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Freemasonry On The Internet

You can't pick up the newspaper without seeing some article on the Internet. It is also known by a number of other handles including Cyberspace, the Net, and World Wide Web (WWW), to name a few. This will serve as a short primer to some of the Masonic resources on the Net.

All of the material available on the Internet is intended for both Masons and non-Masons alike. This is a fundamental premise of the freedom of speech argument — unfortunately, along with the good goes some of the bad. The best use of this information is further education of Masons and allows us to share the information with potential new members.

There are currently two Masonic magazines available through electronic mail (E-mail), that take articles submitted by readers and share the information. Masonry Universal was started by Bro Gordon Charlton about two years ago and readerships of that particular magazine have grown to more than 1000 Masons around the world. A second magazine produced by the Philaethes Society for Masonic Research has just put out its first issue on line. In that issue, they claimed that a new chapter of Philaethes was formed in Scotland because of on-line Masonic communication.

A number of web sites can point you to an FAQ. FAQ is another three letter acronym that stands for Frequently Asked Questions. This consists of about 30 pages of typical questions

Program Targeted At Youth

On March 16 the Officers and members of King George Lodge, Calgary, together with their ladies, entertained three handicapped children and their families. Also in attendance were members of the Pearl Pictures film company which had recently produced the movie, *Angel Flight Down* in Calgary. The children had been taken to the site of the filming and had been given "red carpet treatment" by the cast, who then posed with them for photographs.

Following a dinner, those in attendance visited the Lodge Room, where they were given a brief history of Masonry and told the responsibilities of each of the officers. Presentations were then made of autographed enlarged photographs of each of the children with the cast. The presentations were made by MW Bro Dave Bruce, PGM, RW Bro Pai Lin Li, DDGM, Phoenix District and Bro Ted Cripps, WM of the Lodge. Further presentations were made by W Bro Stan Clayton, the MC for the evening, to David Markowitz, Director and by RW Bro Gerry Webber, G Sec, to Ms Bev Wotton and Gordon McDonald, members of the film company.

The Chairman of the Lodge Committee responsible for organizing all the events, Bro Bill Nikolaisen, also received recognition. Funding for this event came from King George Hall Charitable Foundation.

that non-Masons, in search of light, may ask. It includes such general topics as

1. Who or what are Masons?
2. Public perceptions and myths.
3. How do I become a Mason?
4. History (mostly American)

As well, there are a number of web sites on Grand Lodges (both sponsored and unofficial), individual Lodges and personal pages with other Masonic information. There are Usenet news groups, mailing lists, CompuServe forums and live chat groups where discussions on Masonic topics can take place. You have to remember that non-Masons and critics of the Craft are out there as well and you must guard your words, as you would with any stranger.

The Net has evolved from a text-based system to a graphics-based system with free software, such as Netscape, to move easily from page to page and to obtain all of the graphics, including symbols, photos, art etc.

Also, there are several commercial sites that are now offering Masonic books and jewellery for sale.

You don't have to be a Web maven to use the Internet — surfing the WWW is just a click of your mouse away.

Submitted by Bro Bob Millsap, Bulletin Committee

Thoughts For The Day

The trouble with wishful thinking is that it usually is 99% wishful and only 1% thinking.

"Someday" is not a day of the week!

Experience is what enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again!

Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.



Front Row (l-r): T.J. Whitesel (age 11); Kayla Powell (age 9); Raechel Thompson (age 9); Bev Wotton; Gordon McDonald;
Middle Row: Bro Ted Cripps, WM; MW Bro Dave Bruce, PGM;
RW Bro. Pai Lin Li, DDGM; RW Bro Gerry Webber, GSec;
Back Row: W Bro Stan Clayton; David Markowitz.

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Grand Lodge of BC

The congratulations of all Alberta Masons go to the Grand Lodge of BC which is celebrating its 125 th Anniversary in 1996. It is really the 136th year of Masonry in that Province but it took some time before an autonomous Grand Lodge was formed. To celebrate the event, large numbers of Masons in regalia paraded at the Royal BC Museum, Victoria, to open a display of Masonic artifacts, which were on display in the Museum's lobby until August 1. A quarter page spread in the Times Colonist, with a colour photo of Masons in regalia, managed to bring out some excellent points about Masonry. One quotation was, "We are working toward openness, but not open houses."

