



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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King Hiram Lodge Recognizes 70 Year Bar Recipient

On Saturday afternoon January 27, 1996, Bro Tom Noble was presented with his 70 Year Bar by W Bro Bill Ward on behalf of King Hiram Lodge. This historic event took place in Calgary on a very cold afternoon. Most of the Brethren came from Didsbury and other family and friends were present. Bro Noble immigrated to Alberta from County Donegal, Ireland, in 1924. He was made a Mason on January 26, 1926, in King Hiram Lodge. He first worked as a farm hand east of Didsbury but later moved to Calgary where he was a mailman for 25 years. He has maintained his association with King Hiram Lodge throughout the years. RW Bro Russ Philipps paid tribute to his quiet and sincere Masonic witness in the Mail Service.

This event proved a worthy start to the 90th Anniversary of King Hiram Lodge. The main celebration of which will take place on Saturday, April 6, 1996, in Didsbury and we would welcome our Brethren from other Lodges to help us celebrate.

Submitted by W Bro Hans Lucus, Sec.



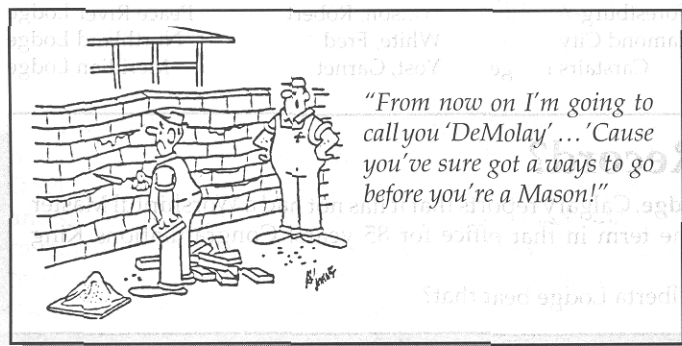
Front Row (l to r): W Bro George Parsons; Bro Tom Noble; RW Bro Emerson McInnes, PDDGM. Back Row: VW Bro Martin Lynas, PGC; W Bro Bill Ward, WM; RW Bro Doug Sherris, PDDGM

The Board Of General Purposes

Do you know what goes on in the Board Meetings? Are you interested? If you are, then your DDGM is the person to speak to. He is a member of the Board and should have been at the meetings and will not give you just the hard facts but can tell you if there were controversial issues or if many opposed or spoke in favour of any particular motion. He can tell you the points that were looked at and, consequently, may have answers for you. If he does not report at your meetings, he should have answers to any specific questions you may have on the operation of the Board.

At the February meeting of the Board of General Purposes, there was considerable discussion on the format of the 1996 Annual Communication. The local committee has worked extremely hard to develop an interesting weekend around our most important function — the business of Grand Lodge and the election and installation of officers for the following Masonic year.

This year is a trial of many interesting events. First, it is a



Masonic Family event so that other Orders may have their business meetings over the same period of time. This allows for better prices on everything from meals to accommodation. Second, those attending are encouraged to bring their ladies along so that they may enjoy the social functions and also have West Edmonton Mall as an interesting diversion. Third, members of the Masonic Family will be invited to attend the informal opening, which will precede the formal opening, in ample form. Fourth, there will be an activity on the Saturday evening, to which all are invited with their ladies, and the Communication weekend will conclude on the Sunday morning with a breakfast.

This is certainly different from previous years but what does your Lodge think of these changes? This is a great topic for open discussion in the Lodge. If you have any thoughts on the format, after you have attended, please send them to the Grand Secretary. Comments from those who do not attend will naturally carry less weight than those who do.

The Board insisted that the Grand Secretary remain in charge of the business components of the Communication and, also, that all funds should go through his office. Why not talk in your Lodge, before and after the event, and let the Grand Secretary know the Lodge's, or your personal, feelings.

Let your Lodge change its past attendance pattern, by turning out in record numbers and becoming involved in YOUR Grand Lodge. Remember, there is no "THEM", it is all "US".

