM of St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, now wears a most unusual Jewel. It is the combination of the Past Master's Jewels of his father and grandfather with his own. With approval of Grand Lodge he has had the three squares combined with the single "theorem" suspended. The top square is that of W. Bro. George R. Calder, WM of Bow Island Lodge in 1935. The second is that of W. Bro. William C. Calder who was WM of Bow Island Lodge in 1948-1949 and the third, that of W. Bro. Daryl G. Calder, WM of St. John's Lodge Vegreville in 1995.



## Fiat Lux Lodge Of Research

The Research Lodge of Alberta welcomes all Master Masons to its meetings. They consist of a concise business meeting and then the presentation of papers on a variety of topics. Because the members come from all over the province, the Lodge meeting is held on a Saturday and commences at 2:00 PM. A Banquet follows the meeting and usually concludes before 7:30 PM, to allow time to travel home. Why don't YOU attend and try this different type of Lodge? You will be in good company, for this will be the Grand Master's Fraternal visit. It is preferred that you wear an apron of no higher rank than Past Master unless you are a current Grand Lodge officer. You will also be addressed as Brother, whatever your rank, unless you are the GM, DGM or the WM of Fiat Lux. The next meeting is on Saturday, 23 March 1996, at Rockyford Lodge, in the Strathmore Masonic Hall, 304-2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. If you intend to dine after attending the meeting, please contact the Secretary, Bro. Tom Hargreaves at 282-8091 to book a place at the Banquet. Booked meals MUST be paid for.

## Loser's Limp?

"Watch this," chuckles an athletic coach as we watched his track team compete in a high school athletic meet. "You see my boy there, coming in fourth? Limping! Chances are he just developed that limp to have an excuse for not doing better. I call it loser's limp."

Some of the reasons why some men do not attain their goals — do not get one-tenth of the way to their goals — are no more convincing than the high school boy's suddenly developed limp. Worse yet, the loser's-limp attitude may stop a man from even trying to lift his life above a subsistence level. When the gun goes off to start the race, he is licked before he starts.

He may put it to you earnestly: "You can see how badly I am handicapped by..." and what follows is something defined as a handicap. Very rarely is it actually a handicap. Over and over, when some man tells me he is handicapped, I see a built-in loser's limp.

I am not talking about blind people, although one can still learn a wonderful lesson from Helen Keller. I am not talking about bedridden people, notwithstanding the fact that such

men as James Royce, completely immobilized by polio, have built a thriving business from their beds. We should take off our hats to really handicapped people who still live constructive lives, but they are too exceptional for most of us to identify with.

I am talking, rather, about men who have the use of all their senses and all their limbs, surely the great majority of my readers.

And perhaps I speak directly to you — if you have never taken charge of your life-dynamics; if you know that many and many another man, who has nothing you haven't got, is building a grand career and a glorious future while you get pushed into some low-level corner. If you've lost a few of life's races, see if you're not assuming you're a loser forever, if you're not acquiring a loser's limp before you start.

Check yourself for loser's limp right now!..

J.K. Summerhill, from the book *For Men Only*  
Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58

## Reaching Your Goals

1. Freedom rests, and always will, on individual responsibility, individual integrity, individual effort, individual courage, and individual religious faith.
2. There is no greater obstacle in the success of life than trusting for something to turn up, instead of going to work and turning up something.
3. We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark. The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.
4. It is often surprising to find to what heights you will reach, merely by remaining on the level.
5. Are you easing the load of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road? Or, are you a leaner who lets others share your portion of labour, worry and care?
6. The real purpose of our existence is not to make a living, but to make a life — a worthy, well-rounded, useful life.
7. Growing old is little more than a bad habit which busy people have no time to form.
8. The hardest thing of all in life is not the conquest of time and space, but of ourselves, of our stupidity and inertia, of our greediness and touchiness, of our fear and intolerant dogmatism.
9. The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way a man uses them.
10. Men and automobiles are much alike. Some are right at home on the uphill pull; others run smoothly only going downgrade, and when you hear knocking all the time, it's a sure sign there is something seriously wrong under the hood.

## Letters To The Editor

It would be assumed that more than one Mason will take offence at MW Bro. William Pellow's article "What Sort Of Wood Are You?" in the December, 1995 issue of the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

If attending and participating at Lodge is the prime consideration to being Hardwood, then a lot of Masons have surely missed the boat. Masonry inspires men to do well in life, be mindful of their fellow men and leave things better for mankind than they were when they found them. Hundreds of proud Masons, who are happy to tell anyone that they are Masons, have done just that and, to relegate them to "Deadwood", is very short sighted.

Bro. Bill Pratt, Perfection Lodge, Calgary.