Pride Is Belonging

The Masonic Family Parade Float theme is ready but, to become a reality, the organizers need to meet certain financial commitments. Their goal is to raise sufficient funds to build the float and to transport it to Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and other communities. This will be an excellent opportunity to promote the various members of the Masonic Family, as the float will be seen by millions of television viewers world wide and thousands of people watching on the parade route.

Invitations to planning meetings were extended to representatives of Craft Lodges, Shrine, Scottish Rite, Royal Arch, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and the Eastern Star. Meetings were chaired by the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of Calgary with the approval of Grand Lodge.

The financial commitment, while substantial, is manageable and the Committee has received some pledges in principle and now it is time to bring the pledges to fruition and the float to reality.

The MWD Association has divided the overall amount between the members of the Masonic Family and are seeking a pledge of \$100 from each Lodge in Alberta. They have already received some pledges, including a pledge of \$300 from the members of Foothills Lodge, Calgary.

Those who attended will have seen a float display at the Masonic Spring Workshop at Kananaskis.

For further information, offers of help or financial support, call Bro Hugh Adamson at 289-6240.

Message From MW Bro Gordon V. Macaulay, Grand Master

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction for the wonderful year I have experienced. You have shown support for myself and the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Thank you for the hospitality I have received and, most of all, for your friendship. I wish to thank you also for the kind and generous gifts that I have received in my travels.

I wish RW Bro Basile Costouros a year of honour to himself and profit to the Craft.

Grand Master's Itinerary

June

- 4 Baseline Lodge, Spruce Grove
- 6 Foothills Lodge, Bowmont Hall

13-15 Annual Communication

Grand Master-Elect's Itinerary

June

- 10 Jasper Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 11 Patricia Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 12 Mystic Tie Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall

13-15 Annual Communication

- 18 Norwood Lodge, Edmonton Freemasons' Hall
- 19 Alberta Lodge, Fort Macleod

20-22 Grand Lodge of British Columbia

28-20 Imperial Shrine, New Orleans

July

- 6 Canada Lodge, Stampede Meeting, King George Freemasons' Hall

16-18 Grand Lodge of Ontario

- 21 Klondike Lodge, Redwood Lodge, Edmonton

District Meetings

June

- 6 Mighty Peace District, Fairview

Summer Lodges

July

Vulcan Lodge	1st Tuesday 8:00 PM
Granite Lodge, Blackie	1st Wednesday 8:00 PM
Excelsior Lodge, Daysland	1st Thursday 8:00 PM
Lake Saskatoon, Wembley	1st Thursday 8:00 PM
Rockyford Lodge	1st Thursday 7:30 PM
Nanton Lodge	2nd Thursday 7:30 PM
Forestburg-Alliance Lodge	4th Wednesday 8:00 PM
Redwood Lodge	4th Saturday 7:30 PM

August

Excelsior Lodge, Daysland	1st Thursday 8:00 PM
Lake Saskatoon, Wembley	1st Thursday 8:00 PM
Rockyford Lodge	1st Thursday 7:30 PM
Symbol Lodge	2nd Saturday 5:00 PM
Kitscoty Lodge	4th Tuesday 8:00 PM
Forestburg-Alliance Lodge	4th Wednesday 8:00 PM

Lodges that have summer meetings and are not listed are asked to contact the Editor for inclusion next year, also any appearing which should not appear, please contact Editor.

Outdoor And Special Lodge Meetings

June 22, 11:00 AM — Bassano Lodge, OPEN AIR LODGE at Arnold Armstrong Ranch/Cabin

July 6 — Canada Lodge, Masonic Stampede Meeting, King George Masonic Temple

July 19 — Alberta Lodge, Ft Macleod, OUTDOOR LODGE — For more information contact RW Bro Jack McGregor at 243-7385 or Bro Brian Ireland at 240-3788.

July 21, Klondike Lodge, hosted by Redwood Lodge No. 193

Cleaning Of Leather Masonic Aprons

This method must NOT be used with plastic aprons.

With a cotton pad and shoe cream cleaner, clean the white leather area. Close to the border and ornaments, use a Q-Tip. Wipe dry.

If there are spots or stains, moisten a cotton pad with **non-acetone** "Cutex" Nail polish remover and wipe (don't rub) over stain. Let dry completely and repeat if necessary. Use on white leather only. Do not touch the border or ornaments. Most stains disappear or are at least lightened.