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Grand Master's Itinerary

April

- 2 Eastgate Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 3 Bowmont Lodge, Bowmont Masonic Hall, Calgary
- 6 King Hiram Lodge, Didsbury (Tentative)
- 9 Highland Lodge, Edmonton
- 22 Renfrew Lodge, Calgary Freemasons' Hall
- 27 Kitchener Lodge, Rimbey

May

- 1 Dynamic Lodge, Holden
- 2 Rockyford Lodge, Strathmore
- 3-5 Masonic Spring Workshop, Kananaskis
- 7 Elbow River Lodge, Bowmont Hall, Calgary
- 9 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 10 Sentinel Lodge, Rocky Summit Lodge, Frank
- 13 Sherwood Lodge, Edmonton
- 14 Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer
- 20 Fort Edmonton Parade, Edmonton
- 30 Foothills Lodge, Bowmont Hall, Calgary

Recognition Of Award Recipients — January 1995 to January 1996

The following brethren were awarded the indicated Jewel or Bar by their Lodges and they are to be congratulated for their many years of contribution to their Lodges in particular and the Craft in general. Should you see one of these Brethren be sure to congratulate him.

50 Year Past Master Jewel

Elliott, P.W.R. Forestburg-Alliance Lodge
 Curry, John Sentinel Lodge
 Howells, James T. West Edmonton Lodge

70 Year Bar

Noble, T.A. King Hiram Lodge
 Orlough, P.T. Sherwood Lodge

60 Year Bar

Briggs, Ernest Cornerstone Lodge
 Howells, J.T. West Edmonton Lodge
 Madsen, Edward Bow River Lodge
 Newman, W.F. Mystic Tie Lodge

50 Year Jewels

Atkinson, R.G. Cairo Lodge
 Bell, E.O. Norwood Lodge
 Bird, J.A. Mountain View Lodge
 Blair, F.B. Alberta Lodge
 Boon, Herbert St. Mark's Lodge
 Bouyzan, G.G. Stavely Lodge
 Boyd, E.A. Westlock Lodge
 Brendan, C.N. Vermilion Lodge
 Brown, T. Cascade Lodge
 Carmichael, Glen Meridian Lodge
 Coggan, H.L. Bow River Lodge
 Collett, Jack Eureka Lodge
 Culham, J.R. Saskatchewan Lodge
 Dennison, H. Elbow River Lodge
 Dewar, L.F. Kitchener Lodge
 Dobbie, J.C. Balmoral Lodge
 Dodds, D. Palestine Lodge
 Dodds, J.E. West Edmonton Lodge
 Dougherty, W.C. Cornerstone Lodge
 Drever, Cyril Harmony Lodge
 Eckstrom, S. Lake Saskatoon Lodge
 Ellis, J.P. Brooks Lodge
 Elm, Homer Harmony Lodge
 Erickson, E.L. Temple Lodge
 Feist, W.E. Lake Saskatoon Lodge
 Galbraith, J.R. Unity Lodge
 Gordon, Jack C. Excelsior Lodge
 Gordon, Robert Vermilion Lodge
 Green, Milt Eastgate Lodge
 Gurevitch, B.L. Crescent Lodge

Hall, Leonard
 Hamilton, E.A.S.
 Hanson, R.
 Hare, J.
 Hawthorne, W.B.
 Heavener, H.A.
 Hill, J.R.
 Hughes, S.H.
 Innes, A.
 Ireland, William
 Jacobs, T.
 James, Sidney
 Jenne, Frank
 Johnston, H.E.
 Keeting, J.R.
 Kellam, H.
 Laidlaw, W.
 Langdon, B.A.S.
 Langill, Winston
 Lloyd, M.J.S.
 Lyster, J.W.
 Madge, C.M.
 Martin, Cliff
 Martin, I.N.
 Mattson, Doug
 McAuley, J.A.
 McDowall, K.P.
 McIntosh, G.W.
 McLaws, D.P.
 McLean, Duncan
 McPherson, D.L.
 McLennan, Lyle
 Mehlen, Olaf
 Munro, D.