Dampen the applicator of "Tana" Super White liquid (for leather, suede and canvas), add some of the liquid and carefully spread, in a thin layer, over the white area of the apron. Close to the border and ornaments, work carefully with a Q-Tip, in order to prevent staining. Let dry completely and buff with a cotton pad. In very worn areas a second coat might be necessary, in order to achieve a fairly uniform white covering.

To prevent further damage and discolouration of the white leather, mainly done by the metal ornaments, cut a piece of thin white felt (obtainable from most fabric stores), a bit larger than the white leather and slip it under the triangle of the top of the apron. The ornaments should rest on top of the felt and not rub onto the leather during carrying or storing in the case. Where the carrying case has cloth flaps, these should be folded under the tassels.

Method supplied by Mrs. Hannelore Gewers

Masonic Sales

The Grand Lodge office has Masonic Ball point pens made by Quill. These attractive pens have the Masonic symbol on the cap. These pens, together with a broad range of books, will be available at the Grand Lodge Communication. Look for the Grand Lodge Office Room at the Fantasyland Hotel.

Reporters Wanted

The Editor would appreciate a helping hand from active Brethren who live in the population centres of Alberta. It is always upsetting to hear of an event too late to publish, or let an event pass that could be of interest to Alberta Masons. Members of the Craft, who visit around their area frequently, often hear of things going on that they feel would be of interest to Masons outside that area. If they were willing to write a paragraph or two and Fax it to the Editor of the Bulletin, a far better coverage of events would be possible. The pay is low but you would certainly obtain the thanks of the Editor and your Brethren. Please contact the Editor, c/o Grand Lodge with your name, if you feel you could help.

From The Notices

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE is mailing out its notices in a blue envelope with a large logo/seal taking up almost a third of the envelope. It has the name and number of the Lodge, the dates when instituted and consecrated, the pillars and many Masonic symbols. It is the type of envelope that collectors obtain with "First Day Stamps". It is very attractive and the Lodge is to be complimented.

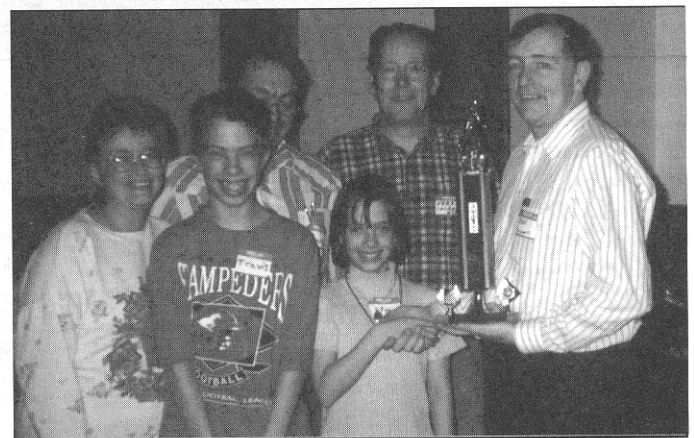
CHARITY LODGE, Lethbridge, has a project of making pizzas and then selling them, with all profits going to MHEB Fund. It would be fun to see all the "wanna be chefs" working as a team to produce large numbers of pizzas. This will create great fellowship and, no doubt, much laughter, in addition to funds to support youth.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE is increasing the size of its notice to allow more space for the many items contained therein. It makes interesting reading and the Editor is to be congratulated.

CARSTAIRS LODGE includes a biography of one of their Brethren in the notice, with appreciation for his contribution to the Lodge and the community. What a great way to say thank you to Bro Knut Seehawer.

GATEWAY LODGE, Edmonton, had, in a recent notice, information on one of the Brethren who had fallen and broken his hip while working on the outside of his house. The Notice sought help from the Brethren to complete the tasks which were now undone. What an excellent use for the Bulletin - and what a great fraternal spirit it engenders.

CALGARY LODGE is attempting to set up a "Trophy Bank." This would be a community collection of used trophies that would be refurbished and then recycled to supply economical trophies for Masonic events. If the system is effective, it may be that trophies could be supplied to non-Masonic charitable groups.