Harmony Lodge
 Unity Lodge
 Strathmore Lodge
 Camrose Lodge
 Mountain View Lodge
 West Edmonton Lodge
 Cairo Lodge
 Mayerthorpe Lodge
 Palestine Lodge
 Red Deer Lodge
 Palestine Lodge
 Harmony Lodge
 Evergreen Lodge
 Innisfail Lodge
 Strathmore Lodge
 Ashlar Lodge
 Spitzie Lodge
 Norwood Lodge
 Cornerstone Lodge
 Charity Lodge
 King George Lodge
 St. Mark's Lodge
 Nanton Lodge
 Cascade Lodge
 Camrose Lodge
 West Edmonton Lodge
 Spitzie Lodge
 Lake Saskatoon Lodge
 Perfection Lodge
 Unity Lodge
 Forestburg-Alliance
 Forestburg-Alliance
 Diamond City Lodge
 Carstairs Lodge

Oberg, Lester
 Oliver, D.H.
 Palin, John A.R.
 Parr, S.J.
 Passmore, William
 Pearson, S.G.P.
 Potter, A.T.
 Poxon, L.F.
 Puffer, W.D.
 Radford, J.T.
 Rands, Alfred
 Richards, C.
 Riome, W.E.
 Robinson, C.D.
 Roggensack, M.
 Savage, W.R.
 Sides, W.G.
 Shaw, E.
 Smith, Harold A.
 Smith, T.R.
 Sunde, K.O.
 Sunstrum, J.A.
 Swift, A.
 Taitinger, F.V.
 Torbit, D.R.
 Taylor, William B.
 Viens, B.J.
 Waddell, A.G.
 Waddell, J.C.
 Walls, R.W.
 Watson, A.N.
 Watson, Robert
 White, Fred
 Yost, Garnet

Forestburg-Alliance Lodge
 Diamond City Lodge
 Carstairs Lodge
 Rockyford Lodge
 Acacia Lodge
 Carstairs Lodge
 West Edmonton Lodge
 King George Lodge
 Avon Glen Lodge
 Foothills Lodge
 Forestburg Lodge
 Spitzie Lodge
 Buffalo Park Lodge
 Northland Lodge
 Harmony Lodge
 North Star Lodge
 Pembina Lodge
 Cascade Lodge
 Acacia Lodge
 Cascade Lodge
 Lochearn Lodge
 Brooks Lodge
 Palestine Lodge
 Cairo Lodge
 Cairo Lodge
 Acacia Lodge
 Alberta Lodge
 Norwood Lodge
 Charity Lodge
 Cascade Lodge
 Edson Lodge
 Peace River Lodge
 Northland Lodge
 Meridian Lodge

Another Record?

King George Lodge, Calgary reports that it has not had a Worshipful Master serve more than one term in that office for 85 years! Congratulations King George Lodge.

Can any other Alberta Lodge beat that?

From The Notices

Peace River Lodge included a monthly calendar with their February notice. It showed meeting dates of area Lodges, birthdays of members and many amusing comments on those days when no event is taking place. An excellent idea and very funny reading!

Dominion Lodge, Edmonton, included in its notice the following; "Perhaps the straight and narrow path would be wider if more people followed it." Also, the members of Dominion Lodge met on the 22nd of February to do their bit for the Shrine Circus Telemarketing drive. It is good to see Lodges help others in the Masonic Family.

Barrhead Lodge, on the cover of its notice, between a pair of pillars, has the following statement:

There is a destiny that makes us Brothers;
None goes his way alone,
All we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

Star of the West Lodge, Leduc, has a picture of its Lodge Hall on the cover of its notice. In addition it has its street address and also a word description of how to find the Lodge Hall. What an excellent way to assist visiting Brethren.

Lethbridge Lodge had an extended raffle in 1995. Tickets were sold at each meeting and the item was paid for by the November meeting. The tickets cost only a Loonie for a gold Seiko wrist watch with the face decorated with Masonic symbols. When enough money had been raised, the draw was held. This is a good way to keep continuing interest in a great reward. The Lodge also celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 1995 and the congratulations of all Alberta Brethren go to Lethbridge Lodge. The Bulletin Committee would also like to congratulate the Lodge on its consistently excellent notice.

From the Notice of **Fidelity Lodge**, Bashaw, comes two items:

"A man's worth depends on what he contributes, not on what he obtains. It depends on what he does with his life — on how much he adds to the peace, happiness and beauty of the world. Think of the people you know. Which of them would be most missed, most regretted? Is it not those who are the kindest, the most generous, the most tender-hearted, the most just?

"Would it not be far easier to spare the wealthy and the famous than the gentle and sympathetic? When you assess yourself, your position, your character, your achievements, do it in this light. Judge yourself, not from the standpoint of the world nor of your friends, not even of yourself, but try to see it in the light of eternity."

and,

"The fundamental test, which is rightfully applied to Freemasonry, generally, and to individual members, in particular, when outsiders attempt to evaluate Masonic achievement and success, runs something like this, '...how many Masons, members that we know of, DO make a difference in our city, our town, our community, because of their benevolent spirit, their moral courage and their truthfulness?'"

Crescent Lodge, Calgary, includes two interesting items in its notice. The first is to comment on how the seal of the Lodge, as printed, has become less clear over the years. They have now found a 1920 notice with a very sharp representation of the Lodge Seal and will be copying that one from now on. [Editor's note: other Lodges could consider this, by the appearance of their seals]

The second item relates to the real meaning of the word "expeditious." The 1920 notice, referred to above, was for an emergent meeting. A brother died on the Sunday, the notice was prepared, printed and mailed out on the Monday, calling an emergent meeting for the Wednesday to attend the Masonic funeral of the deceased Brother. That type of speed puts us all to shame. Thank goodness for telephones!

The Degrees Of Freemasonry

From some sources, I have heard that the Third Degree is the highest degree. From other sources I am told that the 32nd is the highest degree. From a Mason's standpoint, the Third Degree is truly the highest, but is it the final degree?

What is a degree but the attainment of knowledge and the passing to a higher station? Then, is the passing from this to the hereafter not a degree? Although this can only be by the hand of God, it is a station that we all are sure to achieve. As Masons, we can only mark the passing of a Brother.

We spend many hours practising the ritual work, opening and closing Lodge, conferring Degrees, but how much time is spent preparing for the final service, or degree? It is the only degree that can be viewed by the general public and the one by which our actions and Masonic beliefs may be judged. As we are admonished in the Third Degree, this, too, is a solemn and tragic drama, there should be no whispering or gaiety. We are not gathered there to renew old friendships or to make new ones, but to pay respect to and to say farewell to a beloved Brother.

We owe it to ourselves and our Brethren and families to perform the final service or memorial with all the dignity that this time in our lives deserves. Can this be done without practice — I think not? Do not be guilty of putting this work off until being called upon to perform. This is the hardest duty that a Mason will ever be called upon to perform. At this time, our emotions are very strong and evident and only with much practice can we confer this final heartwarming service for our Brother in a manner that will bring us all closer together.

William T. Beckett, *New Mexico Freemason*

Is There Anyone Out There?

Are there amateur radio operators out there in the Craft?

RW Bro Lew King is establishing a listing of all Masonic Ham Radio Operators in the Province. It is felt that it would be really interesting and valuable to set up a Masonic Net across Alberta. It might be possible, in the future, to form a Masonic Ham Association.

If you wish to be registered, would you please send the following information to Bro King, c/o The Grand Lodge Office.

First name, last name, address, phone number, Lodge, rank, call sign, frequencies of operation. This information will be listed for all those answering and, then, a printed copy of all information and a questionnaire will be sent to each respondent.

Scottish Rite Looking For Help In September

With the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite being held in Calgary this year, they are still looking for anyone who thinks he can help in any way. Drivers are needed to transport participants between the airport and their hotels. Helpers are needed to assist in ensuring all runs well behind the scenes and there are others needed who can help in various ways. If you have some time in early September from a few hours to a few days, please contact RW Bro Tom Hargreaves and give him your particulars. Please help the Scottish Rite Masons from across Canada know that we, in Calgary, can really put on an excellent event. Bro Hargreaves can be contacted at 269-7486 in Calgary.

Like A Mote In The Eye

Following the article on "What Sort of Wood are You?" and the responses received, this analogy has caught the eye of many Brethren. WMs have printed comments relating to it in their notices — this is most pleasing to the Bulletin Committee. Now we see, in the Quarterly report of the United Grand Lodge of England, the following:

"Erasures are far outweighed by the number of new Lodges being formed, and may be seen as part of Grand Lodge's continual growth — small quantities of dead wood being replaced by large numbers of new shoots."