Close only counts in horseshoes! Calgary 23's first recycled trophies were awarded to participants at their First Annual Horseshoe Tournament — an interlodge family day event. Front: Carol, Travis & Kim Giesbrecht and Ross Stevenson, tournament organizer and former Canadian Horseshoe Champion; Back: Gary Giesbrecht (shy & retiring) and Terry Moore.

KING HIRAM LODGE, Didsbury, has just celebrated 90 years of Masonry with a joint Anniversary and Ladies Night banquet. Congratulations to King Hiram Lodge members.

WASKATENAU LODGE, as a Master's Message, had the following fictitious answer to a request for dues.

"In reply to your request to send a cheque, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible.

My shattered financial conditions are due to Federal laws, corporation laws, mothers-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and outlaws. Through these taxes, I am compelled to pay a business tax, assessment tax, head tax, school tax, income tax, casket tax, food tax, furniture tax, sales tax and excise tax. Even my brain is taxed.

I am required to get a business license, car license, fishing license, truck and auto licenses, not to mention dog and marriage licenses. I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life.

For my own safety, I am compelled to carry life insurance, liability insurance, burglar insurance, accident insurance, property insurance, business insurance, earthquake insurance, tornado insurance, unemployment insurance, old age insurance and fire insurance.

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or another, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down and robbed, until I am almost ruined. I can tell you honestly that, except for the miracle that happened, I could not enclose a [dues] cheque. The wolf that comes to my door these days

just had pups in my kitchen. I sold them and here's the money."

Bro Noel Simpson, WM

UGLoFE Recognizes More Entertaining Of Non-Masons At Meals

The United Grand Lodge of England's Board of General Purposes has recognized the increase of non-Masons attending British Masonic dinners and has made a statement relating to this. It says, in the first instance, that while it is acceptable, on occasion, to have non-Masons dining with the Brethren, it hopes that this will be curtailed to no more than one meeting per year. It then goes on to state that it has reconsidered its policy on Masonic toasts, on such occasions. It states that the toasting to the health of anyone, whether to a person or an office, is acceptable, as the guest is aware that the meal follows a Masonic meeting.

The Board reminds the Brethren to avoid references to Masonic ritual and suggests that Masonic "fire" and the Tyler's Toast are inappropriate on those occasions. It also recommends that the number of toasts be kept "within reasonable bounds," so that non-Masons are not confused or overwhelmed! The suggested list is "The Queen and the Craft," "The MW Grand Master," ["The District Deputy Grand Master"], "The Worshipful Master" and "The Guests."

How "refreshing" for the Board to reconsider previous policy and be flexible enough to change.

Lodge El Sol Naciente No. 113, Aruba

Lodge No. 113 under the Grand East of the Netherlands celebrates its 75th Anniversary and, being the oldest Lodge on Aruba, it will also be the 75th Anniversary of Masonry in Aruba. As part of the celebrations, the Lodge has managed to get two postage stamps issued to commemorate this special event. The stamps will be the 60c and 100c denominations, with added values of 30c and 40c respectively. The added values will be used for charitable causes, especially for helping the disabled. In addition to the stamps, there will also be a First-Day Cover for the occasion.

The stamps will be issued on July 26th as "Solidarity Stamps, 1996 (75 Years Lodge)" and one of each stamp costs US\$2.40 and the FDC cost US\$3.00. The stamps can be mint or corner cancelled.

For Masons interested in philately, orders for these stamps and the FDCs can be sent to: Philatelic Service of Aruba, J.E. Irausquinplein 9, Oranjestad, Aruba. Tel. 297-8-21900 Fax 297-8-27930. A certified cheque is required.

Good Deeds



l-r: W Bro Graham Downey; RW Bro Clarence Comrie; Josh Clark; Peter Clark; Susan Clark; Pat Smith (Teacher); and Jan Delayo (Principal)

As the result of the generosity of 45 members of Patricia Lodge, Edmonton, Josh Clark has a new Notebook computer and printer. Josh, a twelve-year-old grade six student at Sweet Grass School, has struggled with the effects of Cerebral Palsy since birth.

Because of his condition, he is unable to keep up with his written work. On learning of Josh's need for a computer, W Bro Graham Downey organized a drive for funds within the Lodge and the response was indeed gratifying.

The computer and printer were presented to Josh following the Regular Lodge meeting on March 12, 1996 at Freemasons' Hall in Edmonton.

Submitted by W Bro John Fraser, Secretary

Special Rates at Hotels

The Grand Secretary has negotiated special room rates for Alberta Masons at two hotels, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary. Upon evidence of membership, the rates are:

Howard Johnson Plaza-Hotel, 10010 - 104 Street, Edmonton — \$60.00 plus taxes for room and services.

Quality Hotel Westward, 119 - 12 Avenue SW, Calgary — \$69.00 plus taxes for room and services.

The Masonic Service Association Seeks Help

In mid February 1996, severe flooding ravaged the Pacific Northwest. At the time, the Grand Lodge of Washington thought that there was minimal damage within the State. However, it has now become clear that many of their members suffered substantial damage. In a letter received from the Grand Lodge of Washington, they tell us that, through the efforts of their District Deputies and Lodge Secretaries, they have further evaluated their needs and find that they are substantial.

Therefore, at the request of the Grand Lodge of Washington we are putting out an appeal on their behalf. Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel would be appropriate to help our devastated Brethren in the State of Washington. Cheques may be made payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund (designated "Washington Relief") and sent to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Richard E. Fletcher, PGM, Executive Secretary

Rusting On My Laurels

They say that, when you retire, you've plenty of time on your hands — they also say that the older you get the more you can get away with. We know the first is a fallacy and suspect that there may be limits to the second. However, during the many years since retiring from the work "farce", I've contemplated sharing a few of my ancient thoughts through this publication.

Having been duly warned to avoid controversial subjects, watch my syntax and keep the party clean, I'd like to go ahead with whatever is left...

Brau Bricht Moonlicht Nicht Stuff An' A' That

Robbie Burns Night has just been celebrated at our many Lodges by the hundreds of homesick bonnie Brethren and the thousands of others, who, fortuitously, unearth a McRelative every January.

We enjoy Scottish haggis, Scottish 'neaps and Scottish tatties, led in by a Scottish Piper and, appropriately followed by liberal doses of Scotch medication.

Still savouring the aftertaste and willing to face the secrets of haggis like a man, I consulted my trusty encyclopædia. What it said is enough to make the Scottish reel — but the word will out.

It seems that, although regarded as a distinctly Scottish dish since the middle of the eighteenth century, haggis was, prior to that, popular in — of all places — Jolly Olde! It gets worse. Certain gentlemen, with names like Marcus Apicus, Aristophanes and even Homer allude to dishes of similar composition, while the very word "Hagges" or "Haggus" appear in fifteenth century references. They describe a pudding made of ... well, you know the rest. A transplanted Brit, mentioning this in Canada (eh!), may live to retell the tale, but he would be crowding his luck pointing this out among fifty-thousand Glaswegians at a Rangers vs Celtic soccer game.

To make amends, the haggis is surely a more savoury and nourishingly economical dish, as prepared now, than ever before in its long history. Served with ceremony and dedicated

with Robbie Burns' famous 1786 lines, we'll always join in raising our glasses to the noble beastie. St Andrew would have been proud.

I could add that the tatties originated in South America, 'neaps in Asia and, at some risk, question the birthplace of the exalted bagpipes. Instead, I'll praise, with great fondness, that wonderful liquid whose beginnings is indisputably based amid the mists and heather of Scotland's magnificent glens. A few sips and I'll happily join anyone in the Gay (Oops!) Gordons.

Lang May Your Rum Leak

Bro Stan MacWheatley

Meridian Lodge, Stony Plain Celebrates 75 Years

July 15, 1996 marks 75 years since Meridian Lodge was instituted. What started out as a small Lodge Room in the Methodist Church has developed into its present Meridian Hall, 4915 – 50 Avenue, with a membership of 100 Brethren. The property is owned outright with several rental areas on the main floor.

Freemasonry has been working quietly within the community — in fact, so quietly that many current Brethren no longer recall some of our past achievements. In the fall of 1937, the Brethren of Meridian Lodge were instrumental in collecting and co-ordinating a railway box car load of vegetables from throughout the community. This box car was delivered to needy families throughout southern Alberta who had suffered major losses due to the severe droughts during the 1930s.

During World War II, the Freemasons of Alberta contributed \$25,000.00 toward War Relief. While Meridian only managed \$37.00, it was a lot of money for the Lodge in those days.