It is interesting how trees have always been close to mankind and it is easily understood, when we compare everyday events and things to trees.

Outdoor Meeting In May

Jasper Park Lodge, in conjunction with **Meridian Lodge**, is planning an Outdoor Lodge on May 11, 1996 at two PM. The meeting, at which a third degree will be worked, will be held at Jasper Airport. The meeting will be followed by a BBQ at 4 PM which will be held at the gazebo at Pyramid Stables.

Tickets for the BBQ are \$10.00 each and are available from W Bro Joe Davis at Stony Plain, 963-5782 or W Bro Denis Seeley, 852-3261, or Jasper Lodge Secretary, Bro Ray Lovell, Box 460, Jasper, AB T0E 1E0. He will hold tickets which are paid for.

Visiting Brethren may stay at the Astoria Hotel which has doubled its normal 10 per cent discount for Masons at any time to 20 per cent. Regular rooms are \$63.00 plus taxes and superior rooms are \$71.50 plus taxes. If you wish to stay, please contact the Hotel directly, as soon as possible, at 1-800-661-7343.

Phone Plan Added To Affinity Cards As Source Of Funds

Your Masonic Foundation has provided many services on your behalf in the few short years that we have been active. Many times, however, we have had to say "No!" because of a lack of funds. With your help, and without digging into your pocket, we have found a way of developing our fund in a very exciting way.

We have negotiated an arrangement with Optimum Communications to provide you with a minimum 25 per cent discount on all your long distance charges. The Foundation, as

a charitable Organization, will receive an additional but separate 5 per cent of the combined charges direct from Optimum Communications. This will allow your Foundation to continue the work you have approved through your Lodge representative.

Remember, there is NO cost to you for switching — but there are great benefits to you as a member of our Fraternity — by helping your Foundation to help others.

All you have to do to get savings through Optimum Communications is dial "1" before the number you are calling. No more access codes, or dialers, or having to use a PIN (personal identification number). There is NO COST to you for switching. Keep in mind, there will be no interruptions and your local telephone service will not be affected.

Contact the representatives of the Masonic Foundation for application forms.

Submitted by MW Bro David Bruce, Chairman

The Masonic Clock

A brother from a certain Alberta Lodge sadly passed to the Grand Lodge above.

At the pearly gates he was met by St. Peter who, seeing that he was a Freemason, suggested that he visit the Masonic Clock Room.

Some days later he returned and asked why the thousands of clocks all showed different times.

St. Peter replied, "They are Masonic clocks, one for each Lodge. Each advances one second every time a mistake is made in Lodge ritual."

Some weeks later, he returned to St. Peter again. "I wanted to find my Lodge clock, to see how it compared with the rest, but I can't see it anywhere."

"Your Lodge?", laughed St. Peter, "that one is in the kitchen!"

"Why?"

"Well", replied St. Peter, "the electric fan was broken...."

From "The Net"

Masters, Wardens And Deacons Association Of Calgary And District

The Masters, Wardens and Deacons (MWD) Association of Calgary and District have re-elected Bro Malcolm MacKenzie as President for 1996. The remainder of the executive include Bro Hugh Adamson, 1st VP; Bro Craig Rubie, 2nd VP; and Bro Bob Millsap, Sec/Treas.

The Association will continue to sponsor the Masonic Hotline and the Masonic Lodge at Heritage Park. In addition, they are pursuing a closer alliance with the Edmonton MWD and investigating a Masonic family float in the Stampede Parade. Each Lodge in the district needs to appoint a delegate to the MWD to represent their interests. Five meetings per year are scheduled for the third Saturday in January, March, May, September and November at 9:00 AM in Freemason's Hall, Calgary.

Seen on the back of a notice from Lodge of Service, No. 6148, UGLE:

Happy have we met, Happy have we been
Happy may we part, And happy meet again.
And in the meantime may the conduct of every Brother
Be an Honour to himself and a Credit to the Craft.