More recently, for the past ten years Meridian Lodge has had its own Educational Bursary Fund for the local High School.

As a part of its community involvement, Meridian Lodge will participate in the Stony Plain Farmers' Day Festivities by having a float in the parade, a hot dog and hamburger stand adjacent to the Lodge Hall on the parade route, and tours of the Lodge Room.

To celebrate our 75th Anniversary we will hold a short meeting, commencing at 3:30 PM on Saturday, September 21. The meeting will have a theme of 75 years of community involvement. While the meeting is in progress there will be a tea for the Ladies at the Elks Hall. The tea will be hosted by the Members of the Eastern Star. After the Lodge meeting there will be a banquet for Masons and their ladies. Entertainment will follow, consisting of the well known "Tink and Judy Show."

For more information or to book your attendance, contact Junior Warden, Bro Phil Astle at 403-962-4818.

Westlock Lodge

At the March meeting, at the refreshment time, the Lodge had invited a local lawyer to talk about estate planning. He was fully occupied for an hour with speaking and answering questions. At the April meeting they had an eye surgeon to talk about sight problems. This seems an excellent idea to change the pace of the meetings when they are primarily for business.

Who Is This "Tyler?"

Over coffee the other night, my young friend asked, "If a tiler is a craftsman who makes tiles or sets them either into a floor or onto a roof, why does a Tyler guard the door of the Lodge?" I noticed that both the "old hands," seated nearby, suddenly became quite engrossed in the caffeine stains inside their mugs so I knew it was back into the books again!

It didn't take me long to learn that, until the mid-1700s, the keeper of the door of Ye Olde Grand Lodge was a Garder; that title was later changed to guardian and finally it was shortened to Guard. Some feel that the term Tyler was somehow connected to the last tradesman arriving on the site — the roof tiler — after virtually all the structural work was completed. However, others argue the title Tyler was simply the "name" of the office and not the trade of the man who held the office. In those days the Tyler was usually a handyman or odd-job man employed by the Lodges and kept busy outside the Lodge-room.

Another explanation originated in France, where Lodges there made much of the officer at the door; he was termed a *tailleur de pierre* — a stone cutter or stone mason. Across the Channel, the English had a hard time pronouncing *tailleur* properly (as in 'tie-yer') and one theory has it that it came out "Tyler."

However, elsewhere I found it suggested that the term was derived from the word "tegulator," meaning "one who prepares or guards the tiled roof." Apparently there have been historical cases where Brethren have attempted to enter a Lodge by way of the roof.

A different source confirmed the Officer seated outside the door of the Lodge supposedly got his name from the fact that a building with a tiled roof is safe from intrusion. This one insists, however, that as a roof cannot be constantly unroofed and roofed, the Tyler symbolically re-tiles the roof of the Lodge-hall by opening and closing the door to admit or keep out those who would enter.

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39

Farewell From The Editor

After acting as Editor of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* for almost the last decade, I will not be continuing next year. I wish to thank my Committee members and the many Brethren who have read the Bulletin and also all those who have communicated with me. The next Editor has already been appointed in the person of MW Bro Robert Juthner and, as a personal friend, I wish him as much enjoyment as I have derived from this rewarding task. RW Bro Norm Senn, Editor until June

The Real Freemason

The Real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict. They are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world.

A Freemason would be just as if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same.

He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and in humble solicitation for

his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbour or himself. He gives no offense because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is not certain that he can discharge because he is honest in principle.

The Farmers' Almanac, 1823

A Winner

A Winner respects those who are superior to him and tries to learn something from them: a Loser resents those who are superior and rationalizes their achievements.

A Winner explains: a Loser explains away.

A Winner says, "Let's find a way": a Loser says, "There is no way."

A Winner goes through a problem: a Loser tries to go around.

A Winner says, "There should be a better way to do it": a Loser says, "That's the way it's always been done here."

A Winner says he's sorry by making up for it: a Loser says, "I'm sorry," but does the same thing next time.

A Winner knows what to fight for and what to compromise on: a Loser compromises on what he shouldn't and fights for what isn't worth fighting about.

A Winner works harder than a loser and has more time: a Loser is always "too busy" to do what I is necessary.

A Winner makes commitments: a Loser makes promises.

Chief Mountain Lodge No 58

Ideas For Living the Better Life

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 learner 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 that 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.